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JRC Macro-Regional Innovation Week

Knowledge And Technology Transfer In Macro-Regions
Focus on S&T Knowledge for Policy Support
and on Collaboration with the JRC

24-26 January 2018

Joint Research Centre
Ispra (Italy)

DG JRC' s Macro-Regional Innovation Week intends to promote the exchange of innovation related best practices, knowledge, tools and methods between innovation practitioners and policy and decision makers from Europe's macro-regions including Western Balkans.

The Macro-Regional Innovation week will also launch the [opening of DG JRC's research infrastructures](#) and laboratories and showcase DG JRC's technical and scientific competences, in particular in the field of environment, energy, transport and biotechnologies.

The event will also present key results of DG [JRC's Scientific Support activities to the European Union Strategy for the Danube Region](#) (EUSDR) that may be relevant to other macro-regions.

Wednesday 24 January 2018

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Ispira, Joint Research Centre - Auditorium

12:30 – 13:30

Registration and welcome buffet

13:30 – 14:15

Opening and welcome

Chairpersons:

Giancarlo Caratti,

Head of Unit, Intellectual Property and Technology Transfer, Directorate General Joint Research Centre, European Commission

Miroslav Vesković,

Coordinator for Macro-Regional Strategies, Directorate General Joint Research Centre, European Commission

Key-not speeches

Perspectives of ESOF2020 at Trieste: the role of Central-East Europe

Stefano Fantoni

President, Fondazione Internazionale Trieste

Strengthening human resources development to build research and innovation capacities in the Western Balkans region

Ivan Svetlik

Former Rector of the University of Ljubljana, President of the Council of the Regional Platform for Benchmarking and Cooperation in Higher Education and Research

14:15 – 15:30

Round table: Best Practices/Lessons learned for the Western Balkans

Moderator: **Giancarlo Caratti**, Head of Unit, Intellectual Property and Technology Transfer, Directorate General Joint Research Centre, European Commission

Lucian Brujan

Speaker of the Joint Science Conference of the Western Balkans Process / Berlin Process

Massimo Inguscio

Representative of Accademia Nazionale dei Lincei and President of Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche

Valentina Pinna

Chair of the Operation of the Vanguard Initiative, Regione Lombardia

Miroslav Vesković

Coordinator for Macro-Regional Strategy and Support, Directorate General Joint Research Centre, European Commission

15:30 – 16:00

Coffee break

16:00 – 17:15

Round table: Opening of research infrastructures and laboratories

Moderator: **Mattias Dinnetz**, Directorate General Joint Research Centre, European Commission

Jana Kolar

Executive Director, Central European Research Infrastructure Consortium ERIC (CERIC-ERIC)

Allen Weeks

Deputy Director, Extreme Light Infrastructure
(ELI)

Fabio Taucer

Directorate General Joint Research Centre,
European Commission

Søren Bowadt

Deputy Head of Unit, Advanced Materials and
Nanotechnology, Directorate General for Research
and Innovation, European Commission

17:15 – 18:30

JRC Visitors Centre

20:00

Networking dinner (ATA Hotel, Varese)

Thursday 25 January 2018

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Ispira, Joint Research Centre - Auditorium

09:00 – 09:30

Registration

11:00 – 11:30

Coffee break

09:30 – 11:00

Aligning Smart Specialisation Agendas in the EU Macro-regions: Exploiting Synergies

11:30 – 13:00

Innovation in support to policies: Environment, Energy and Transport

Moderator: **Miroslav Vesković**, Directorate General Joint Research Centre, European Commission

Moderator: **Elisabetta Vignati**, Air and Climate, Directorate General Joint Research Centre, European Commission

Macro-regional strategies and their links with cohesion policy

Marco Onida

Coordinator, EU Strategy for the Danube Region, Directorate General for Regional and Urban Policy, European Commission

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Benefiting from collaboration in macro-regional frameworks: opportunities for the EU Enlargement countries

Ales Gnamus

S3 Platform, Directorate General Joint Research Centre, European Commission

Maria Cristina Galassi

Sustainable Transport, Directorate General Joint Research Centre, European Commission

Alignment of financial instruments to address common challenges in the Baltic Sea Region

Emily Wise

Lund University, Sweden

Alberto Pistocchi

Water and Marine Resources, Directorate General Joint Research Centre, European Commission

Cooperation in the Danube macro-region in aligning instruments for smart specialisation

Matthias Woiwode von Gilardi

DLR, Germany

Marcelo Masera

Energy Security, Distributions and Markets, Directorate-General Joint Research Centre, European Commission

DTP in support of the innovation cooperation in the Danube Region.

