

Europe 2020, Regional Innovation Strategies and future funding opportunities

17th April 2013, 09.00-13.00, followed by a networking lunch

BIP - Brussels Info Place ([Zinneke Room](#))

2-4 rue Royale B-1000 Brussels

(Metro Gare Central/Centraal Station)

This event, organised by RIM Plus and Europe2020 Regions Network, continues a wider discussion on how to link regional innovation strategies to Europe 2020 strategy objectives of generating smart, sustainable and inclusive growth with high levels of employment, productivity and social cohesion.

The discussion will examine future funding opportunities under Horizon 2020 and Cohesion Policy and other European programmes. The event will also launch the RIM Plus and present the potential benefits to be gained by regions from this initiative.

Regional case studies from Europe 2020 Network will be presented. Moreover, high-level speakers from the European Commission, regions and other organisations will explore in depth the relationship between Regional Innovation Strategies and the Europe 2020 Strategy.

The event will be relevant to all regional actors and practitioners involved in the development and implementation of regional innovation strategies and smart specialisation. The event will inform participants of future European policy, funding and support opportunities that will shape the new Regional Innovation Strategies for the new programming period (2014-2020).

The event is the first of four RIM Plus events which will be held in Brussels in 2013.

For more information, please contact Marco Canton at ERRIN communication@errin.eu

Please register for this event by sending a confirmation to conference@wielkopolska.eu no later than 10 April 2013.

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8:45 Registration

9:15 **Welcome:** Richard Tuffs, Director, ERRIN

9.20 Introduction

- *Alberto Licciardello (tbc)*, DG Enterprise and Industry, European Commission

9.30 “The Rim Plus Project” Strategies for Innovation in the Regions

- *Jacek Walendowski*, Senior Consultant, Technopolis Group

10.00 **Keynote speeches**

“The Role of Europe 2020 strategy on regional Innovation”

- *Laurence De Richemont*, Member of Cabinet of President Barroso, European Commission

“Closing the Innovation Divide”

- *Markku Markkula*, Member of the Committee of the Regions, Chairman of the EPP/CoR Task Force "Europe 2020"

10.45 Coffee break

11.15 **Interactive panel debate with case studies from the Europe 2020 Regions Network** “Innovation Strategies: Challenges, opportunities and future funding”

Moderator: Lorenza Badiello, Head of office, Emilia-Romagna Regional Office in Brussels

Presentations of Regional Innovation Strategies

- Wielkopolska Region - *Elżbieta Książek*, Board Member of Adam Mickiewicz University Foundation, Deputy Director of Poznan Science and Technology Park
- Emilia-Romagna Region – *Silvano Bertini*, Emilia-Romagna Region (tbc)
- Brussels Capital Region - *Katrien Mondt*, Director General Brussels Institute for Research and Innovation (INNOVIRIS)
- Bratislava Region - *Marek Dvorsky*, Bratislava Region Brussels Office,

Discussants:

- *Katja Reppel*, Deputy Head of Unit, DG Regional and Urban Policies, European Commission
- *Dimitri Corpakis*, Head of Unit, DG Research and Innovation, European Commission
- *Petri Matti Juhani Rasanen*, Director of regional and Innovation Policy, Council of Tampere Region
- *RIM Plus Steering Group Members/ Regional Experts (tbc)*

Conclusions

Richard Tuffs, Director, ERRIN

13. 00 Networking lunch

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