



AGENDA

RIS3 workshop with the Maltese administration

Date: 2nd July 2015; 9:15 – 16:30

Venue: Malta (Villa Bighi Conference Center, Triq Marina II-Kalkara)

Rationale

In the light of the approved Operational Programme I (*Fostering a competitive and sustainable economy to meet our challenges*) with pertinent action plan, the S3 Platform and DG REGIO would like to discuss the current state of play on issues identified during the past assessments. Whilst building on the 2013 RIS3 peer review report as well as Prof Luke Georghiou’s work, the meeting will facilitate the exchange of information between the actors responsible for directing the Maltese S3 process, being presented as both an integral part of the [‘National Research and Innovation Strategy 2020’](#)¹ as much as a stand-alone strategic process, and the European Commission, with the contribution of some invited experts with the aim to **support** and facilitate the completion of the S3 process and delivering of the solid RIS3 strategy.

09:00 – 09:15	Registration
Session 1 - MALTESE RIS3 CONTEXT (Overview)	
09:15 – 10:30	<p>Welcome – Quick "Tour de Table" - Moderation: S3 Platform</p> <p>- COM: DG REGIO, JRC-IPTS - S3 Platform;</p> <p>- MT: representatives from the Ministry for European Affairs and Implementation of the Electoral Manifesto (MEAIM), Planning & Priorities Coordination Division (PPCD), Ministry for Education and Employment (MEDE) and Malta Council for Science and Technology (MCST);</p> <p>Framing of the MT RIS3 as presented in the National Research and Innovation Strategy 2020 and as supplemented by the National Research and Innovation Action Plan 2015-2020</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. An overview of the state of play of the MT RIS3 process and of the latest RIS3 developments (MEDE/MCST, MT) 2. Preliminary round of feedback on the MT RIS3 process Martina Pertoldi (JRC-IPTS) 3. Preliminary round of feedback on the MT RIS3 process Marek Przeor (DG REGIO) <p>Quick Q&A session</p>

¹ Published in June 2014 by the Malta Council for Science and Technology and the Ministry for Education and Employment.

Session 2: MALTESE RIS3 CONTEXT (step-by-step approach²)	
10:30 – 12:00	<p><i>Open discussion with the COM and experts/critical friends on the steps followed in preparing the MT RIS3</i> <i>Moderation: DG REGIO and S3 Platform</i></p> <p>4. A short presentation of the extract from MT RIS3 on the issues to be discussed under points 5-7 (extract to be prepared by MEDE/MCST and circulated by MEAIM in advance!) – MEDE/MCST (MT)</p> <p>5. Step 2 - S3 Governance (structure, bodies and definition of tasks, participatory process, quadruple helix and involvement of citizens, etc.)</p> <p>6. Step 3 - S3 Vision and Entrepreneurial Discovery Process during the RIS3 preparation and implementation (examples/experiences/good practices from other countries)</p> <p>7. Step 4 - S3 Specialisation – Identification of the RIS3 priority areas and elimination; (how to reconcile discovery and elimination processes- level of granularity, experiences of other countries, use of instruments /indicators)</p> <p>Open debate with experts/critical friends and COM</p>
12:00 – 12:15	Coffee break
12:15 – 13:00	<p><i>Open discussion with the COM and experts/critical friends on the opportunities of synergies between European Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF) and other Funds in the implementation of the MT RIS3</i> <i>Moderation: S3 Platform</i></p> <p>8. Inputs from the Stairways to Excellence Facts&Figures Andrea Conte (JRC-IPTS)</p> <p>9. Internal reflection on how to support Maltese stakeholders in developing and exploiting the synergies between Horizon 2020 (H2020) and ESIF MEDE/MCST (MT)</p> <p>Open debate with experts/critical friends and COM</p>
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch Break
14:00 – 15:00	<p><i>Open discussion with the COM and experts/critical friends on the steps followed in preparing the MT RIS3 - Continued</i> <i>Moderation: DG REGIO and S3 Platform</i></p> <p>10. A short presentation of the extract from MT RIS3 on the issues to be discussed under point 11 (extract to be prepared by MEDE/MCST and circulated by MEAIM in advance!) - MEDE/MCST (MT)</p> <p>11. Step 5 - Participatory process and Identification of actions to stimulate</p>

² As recommended in the 'Guide to Research and Innovation Strategies for Smart Specialisation (RIS3)' - http://s3platform.jrc.ec.europa.eu/en/c/document_library/get_file?uuid=e50397e3-f2b1-4086-8608-7b86e69e8553

	<p>private R&I investments and S3 Policy Mix (examples on how to properly set up a policy mix responding to the identified needs)</p> <p>Open debate with experts/critical friends and COM</p>
15:00 -16:00	<p><i>Open discussion with the COM and experts/critical friends on the steps followed in preparing the MT RIS3 - Continued</i> <i>Moderation: DG REGIO and S3 Platform</i></p> <p>12. A short presentation of the extract from MT RIS3 on the issues to be discussed under point 13 (extract to be prepared by MEDE/MCST and circulated by MEAIMin advance!) - MEDE/MCST (MT)</p> <p>13. Step 6 - S3 Evaluation and Monitoring (Monitoring system and indicators, identified results)</p> <p>Open debate with experts/critical friends and COM</p>
Session 3: CONCLUSIONS & CLOSURE of MEETING	
16:00 – 16:30	<p><i>Summary of discussions and ways forward</i> <i>Moderation: DG REGIO and S3 Platform</i></p> <p>Lessons learnt & Concluding remarks – MT, S3 Platform, DG REGIO</p>