



In the recent years Smart Specialisation Strategies for Research and Innovation (RIS3) have been developed mostly across the EU as a key component of regional development policy. Further Smart Specialisation (S3) has been recognised as a useful framework for research and innovation in the EU Enlargement and Neighbourhood policies that is fostering inclusive and sustainable economic growth in the countries addressed by these policies.

In support to the EU enlargement and neighbourhood countries the Joint Research Centre of European Commission has been carrying out the activities within the Enlargement and Integration Action, which among some other R&I activities, focuses also on Smart Specialisation approach in identifying the strengths, opportunities and needs in providing capacity building assistance for research and innovation.

The S3 Platform within the Joint Research Centre is organising the info event on Smart Specialisation in Ukraine in cooperation with National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine and with invitation to all the relevant governmental, R&I and business stakeholders aiming to raise the awareness on the benefits of Smart Specialisation concept and to explore the needs for the reinforcing capacity to develop effective R&I policy, including its territorial dimension, in Ukraine.

AGENDA

09.00 – 09.15	Registration and coffee/tea
09:15 – 11:00	<p><i>Welcome and Presentation of the EU's R&I related Activities with Ukraine - Moderated by Ales Gnamus, DG JRC, S3 Platform</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - DG NEAR Activities with Ukraine - Jose Roman Leon Lora, DG NEAR, Support Group for Ukraine - DG REGIO Smart Specialisation and Regional Development Policy: the EU and neighbourhood countries - Michael Ralph, DG REGIO - Horizon 2020 Policy Support Facility: Peer Reviews of national R&I systems in the Neighbourhood countries - Manfred Spiesberger, Centre for Social Innovation, Austria - Human capital for smart, inclusive and sustainable regional development - Pirta Vuorinen, European Training Foundation - S3 Platform support for the enlargement and neighbourhood countries in the frame of EU Strategy for the Danube and beyond - Ales Gnamus, DG JRC, S3 Platform <p>Q&A</p>
11.00 – 11.20	Coffee break
11:20 – 13:00	<p><i>Session introducing the Smart Specialisation concept and S3 Platform's activities – Moderated by: Lina Stanionytė, DG JRC, S3 Platform</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Introduction to the development of Research and Innovation Strategy for Smart Specialisation (RIS3) - Lina Stanionytė, DG JRC, S3 Platform - RIS3 examples from the EU countries and regions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - National RIS3 of Slovenia - Marko Hren, GODCP, Slovenia - National RIS3 of Lithuania - Jurgita Petrauskienė, MOSTA, Lithuania - RIS3 of South Moravian Region (CZ) - Petr Chládek, South Moravian Innovation Centre, Czech Republic <p>Q&A</p>
13.00 – 14.00	Lunch break
14:00 – 17:00	<p><i>Session on identifying the gaps in research and innovation system in Ukraine, preparedness for the design of smart specialisation process and needs for related capacity building actions – Moderated by: Ales Gnamus, DG JRC, S3 Platform</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Research and innovation challenges in Eastern Partnership Countries with the emphasis on Ukraine - Manfred Spiesberger, Centre for Social Innovation, Austria - Assessment of Ukraine's research and innovation system with regard to Smart Specialisation approach - Igor Yegorov, Institute of Economics and Forecasting, NASU, Ukraine - Past experiences and continuous Support to the Strengthening of the Ukrainian innovation capacity and economic competitiveness - Gorazd Weiss, Co-ordinator of H2020 Project "Strengthening R&I links towards Ukraine", Centre for Social Innovation, Austria <p>Q&A</p> <p><i>Conclusions and the way forward - introduction to the Technical Meeting (to be held next day, 16/9/2016) with the selected government/NASU representatives to be invited to the immersion S3 training in Seville in November 2016</i></p>