



Starting Smart Specialisation: Experiences from the EU for innovation and economic transformation

AGENDA

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Venue: Codru Hotel
Chisinau, Moldova

The concept of smart specialisation (S3) started to diffuse outside the EU borders as an attractive model promoting growth and well-being in regions. It has been recognised by the EU neighbourhood and enlargement policies as a model supporting economic reforms and leading to more efficient place-based research and innovation (R&I) policies. In support to EU enlargement and neighbourhood countries, the Joint Research Centre (JRC) of the European Commission has been carrying out activities within its dedicated Enlargement and Integration Action (E&IA), which among other R&I activities also focuses on the S3 approach in identifying the strengths, opportunities and needs for building capacities. In 2016, JRC launched a pilot project to address the needs and gaps in R&I by supporting S3 processes in three selected countries: Ukraine, Moldova and Serbia.

In the framework of the Danube-INCO.net project, the Smart Specialisation Platform of the JRC together with the Academy of Sciences of Moldova is organising this S3 launch event to broaden the knowledge on the S3 concept, raise awareness of the pilot project and kick-start smart specialisation in Moldova.

08:30 – 09:00	Registration and coffee/tea
09:00 – 11:00	<p><i>Welcome and presentation of the EU's support to S3 activities in the EU Enlargement and Neighbourhood countries – moderated by Sergiu Porcescu</i></p> <p>Welcome: Academy of Sciences of Moldova, Ministry of Economy of Moldova, EU Delegation of Moldova, S3 Platform</p> <p>Introduction to JRC Enlargement & Integration Action - Alexander Kleibrink, JRC, S3 Platform</p> <p>Recommendations for Moldova from Peer Review of national research and innovation system – Dr. Daniel P. Funeriu, former minister of Education, Research, Youth and Sports of Romania</p> <p>Smart specialisation for less favoured regions outside the EU – Matija Derk, EU High Level Adviser for Regional Policy</p> <p>Danube-INCO.NET report "The role of S3 in the EU enlargement and neighbourhood policies" - Ales Gnamus, JRC, S3 Platform</p> <p><i>Q&A</i></p>
11.00 – 11.20	Coffee break

11:20 – 13:00	<p><i>Session – S3 experiences of the neighbouring regions – moderated by Ales Gnamus, JRC</i></p> <p>S3 support to less developed regions - Mark Boden, JRC, LAGREG project</p> <p>Smart Specialization in Northeast Romania – Gabriela Macoveiu, Northeast Regional Development Agency, Romania</p> <p>Transferability of good practices – Northeast Romania's collaboration with Northern Netherlands – Ovidiu Savu, Northeast Regional Development Agency, Romania</p> <p>Danube Transnational Programme support to cross-border collaboration in innovation – Marius-Valentin Niculae, Danube Transnational Programme Joint Secretariat</p> <p><i>Q&A</i></p>
13.00 – 14.00	Lunch break
14:00 – 15:30	<p><i>Session – Preparing the design of smart specialisation in Moldova – moderated by Alexander Kleibrink, JRC</i></p> <p>Mapping smart specialisation: Capabilities and potential in economic, research and innovation terms – Gabriella Buscicchio, mapping expert, PricewaterhouseCoopers Advisory SAS, France</p> <p>How to ensure stakeholder involvement in the S3 process – Effie Amanatidou, University of Manchester, UK</p> <p>Experiences of S3 mapping and entrepreneurial discovery process from Wielkopolska Region and other regions in Poland – Monika Matusiak, Centre for Public Policy, Poznan University of Economics and Business, Poland</p> <p><i>Q&A: Discussion</i></p>
15:30 – 15:50	Coffee break
15:50 – 17:00	<p><i>Session – The role of local ecosystems in smart specialisation – moderated by Lina Stanionytė, JRC</i></p> <p>The role of innovation agencies in implementing smart specialisation – Ričardas Valančiauskas, Agency for Science, Innovation and Technology (MITA), Lithuania</p> <p>Smart Specialisation in Eastern Europe, Regional Disparities and a Challenge of Science and Business Collaboration – Béla Kardon, Regional Centre for Information and Scientific Development, Hungary</p> <p><i>Q&A</i></p> <p>Conclusions and the way forward: a roadmap for the S3 process in Moldova – Igor Serotila, Academy of Sciences of Moldova/ Alexander Kleibrink JRC, S3 Platform</p>