

## Workshop on “Universities as motors of innovation in Central and Eastern Europe”

Organised by **EUA** within the framework of the **EUA Expert Group on Research and Innovation Strategies for Smart Specialisation (RIS3)**

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*The Workshop on “Universities as motors of innovation in Central and Eastern Europe” is the second in a series of workshops jointly organised by National Rectors’ Conferences and the European University Association (EUA) on the thematic area of Research and Innovation Smart Specialisation Strategies. This workshop aims to bring together experts, case studies and good practice examples of universities’ role in regional policy and in smart specialisation strategies, from different European regions. The workshop will also serve as a platform for sharing experiences, challenges and opportunities related to the strategic role of universities in the implementation of Smart Specialisation across Europe. This workshop is addressed to university leaders (e.g. rectors, vice-rectors, heads of administration), regional and national policy-makers and other stakeholders interested in regional innovation.*

### Preliminary Programme

**Thursday 13 October**

**Centrum Nauk Biologiczno-Chemicznych Uniwersytetu Warszawskiego (CNBCh UW)**

(The University of Warsaw Biological and Chemical Research Centre)

<p><b>9.00-9.30</b></p>	<p><b>Welcome addressees</b></p> <p><b>Prof Marcin Pałys</b>, Rector of the University of Warsaw, Poland; member of the EUA Expert Group on RIS3</p> <p><b>Prof Marek Tukiendorf</b>, Chair of KRASP International Cooperation Committee; Rector of the Opole University of Technology, Poland</p> <p><b>Prof Peter Haring-Bolívar</b>, Chair EUA Expert Group on RIS3; Vice-Rector for Research, University of Siegen, Germany</p>
<p><b>9.30-10.30</b></p>	<p><b>Mr. Jan Staniłko</b>, Deputy Director of Innovation Department in Ministry of Economics Development</p> <p><i>“What kind of academia smart specialization needs?”</i></p> <p><b>Ciaran Dearle</b>, Senior Expert: Team Leader for Cohesion Policy interactions with Research and Innovation Policy, Unit B.5 ‘Spreading of excellence and widening participation’, DG RTD, European Commission</p> <p><b>Andrea Conte</b>, Team Leader: Stairway to Excellence, Unit B.3 ‘Knowledge for Growth’, JRC IPTS, European Commission</p>

	<b>Chair: Prof Marcin Pałys</b>
<b>10.30-11.00</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>
<b>11:00-13:00</b>	<b>Topic 1: Specific challenges for innovation in Central and Eastern Europe</b>
11.00-11.30	<b>Prof Volli Kalm</b> , Rector of the University of Tartu, Estonia; EUA Expert Group on RIS3 <i>“Building an entrepreneurial university: A case study from the University of Tartu”</i>
11.30-12.00	<b>Prof. Maciej Chorowski</b> , Director of The National Centre for Research and Development, Poland ( <a href="#">title of presentation tbc</a> )
12.00-12.30	<b>Prof. Maciej Żylicz</b> , President of the Foundation for Polish Science <i>“Specific challenges for innovation in Central and Eastern Europe. The Foundation for Polish Science perspective.”</i>
12.30-13.00	<u>Discussion</u> <i>Discussions on this topic will focus on how different countries in Central and Eastern Europe are using Smart Specialisation to promote regional innovation; on specific barriers and drivers of RIS3 in Central and Eastern Europe; and on the role of universities in the design and implementation of Smart Specialisations in these European regions.</i>
	<b>Chair: Dr Lidia Borrell-Damian</b>
<b>13.00-14.00</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>14.00-16.00</b>	<b>Topic 2: Strategic participation of universities in implementing innovation strategies</b>
14.00-14.30	<b>Prof Stanislav Kmet</b> , Rector of the Technical University of Košice; Slovakia <i>“Strategic roles of the Technical University of Košice in the implementation of regional innovation ecosystem”</i>
14.30-15.00	<b>Prof Anton Anton</b> , Technical University of Civil Engineering of Bucharest; Romania; Member of the EUA Expert Group on RIS3 <i>“Romanian R&amp;D and Innovation strategy through the eyes of a Technical University”</i>
15.00-15.30	<b>Prof Martin Bareš</b> , Vice-rector for academic affairs, Masaryk University & <b>Petr Chladek</b> , South Moravian Innovation Center, Czech Republic <i>“Masaryk University and South Moravian region: mutual cooperation as the key for innovations”</i>
	<u>Discussion</u>

15.30-16.00	Discussions on this topic will focus on how universities engage with local, regional and national stakeholders to implement Smart Specialisation; and on the challenges and opportunities universities face when adapting their educational, research and innovation activities to RIS3 priorities.  <b>Chair: Prof Ray O’Neill</b>
16.00-16.15	<b>Coffee break</b>
16.15-18.15	<b>Topic 3: Cooperation across Europe – myth or reality?</b>
16.15-16.45	<b>Peter Riedler</b> , Vice-Rector for Financial Affairs, Resources and Location Development, University of Graz; Austria <i>“Cross border cooperation in Southeast Europe and the Role of the University of Graz”</i>
16.45-17.15	<b>Olivier Kuttel</b> , École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne, Switzerland <i>“Get talents back – A tenure track programme for Croatia”</i>
17.15-17.45	<b>Marcin Postawka</b> , Deputy Director, Centre for Innovation and Technology Transfer Management, Warsaw University of Technology <i>“Path to innovation - linkages between academia and industry - European knowledge”</i>
17.45-18.15	<u>Discussion</u> Discussions on this topic will focus on the topic of collaboration between universities and other stakeholders across different European regions; on the synergetic use of different EU funding programmes and on how universities can better leverage these resources.  <b>Chair: Prof Peter Haring-Bolivar</b>
18.15-18.30	<b>Conclusions and final remarks</b> Concluding speech ( <i>local authority/university representative</i> )
18.30-19.30	<b>Networking drinks</b>

### Friday 14 October

**Aula Starej Biblioteki Uniwersytetu Warszawskiego** (The University of Warsaw Old Library)

9.00-10.15	<b>Keynote presentation by Mr Markku Markkula, President of the European Committee of the Regions</b>  <i>EU Policies: Regional Innovation Ecosystems in Implementing Smart Specialisation (RIS3)</i>  Welcome by Professor Marcin Pałys, Rector of the University of Warsaw
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