



Agenda

Building the Future: Collaboration for Sustainable Transformative Innovation

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Context

As part of the Joint Research Centre (JRC) activities on 'doing science for policy', the event aims to bring together JRC researchers and policy-makers to discuss and share experiences on topics related to policy intelligence and inter-regional collaboration. Under the concept of co-creation, representatives from Portuguese and Spanish regions are sitting together to take stock of common challenges in policymaking and learn from each other on how to reduce bottlenecks.

Programme (UCT +1)

08:45-09:00 **Register and family picture with public authorities**

09:00-09:20 **Welcome**

- Mikel Landabaso, Director, Directorate Growth and Innovation (JRC.B)
- Lucas González Ojeda, Deputy Head of the EC Representation in Spain
- Pablo Cortés Achedad, Secretario General de Universidad, Investigación e Innovación, Junta de Andalucía, Spain
- Ana Abrunhosa, Minister of Territorial Cohesion, Portugal

09:20-09:35 **Science and knowledge as pivotal drivers of regional development: A transnational perspective**

Isabel Ferreira, Secretary of State for Regional Development, Portugal
Moderator: Xabier Goenaga, HoU (JRC.B7)

09:35-10:45 **Session 1 – The Partnerships for Regional Innovation (PRI) – Part 1**

Moderator: Xabier Goenaga, HoU (JRC.B7)

The Partnerships for Regional Innovation (PRI) are a new approach to place-based innovation policy, which builds on positive experiences with smart specialisation strategies. PRI has a strong focus on innovation policy, but it also encompasses and inspires industrial, employment, education and social policies. PRI implies new ways of working across government departments and levels focused on addressing territorial challenges.

09:35-09:45 **The Partnerships for Regional Innovation Approach to Accelerate the Twin Transition**

Dimitris Pontikakis (JRC.B7)

The PRI Pilot Action aims to co-create an operational approach for enhancing the coordination and directionality of regional, national and EU innovation policies to implement Europe's green and digital transitions and to tackle the innovation divide in the EU.

09:45-10:05 **Ex-ante and Ex-post Evaluations to Support Policy Development**

Andrea Conte and Anabela Marques Santos (JRC.B7)

The session aims to show the contributions of the JRC to policy making, by giving some examples of the work carried-out on policy evaluation and targeted support to EU Member states (e.g. Rhomolo simulation on the impact of Cohesion policy in Portugal; Evaluation of Smart Specialisation in Portugal; Methodological guide on EDP workshops in pandemic times; Recovery and Resilience Plans; Data for monitoring and evaluation – TEDv – Territorial Economic Data Viewer).

10:05-10:15 **PT - Region: Centro**

Teresa Jorge, *Head of Unit – Cooperation and promotion, Comissão de Coordenação e Desenvolvimento Regional do Centro (CCDRC)*

10:15-10:25 **ES - Region: Castilla y León**

Javier Alvarez Benedi, *Technical Advisor, Commissioner for Science and Technology, Junta de Castilla y León*

10:25-10:45 **Discussion**

10:45-11:05 **Coffee Break**

11:05-13:05 **Session 2 – The Partnerships for Regional Innovation – Part 2**

Moderators: Ramojus Reimeris and Carmen Sillero Illanes (JRC.B7)

11:05-11:15 **Re-thinking the Discovery Process**

Ramojus Reimeris (JRC.B7)

Transformative innovation policy will require a new approach for collective thinking and discovery processes, hence JRC is conceptualising Open Discovery Process presented in the PRI Playbook. In this context, we will present the review of our work with EDP and lessons learnt in order to improve further discovery processes.

- x11:15-11:25 **PT - Region: Norte**
António Cunha, *President*, Comissão de Coordenação e Desenvolvimento Regional do Norte (CCDR-Norte)
- 11:25-11:35 **ES - Region: Extremadura**
Patricia da Costa Félix Bermejo, *Director of Operations*, FUNDECYT-PCTEX, Junta de Extremadura
Lucila Castro, *Project manager*, FUNDECYT-PCTEX, Junta de Extremadura
- 11:35-11:45 **ES - Region: Galicia (online)**
Virginia Vidal, Galician Innovation Agency
- 11:45-12:05 **Discussion**
- 12:05-12:15 **Re-thinking Interregional Cooperation**
Carmen Sillero Illanes (JRC.B7)
The systemic and transformative innovation that characterizes PRI transcends and connects the territories. Reflecting on the necessary instruments to build sustainable and resilient value chains and facing the challenges of climate change, are critical in PRI co-creation process, building on the learnings of Smart Specialisation process.
- 12:15-12:25 **PT - Region: Alentejo**
Carmen Carvalheira, *Vice President*, Comissão de Coordenação e Desenvolvimento do Alentejo (CCDR-Alentejo)
Sandra Jorge, *Head of Unit – Cooperation and Promotion*, Comissão de Coordenação e Desenvolvimento do Alentejo (CCDR-Alentejo)
- 12:25-12:35 **PT - Region: Algarve**
José Apolinário, *President*, Comissão de Coordenação e Desenvolvimento Regional do Algarve (CCDR-Algarve)
- 12:35-12:45 **ES - Region: Andalucía**
M^a Nieves Valenzuela Romero, *Director General for the Promotion of Innovation*, Junta de Andalucía
- 12:45-13:05 **Discussion**
- 13:05-13:20 **Closing Session**
- Ana Abrunhosa, Minister for Territorial Cohesion, Portugal
 - Mikel Landabaso, Director (JRC.B)
- 13:30-15:00 **Working Lunch** (Escuela de Hostelería, Camino de los Descubrimientos, 2, Sevilla – [Google maps](#))