



Research and Innovation Strategies for Smart Specialisation: Challenges and Monitoring Implementation

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<p>9:15 – 11:30</p>	<p>Opening Session: Research and Innovation Strategies for Smart specialisation (RIS3) and the European Growth Agenda</p> <p>Innovation is a key contributor to long-term growth. For this reason supporting innovation is one of the main objectives of the European Growth Agenda and of the EU Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF). For the period 2014-2020, regions and countries had for the first time to develop research and innovation strategies for smart specialisation which were assessed by the European Commission as an ex-ante conditionality for the attribution of these funds. This session will address (i) the importance of good innovation policies to increase their impact on economic growth and employment (ii) the research and innovation strategies for smart specialisation in Spain and in particular in Andalucía, and (iii) the role of the Joint Research Centre in supporting EU policies and, in particular, regional policy.</p> <p><i>Moderated by V. Šucha, Director General of the Joint Research Centre, European Commission</i></p> <p>RIS3 in EU Cohesion Policy Ms. Corina Crețu, European Commissioner for Regional Policy</p> <p>The Support of the CoR to the implementation of RIS3 in the Regions Mr. Markku Markkula, President of the Committee of the Regions</p> <p>The Stairway to Excellence Mr. Lambert van Nistelrooij, Member of the European Parliament</p> <p>The Spanish RIS3 Ms. Carmen Vela, Secretary of State for Research, Development and Innovation, in the Spanish Ministry of Economy and Competitiveness</p> <p>The Andalusian RIS3 Mr. José Sanchez Maldonado, Regional Minister for Economy, Innovation, Science and Employment</p> <p>The JRC role in supporting EU Policies Mr. Walter Moenig, Chair of the JRC Board of Governors</p>
<p>11:30 – 12:00</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Coffee break</p>
<p>12:00 – 13:30</p>	<p>Panel I: Implementation of RIS3: Challenges -</p> <p>The RIS3 implementation phase is at least as important as the design phase. However, the implementation of RIS3 has proven to remain a major challenge for policy makers. The ex-ante conditionality assessment of RIS3 has revealed some elements which still need further work: how is the Entrepreneurial Discovery Process (EDP) going to be reflected in the S3 strategies and Operational Programmes (Ops)? How are policies mixes going to be</p>



	<p>transformed in line with RIS3 priorities? This session will seek experts and policy makers input and reflection on the main challenges and barriers in the implementation of RIS3 in order to help countries and regions to implement their RIS3.</p> <p><i>Moderated by J. Bensted-Smith, Director of the JRC.IPTS Institute</i></p> <p>The Governance of Entrepreneurial Discovery Process Professor Dominique Foray, Federal Polytechnic Institute in Lausanne.</p> <p>Entrepreneurial Discovery Process in Central Denmark Ms. Pia Fabrin, Regional Development</p> <p>Priorities in Eastern Macedonia and Thrace Mr. Ioannis Firbas, Director Special Service for Strategy, Planning and Evaluation of Development Programmes</p> <p>Mr. Ioannis Kesanlis, Officer, Unit A' – Planning and Evaluation, Special Managing Authority of the Operational Programme</p> <p>Effective involvement of business in the entrepreneurial discovery process Mr. Philippe Vanrie, EBN, Innovation Network</p>
13:30 – 14:45	Lunch
14:45 – 16:15	<p>Panel II: Implementation of RIS3: Monitoring</p> <p>Monitoring the achievement of strategic goals and the degree of actual implementation of policy measures is key for ensuring accountability and achieving the best results with European Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF). At the same time, monitoring will feed into the re-design and adjustments of innovation strategies across Europe. Regional and national authorities have highlighted this to be one of the main upcoming challenges when implementing innovation strategies for smart specialisation (RIS3). In this session, experts will discuss where we currently stand in terms of monitoring mechanisms and highlight possible venues for improving monitoring during the programming period 2014-2020.</p> <p><i>Moderated by Xabier Goenaga, Head of Unit, JRC.IPTS</i></p> <p>Monitoring of RIS3 in Central Europe & Baltics Mr. Isfandyar Zaman Khan, Program Leader Central Europe & Baltics, World Bank</p> <p>Monitoring of RIS3 in Lithuania Ms. Jurgita Petrauskiene, Director of Research and Higher Education Monitoring and Analysis Centre (MOSTA)</p> <p>Monitoring of RIS3 in Emilia Romagna Ms. Elisabetta Maini, Emilia-Romagna Region- Directorate Industry Commerce Tourism Services, Policies of Economic Development, Industrial research and technological innovation</p> <p>Lessons from the Peer Reviews Carried out by the Smart Specialisation Platform Mr. Alessandro Rainoldi, Smart Specialisation Platform JRC.IPTS</p>
16:15 – 16:30	<p>Wrap up and Conclusions Mr. C. Wolfe, Head of Unit DG REGIO</p>