Marius Niculae Valentin

Danube Transnational Programme

Ana Diaz Vazquez (via Video Conference)

Economics of Climate Change, Energy and Transport, The Smart Specialisation Solar Partnership, Directorate General Joint Research Centre, European Commission

13:00 – 14:00

Buffet lunch

14:00 – 16:00

Innovation in support to policies: Agro-Food/Rural Development and Industrial Modernisation

Moderator: **Ales Gnamus**, S3 Platform, Directorate General Joint Research Centre, European Commission

Boban Ilic

Regional Rural Development Standing Working Group (SWG) in SEE

Luca Mercatelli

AREA Science Park

Wim Devos

Team Leader - MARS CAPLAND, Food Security Unit, Directorate General Joint Research Centre, European Commission

Pavel Ciaian

Economics of Agriculture, Directorate General Joint Research Centre, European Commission

Vesna Crnojević-Bengin

BioSense Institute, ANTARES - Centre of Excellence for Advanced Technologies in Sustainable Agriculture and Food Security

Sofia Miceli

ASTER, Emilia-Romagna, IT, co-leader of the S3 Agro-Food Thematic partnership on Traceability and Big Data

Aleš Hančič

Co-leader S3 Industrial Modernisation Thematic partnership on SME integration to Industry 4.0, TECOS Slovenia

16:00 – 16:30

Coffee break

16:30 – 18:00

Innovation through Biotechnologies

Moderator: **Guy Van Den Eede**, Knowledge for Health and Consumer Safety, Directorate General Joint Research Centre, European Commission

Vittorio Venturi

International Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology

Raffaella Corvi

Directorate General Joint Research Centre, European Commission

Jelena Begović

Institute of Molecular Genetics and Genetic Engineering, University of Belgrade

Arnd Hoeveler

Directorate General Joint Research Centre, European Commission

20:00

Networking dinner and reports from the thematic discussions (Palace Hotel, Varese)

Friday 26 January 2018

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Ispira, Joint Research Centre - Auditorium

09:00 – 09:15

Registration

Vanja Ivošević

Regional Cooperation Council

09:15 – 10:45

Round Table: Research and Innovation in the Western Balkans

Viktor Nedović

Ministry of Education, Science and Technological Development of Serbia

Moderator: **Elena Andonova**, Directorate General Joint Research Centre, European Commission

Atanas Kochov

University St. Cyril and Methodius Skopje

Ivanka Popović

Vice-Rector, Belgrade University

Paris Kokorotsikos

Thessaloniki Technology Park

Riccardo Pietrabissa

VP of CNR Scientific Council, Politecnico di Milano

Miroslav Vesković

Directorate General Joint Research Centre, European Commission

Dragan Šoljan

European Investment Bank

Alessandro Rainoldi

Directorate General Joint Research Centre, European Commission

Andrea Di Anselmo

META Group

Giancarlo Caratti

Directorate General Joint Research Centre, European Commission

Ivelina Peneva

Head of Managing Authority of OP "Innovation and Competitiveness", Ministry of Economy, Bulgaria

10:30 – 11:00

Coffee break

12:45 – 13:15

Closing remarks

11:00 – 12:45

Round Table: Synergy of instruments and competences: Connecting Smart Specialisation Strategies (S3) and technology transfer, innovation ecosystems, research, education and skills

Vladimir Šucha

Director-General, Directorate General Joint Research Centre, European Commission

Moderator: **Colin Wolfe**, Directorate General for Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations, European Commission

Christian Danielsson

Director-General, Directorate General for Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations, European Commission

13:15 – 14:30

Buffet lunch



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