

## Smart Specialisation Platform on Agri-Food Working Committee Semi-annual Meeting

**11<sup>th</sup> June 2018**

**Venue:** Kampusranta 11, Frami F-building, 60320 Seinajoki, Finland

**Room:** **Blue auditorium** F110 (1<sup>st</sup> floor)

Partnership activities under the Thematic Platform on Agri-food are built on regular exchanges between the European Commission services and European regions leading and/or taking part in various thematic partnerships. To ensure the smooth functioning of this joint initiative, it has been agreed to meet twice a year to discuss implementation of the Platform's activities, resolve potential issues, and provide strategic guidance. The Working Committee consists of all regions participating in Agri-food thematic partnerships and as a result, these Working Committee Meetings bring together the European Commission services and representatives of all Agri-Food thematic partnerships.

The Working Committee meetings allow lead and partner regions to:

- assess and benchmark the progress of each partnership, discuss any ongoing/future challenges and develop new solutions;
- receive information on possible synergies with other initiatives, e.g. Interreg, EIT Food or EIB;
- share strategic guidance for the next period on key issues such as building synergies with EU funding programmes, overcoming regulatory obstacles for investment, understanding financial instruments, and skills.

Furthermore, S3P Agri-food Working Committee meetings offer thematic partnerships to organise their technical meetings.

*An **additional public session** will be organised by the S3 Platform on the 13th of June as part of the ERIAFF event. The session ("Smart Specialisation Platform for Agri-Food: Exploring Opportunities for Interregional Collaboration and Joint Investment in Strategic Growth Areas") will run from 10:00 to 11:30 am on WEDNESDAY, 13 JUNE 2018 (Glass Palace F144).*

**Morning session • Blue auditorium F110 (1<sup>st</sup> floor)**

09:45 – 10:00 *Registration and coffee*

**10:00 – 10:15 Welcome and official opening**

- *Antti Saartenoja*, Deputy Regional Mayor of Southern Ostrobothnia region
- DG AGRI, DG REGIO, DG RTD and JRC

**10:15 – 11:15 Thematic Smart Specialisation Platform on Agri-Food, part 1**

- S3P Agri-Food Platform: progress and results achieved (*Ruslan Rakhmatullin, JRC*)
- Update on the activities and progress to date from Agri-Food Partnerships:
  - o Smart sensors 4 agri-food (*Veerle Rijckaert, Flanders*),
  - o Consumer involvement in agri-food innovation (*Theo Neyenhuis, Food Valley region/Province of Gelderland*),
  - o Nutritional ingredients (*Sophie Bourez, Wallonia*)
- Q&A

11:15 – 11:30 *Coffee break*

**11:30 – 12:15 Thematic Smart Specialisation Platform on Agri-Food, part 2**

- DG REGIO Pilot Action (*Alessandra Lepore, DG REGIO*)
- Update from partnerships supported by the DG REGIO Pilot Action:
  - o High Technology Farming (*Fabio Boscaleri, Tuscany*)
  - o Traceability and Big Data (*Agnes Trarieux, Pays de la Loire*)
- Q&A

**12:15 – 13:30 Synergies with EU programmes and initiatives**

- Synergies between ERDF and Framework Programmes (*Davide Amato, DG RTD*)
- Synergies between EU funds for agricultural innovation (*Alexia Rouby, DG AGRI*)
- Synergies with EIT Food (*Begoña Perez Villarreal, EIT FOOD*), Skype
- Synergies with Interreg Europe (*Erwin Siweris, Interreg Europe*)
- EIB project financing (*Jukka Luukkane, EIB*)
- Q&A

13:30 – 14:30 *Lunch break*

**14:30 – 16:15 Parallel discussions**

Short introduction to the session by *Ruslan Rakhmatullin*, JRC

**Parallel discussions:**

- ✚ Regional commitment and governance issues
- ✚ Mapping and matching competences to align innovation roadmaps
- ✚ Investment projects – Types of instruments

*Moderated by representatives of lead regions as well as experts, with participation of EC representatives*

*16:15 – 16:30 Coffee break*

**16:30 – 17:00 Reporting from the parallel sessions and conclusions**

- Discussions and Q&A
- Closing

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**THIS SESSION IS OPEN TO ALL ERIAFF PARTICIPANTS**

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<b>ROOM</b>	<b>Glass Palace F144</b>
<b>TIME SLOT</b>	<b>10:00 to 11:30</b>
<b>TITLE</b>	<b>Smart Specialisation Platform for Agri-Food: Exploring Opportunities for Interregional Collaboration and Joint Investment in Strategic Growth Areas</b>
<b>ABOUT</b>	<p>The Smart Specialisation Platform for Agri-Food (S3P Agri-Food) was established in June 2016 at EU level with an aim to accelerate the development of joint investment projects in the EU by encouraging and supporting interregional cooperation in thematic areas based on smart specialisation priorities defined by regional and national government linked to agriculture and food. The S3P Agri-Food is there to help EU regions and member states implement their smart specialisation strategies more efficiently, while providing regional stakeholders new cooperation opportunities with partners from across the European Union. As of June 2018, the S3P Agri-Food platform supports five interregional partnerships involving stakeholders from 49 regions from 18 countries. The partnerships are focusing on strategic themes ranging from Smart Sensors, Traceability &amp; Big Data to Consumer Involvement in Agri-Food, from Nutritional Ingredients to High Tech Farming. Today's session is an opportunity to learn and have a dialogue with these captivating partnerships are working together across Europe to develop a pipeline of investment projects connected to very specific thematic areas of smart specialisation.</p>
<b>SPEAKERS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>S3P Platform for Agri-Food: introduction, progress and current challenges</i>, European Commission (JRC-Seville)</li><li>• <i>Traceability and Big Data Partnership</i>, Agnes TRARIEUX (Pays de la Loire)</li><li>• <i>High Tech Farming Partnership</i>, Fabio BOSCALERI (Tuscany)</li><li>• <i>Smart Sensors 4 Agri-Food Partnership</i>, Sabine BRUNKLAUS (Ostwestfalen-Lippe in NRW)</li><li>• <i>Nutritional Ingredients Partnership</i>, Thomas Högman (Östergötland)</li><li>• Q&amp;A session</li></ul>