



Abstract

“Fools make researches and wise men exploit them” (H. G. Wells)

**Discussing the success factors on how innovation systems
can better address the Participation to the European Research Area**

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By benchmarking against the international competitors, **Europe as a whole needs to significantly advance in research and innovation performance** in order to make the European Union the most dynamic and competitive knowledge-based economy, as the Europe 2020 Strategy strives for.

There are countries lagging behind concerning the effectiveness of exploiting EU funded programmes in the field of R&D&I. The obstacles can be sought among local conditions, resources and assets faceting a specific system.

Thanks to the extensive policy learning exercise to identify barriers and potential gaps, the MIRRIS initiative today is able to **provide a portfolio of suitable intervention schemes for EU Member countries** (with a special focus on the 13 MIRRIS target countries including Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia).

This webinar will summarize main findings on personal/motivational, structural and organizational barriers encountered in the countries to take part in EU Research Programmes, present common challenges for the **implementation of a roadmap to overcome the same** and share the MIRRIS methodology to give advice to partner countries by offering a forum discussion **on the success factors** to find solutions and monitor their impact.

Thanks to the participation of MIRRIS Coordinator, META Group and MIRRIS Expert Dr. Stijn Delaurè, representing Leuven University, **concrete examples of suggested activities** will be shown in detail to disseminate the methodology that the MIRRIS project adopted to **identify priorities for the countries** allowing to **strengthen strategic partnerships** with European Universities and other stakeholders, participate in the lessons-learned discussions and be briefed about the MIRRIS Coaching activities that will be made available to the 13 MIRRIS target countries in the next months.

Your participation to this webinar will allow you to **get access to a wide range of precious insights** from the **policy dialogues** organized in the 13 MIRRIS target countries and benefit from the SWOT analysis results as well as from the **mutual learning experience among key stakeholders**, namely research, innovation and institutional actors from all over Europe.

The Q&A session with the Expert might also be a perfect occasion to discuss your ideas about **an action plan for your country** (if not part of the 13 MIRRIS target countries) and take advantage from **already validated lessons learnt** for a successful up take to make the difference in Europe and abroad.

Mr. Andrea Di Anselmo



Andrea Di Anselmo is a founding member and Vice-President of META Group and has the key role regarding the Business Unit Economic Development, as a Senior Consultant. Taking in consideration his professional experience and key areas of expertise, Andrea Di Anselmo focuses on innovation and Regional policy, representing META on all the major assignments.

Mr. Di Anselmo supervises implementation of assignments and interacts with clients as project director and helps promote the company within international associations and bodies, bringing a high level contribution through his activities as Senior Expert.

Also an active Member of the Board of Directors in several organizations, such as ISIRIM (Research Institute dealing with Advanced Materials), TI (European Association for Innovation and Technology Transfer), Sviluppo Umbria (the RDA of the Umbria Region) and IBAN (Italian Business Angels Network), Mr. Di Anselmo expertise is a strong asset in the field of innovation support and services, company creation and access to early stage finance.

Dr. Stijn Delaurè



Dr. Stijn Delaurè is Head of International Research Fund's Unit at KU Leuven Research Coordination Office (University of Leuven). Under this role, Dr. Delaurè is responsible for the European and international research policy of the university and is reporting to the vice-rector for research policy.

Dr. Delaurè is leading the EU pre-award project support team of KU Leuven, responsible for research consultancy and coaching of researchers on European and international research programmes (e.g. 2007-2013: 562 FP7 projects; 2013: 39Me revenues from international projects).

Dr. Delaurè is Chairman of the EU Research Project Managers and policy officers community (ERP-C) of the "League of European Research Universities" (LERU), chairing the activities of the community, which includes meetings with European Commission officials (DG RTD, EAC, CNECT) and Members of the European Parliament (e.g. ITRE rapporteurs for Horizon 2020), coordination of policy papers on the European Framework Programme (FP7 and Horizon 2020), assisting and advising the LERU Secretary-General on issues related to FP and ERA (www.leru.org).

Dr. Delaurè is also a member of the European Commission's Horizon 2020 Advisory Board for the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions, representing the LERU, the Strategy Board of "Vision2020: the Horizon Network", a pan-European SME-academia network preparing for industry-academia collaborations in Horizon 2020, the management committee of BESTPRAC, delegate of Belgium in this COST action, aiming at exchange of best practices in research policy and project management, targeting in particular the newer EU Member States ("EU13"), the "Flemish Interuniversity Council" (VLIR) EU research policy working group, subgroup of the research policy working group, advising the Ministry of Economy, Science, Innovation and the Flemish governmental "Europaplatform" (VEP) working groups on Horizon 2020 and joint programming, coordinating and preparing the Flemish activities in European research programmes and policies, gathering representatives of all Flemish stakeholders.