NCP Academy Training in cooperation with DG JRC and NCP_WIDE.NET

Aligning implementation of RIS3 and H2020 Funding across research priorities

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CONCEPT & AIM: The aim of the training is to deliver expertise to NCPs on the issue of synergies between H2020 and ESIF in regard to the specialized thematic areas, as well as create a forum for exchange of best practices and enhancing collaboration between NCPs as well as regional/ national authorities managing European Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF). Additionally, the training will be dedicated to the discussion on the future of synergies in the financial perspective 2021-2027 after the launching of the so called 9. Framework Programme. The content will be divided into three parts: (i) What is new on synergies between ESIF and Horizon 2020? with speakers from the EC presenting the newest context of synergies as well as first impacts and experiences of the process; (ii) Synergies between Horizon 2020 thematic priorities and ESIF – best practices, bottlenecks and potential for the future – with NCPs from Heath and Food networks presenting their experiences; (iii) Synergies between Horizon 2020 thematic priorities and ESIF – best practices, bottlenecks and potential for the future – with NCPs from Energy, Space and NMP networks presenting their experiences.

TARGET GROUP: Training is targeted towards NCPs both experienced and less experienced who would like to improve their knowledge in the field of synergies between ESIF and Horizon 2020. Moreover, to ensure the exchange of knowledge and experience in the field of synergies the representatives of managing authorities and all relevant stakeholders are kindly invited to participate in the event. In order to ensure a balanced participation of NCP in thematic priorities and key relevant stakeholders to build synergies, a targeted invitation will be sent.

DURATION: 1 day
**PROGRAMME:**

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| 10:00 – 11:30 | Supporting innovation via a more coordinated approach between ESIF and other EU/national programmes  
**Moderator:** Katarzyna Walczyk-Matuszyk, NCP Academy  
- **Stairway to Excellence project: lessons learnt and future activities** – Andrea Conte, DG JRC  
- **Seal of Excellence and Widening as a strategic funding policy aspect** – Magda de Carli, DG RTD  
- **Smart Specialisation & synergies between H2020 and ESIF** – Katja Reppel, DG REGIO  
- **Opinion report from Committee of the Regions on "Smart Specialisation Strategies (RIS3)"** – Mikel Irujo Amezaga, Head of Navarra Delegation in Brussels |
| 11:30 - 11:45 | Coffee break                                                            |
| 11:45 – 13:00 | Mapping Horizon 2020 and ESIF priorities across Europe (I):  
**Moderator:** Eskarne Arregui, DG JRC  
- **Lessons learnt on promoting synergies.** Richard Tuffs, ERRIN Network  
- **Health** (H2020 NCP Frederick Suche and Hicham Abghay, ScanBalt BioRegion)  
- **Bioeconomy/ Agrofood** (Prof. Wiesław Oleszuk Institute of Soil Science and Plant Cultivation, State Research Institute, Prof. Grażyna Ptak The National Research Institute of Animal Production and Andrzej Siemaszko, Bioregions Forum) |
| 13:00 – 14:00 | Lunch                                                                    |
| 14:00-15:30   | Mapping Horizon 2020 and ESIF priorities across Europe (II):  
**Moderator:** Matthias Woiwode von Gilardi, DLR, Germany  
- **Energy** (H2020 NCP (TBC) and regional/ national authorities Katarzyna Grajner EEN Berlin Partner (tbc) possibly JU FCH rep.  
- **Industrial modernisation** (H2020 NCP Apostolos Dimitriadis, (Ingo Rey NCP NMBP, Jörg Janßen PermRep NRW, TBC) and Vanguard Initiative (Aitor Mintegui, TBC)  
- **Space** (H2020 NCP Kaspar Kalnins, and Roya Azayi, Nereus) |
| 15:30-16:00   | Conclusions                                                             |