

# SMART SPECIALISATION FOR THE RECOVERY



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## Agenda

online workshop 15 April 2021

### Session 1 | 9:30 – 10:00

Chair and moderator: **Markku Markkula**, Vice-President, European Committee of the Regions.

09:30 – 10:00 *Welcome addresses*

**Elisa Ferreira**, European Commissioner for Cohesion and Reforms.

**Carlos Ferreira de Morais Pires** member of Cabinet of Commissioner Mariya Gabriel, European Commission – Address on behalf of **Mariya Gabriel**, European Commissioner for Innovation, Research, Culture, Education and Youth.

**Apostolos Tzitzikostas**, President, European Committee of the Regions.

### Session 2 | 10:00 – 11:20

Chair and moderator: **Bernard Magenmann**, Deputy Director General, Joint Research Centre.

#### 10:00 The Regions and the New Cohesion Policy

Opening remarks by **Thomas Wobben**, Director, European Committee of the Regions.

Keynote Speech: *Smart Specialisation in the new Cohesion Policy Cycle 2021-2027: what changes and what stays the same*, **Nicola de Michelis**, Director, DG REGIO.

Keynote speech: *Opportunities of the New Cohesion Policy*, **Mikel Irujo**, Member of the European Committee of the Regions, Regional Minister of Navarre.

#### 10:35 Evidence & lessons learnt from the previous Cohesion Policy period and discussion by practitioners

**Manuel Palazuelos**, Team Leader JRC B7

**Tatiana Fernandez Sirera**, Catalonia, Spain.

**Jerker Johnson**, Ostrobothnia, Finland.

*Discussion on Session 2 led by **Albane Demblans**, Political Assistant to the Director.*

11:20 – 11:25 *Break*

### Session 3 | 11:25 – 12:45

Chair and moderator: **Mikel Landabaso**, Director, Joint Research Centre.

#### 11:30 Keynote Speech: The future role of Smart Specialisation in the Cohesion Policy

**Peter Berkowitz**, HoU, DG REGIO G1.

#### 11:40 Smart Specialisation for recovery to the green and digital economy

*Robust methodologies for Smart Specialisation for a sustainable recovery*,

**Johan Stierna**, Team Leader JRC B7/**Dario Diodato**, JRC B7.

*A strengthened evidence-based approach for more result-oriented S3 strategies*,

**Christian Saublens**, former CEO of EURADA/**Mathieu Doussineau**, JRC. B7

#### 12:05 Smart Specialisation enabling the localisation and achievement of SDGs

*Smart Specialisation for the localisation of SDGs*, **Monika Matusiak**, Team Leader JRC B3

*Smart Specialisation at the service of the social aspects of SDGs*, **Anne Karjalainen**, Chair of the Committee of the Regions' SEDEC Commission.

*Experience at regional/urban level*, **Kieran McCarthy**, Member of the European Committee of the Regions.

*Discussion on Session 3 led by **Xabier Goenaga**, Head of Unit, JRC B7.*

12:45 – 13:00 *Closing remarks*

**Juan Espadas**, Mayor of Seville and Chair of the Commission for the Environment, Climate Change and Energy of the Committee of the Regions, and Green Deal Working Group.

**Markku Markkula**, Vice-President, European Committee of the Regions.