



JOINT EVENT
JOINT RESEARCH CENTRE & EARTO
"THE ROLE OF RTOs IN SMART SPECIALISATION"

15TH OCTOBER 2015

11.00 – 14.00

European Commission, Building Van Maerlant 2, 1000 Brussels

FINAL PROGRAMME

Registration	To register, please use the following link:
10.45 – 11.00	Registration & Welcome Coffee
11.00 – 11.15	Welcoming Speech – Maria Khorsand, President, EARTO
11.15 – 11.35	The Interactions between Regions & RTOs – Muriel Attané, Secretary General, EARTO
11.35 – 11.50	Launch of JRC IPTS Publication: Background & Objectives of the Report – Alessandro Rainoldi & Katerina Ciampi Stancova, IPTS, S3 Platform, JRC
11.50 – 12.15	Content & Key Messages of the Report – Prof. David Charles, Deputy Head of School, University of Lincoln
12.15 – 12.30	Example of Eindhoven Region: How did a region use RTOs support to boost its industry? – Ton van Lier, Coordinator Subsidies and Public Affairs, City of Helmond, Eindhoven Area
12.30 – 12.45	Example of Basque Region: How did a region supported their RTOs to be even more competitive? The merge of 10 RTOs into TECNALIA – Elena Schaeidt, Corporate Development Director, TECNALIA
12.45 - 13.00	Closing – Maria Khorsand, President, EARTO
13.00 – 14.00	Networking Lunch

The new JRC IPTS Publication aims at supporting:

- A better understanding of the role that RTOs play in the smart specialisation and the delivery of EU Structural Funds including the identification of cases, and the benefits that are realised from this involvement.
- A better understanding of the opportunities, challenges and obstacles for RTOs to play in regional smart specialisation strategies:
 - cooperation between RTOs and public administration;
 - process of regional entrepreneurial process of discovery, development planning in practice, best practices, ways for successful integration of stakeholder consultations
 - how to match regional development needs with R&I and vice versa?
 - are regional RTOs good support in these processes?
- The making of recommendation for strategies and actions for/by the different stakeholders that will ensure the capabilities of RTOs are fully exploited by regional authorities and OPs managing authorities.

How to Register?

To register to the Joint Event JRC EARTO, please click on this [link](#) here you will have the choice to register to several EARTO events that will be held on 14 and 15 October 2015. Timings, venues and agendas of those events are available [here](#).

How to find the European Commission, Building Van Maerlant 2?

The building is located here:

- Close to Maelbeek and Schuman metro stations
- At the intersection of rue Belliard and rue Van Maerlant
- In front of the Committee of the Regions building main entrance, across the street

See map below or google maps [link](#).

