**ICT NCPs network (**[**Ideal-ist**](http://ideal-ist.eu/)**) information day**

**New collaborative models for ICT projects and the increasing role of territoriality and RIS3**

***Seville, 12 November 2018***

***Room Lisboa - Edificio Expo – Calle Inca Garcilaso 3 – Isla de la Cartuja - 41092 Sevilla***

**Background**: This event aims at gathering the various perspectives on emerging modes of collaboration focused on ICT projects, in a context where collaborative funding will acquire a growing importance.

Among the elements pointing towards collaborative funding in Horizon Europe, the interim evaluation of Horizon 2020 identifies the need to rationalise the overall European R&I partnership landscape and link them with future EU R&I missions and strategic priorities. This new approach to partnerships is expected to lead to a smaller number of more coherent R&I partnerships, which are able to provide a real added value and to enhance the impact of EU R&I funding, by leveraging additional investments on EU priorities, by providing 'directionality' to these investments, and by reaching out to a broader set of stakeholders; as well as by establishing closer links with EU and national policies.

Various modes of partnerships can be considered, including:

* "Co-programming", based on Memoranda of Understanding or contractual arrangements, to encourage public and private stakeholders to co-design and coordinate their R&I priorities together with the Commission;
* “Institutionalised” initiatives (based on art. 185 or 187 TFEU, or EIT regulation for KICs), to commit in the long term for shared investments in research and innovation with public and private stakeholders in key strategic areas with international visibility and impact.

Multi-level coordination, although not a form of collaborative funding, will also be addressed during this event because it is considered essential for successful participation of regional stakeholder to Horizon 2020, and NCPs will be invited to react to the various ways of optimizing their collaboration with regional managing authorities.

Finally, the event aims to address one of the weaknesses identified in the Working Group "Horizon 2020 for RIS3"[[1]](#footnote-1) whereby H2020 NCPs should have a better awareness of regional needs. In this respect the event will stimulate discussion in order to identify the needs of all stakeholders as well as proposals to overcome potential bottlenecks.

**09:00 Welcome coffee** (Patio)

**09:30 10:45 Perspective from the JRC Territorial Policy Unit**

* The Stairway to Excellence project - Karel Haegeman (JRC)
* Digital innovation Hubs – Synergies with Regional Smart Specialisation Strategies - Annita Kalpaka (JRC)
* S3P "Thematic Platforms" and interregional partnerships - Fernando Merida (JRC)

Discussion

**10:45-11:15 Coffee**

**11:15-13:15 Multi-level coordination:**

* A regional perspective on the importance of collaboration between NCPs and regional managing authorities– ICT in Wales (Sian Jones – Strategy Manager ICT Sector – Welsh Government)
* A Portuguese experience on multi-level coordination of ICT projects - José Carlos Caldeira (INESC TEC research organization & former President of ANI- Portuguese National Innovation Agency).
* ICT regional perspective in Extremadura region– Cristina Gallardo (FUNDECYT-PCTEX)
* A French perspective on the relation between NCPs and regional managing authorities  - Clément Evroux (Ministry of Higher Education, Research and Innovation)

The discussion will focus on the needs of regional stakeholders and proposed solutions to optimise, *inter-alia*, their collaboration with NCPs

**13:15-14:15 Lunch**

**14:15-15:30 Examples of “Institutionalised” and "Co-programming" initiatives**

* Collaboration with EIT - Nida Ozbolat, Karel Haegeman (JRC)
* Novel collaboration modes between MAs and Joint Undertakings – Nicholas Harrap (JRC)
* Example case study: Andalusian regional collaboration with Cleansky JU: an experience of a Joint Undertaking with a strong ICT component – José Antonio Pascual Sanchez (IDEA)

Discussion

**15:30-16:00 Coffee**

**16:00-17:00 Perspective from DG CNECT and JRC Digital Economy Unit**

* Digital Economy: Cross-Directorate multidisciplinary project on Digital Transformation and Artificial Intelligence (DT&AI) – Paul Desruelle (JRC B6)
* The innovation radar - Eoghan O'NEILL (DG CNECT)

Discussion

**17:00-17:30 Closing session**

1. This is one of the work packages of the Stairway to Excellence (S2E) project ("http://s3platform.jrc.ec.europa.eu/stairway-to-excellence") under the Smart Specialisation Platform [↑](#footnote-ref-1)