

5th Informal Working Group Meeting on Research and Innovation

Chişinău, Republic of Moldova

23 – 24 May 2023

Hybrid event

DRAFT AGENDA

Monday, 22 May 2023

Venue: Radisson Blu Leograd Hotel, Chişinău, Republic of Moldova

Entire day: Arrivals and registration of participants at the hotel

20:00 – 22:30 Welcome Dinner

Venue: TBD

Tuesday, 23 May 2023 – DAY 1

Venue: (VENUE TBD), Chişinău, Republic of Moldova

09:45 – 10:00 (08:45 – 09:00 CET) Registration and welcome coffee

10:00 – 10:30 (09:00 – 09:30 CET) Introductory remarks

1. Welcome words

- *Ms. Ruta ZARNAUSKAITE, Head of Unit, Unit 04, DG R&I, European Commission*
- *Ms. Magdalena MÜLLER, Head of Cooperation, EU Delegation to the Republic of Moldova*
- *representative of the Ministry of Education and Research Republic of Moldova*

2. Eastern Partnership – future perspectives:

(a) Eastern Partnership – state of play

- *Mr. Julien BOURTEMBOURG, Deputy Head of Division for Regional Eastern Partnership, Regional Cooperation & OSCE, EEAS*

(b) Eastern Partnership Research and Innovation Cooperation

- *Mr. Jeroen WILLEMS, Deputy Head of Unit, DG NEAR C.2, European Commission*

Session I: Eastern Partnership Priorities in Research and Innovation – state of implementation

Moderator: Silvia Bojinova, ENP Team leader, Unit 04, DG R&I, European Commission

10.30 – 12.30 – (09.30 – 11.30 CET)

3. Round table discussion “Challenges for the implementation of the EaP R&I Priorities in the EaP Partner countries, including participation in Horizon Europe (HE)”- speakers from the Republic of Armenia, Republic of Azerbaijan, Georgia, Republic of Moldova, Ukraine

4. Post 2020 R&I Priorities Implementation – state of play:

(a) EaP Country monitoring reports:

- Mr Joern GRUENEWALD, Global Service Facility (GSF) in support of International Cooperation in R&I

(b) Proposal Writing Camp and Expert Consultations on preparing HE Applications,

- Mr. Matthias WURCH, GSF in support of International Cooperation in R&I

5. EC Support measures for Ukraine in the field of R&I:

- Ms Natalija DOLYA, Policy Officer, Unit 04, DG R&I, European Commission

12:30 – 13:00 (11:30 – 12:00 CET)

6. The next stage in the EaP R&I activities: a view from the Civil Society Forum (CSF)

- (speakers to be defined), Eastern Partnership Civil Society Forum

13:00 – 13:30 (12:00 – 12:30 CET)

7. Session I: Q and A and discussions

13:30–14:30 (12:30 – 13:30 CET) Networking lunch (standing)

14.30 – 15.00 – Organised Group Transfer to the Horizon Europe Office Republic of Moldova

Session II: Eastern Partnership Best Practices – Horizon Europe Office

Moderator: Ms Ludmila NISTOR MIHAJLOVA, Policy Officer, Unit 04, DG R&I, European Commission

15.00 – 15.45 – (14.00-15.30 CET)

8. Horizon Europe Office Moldova - Formal inauguration

Inaugural Speech:

- Ms. Ruta ZARNAUSKAITE, Head of Unit, Unit 04, DG R&I, European Commission

- *representative of the ANCD/MER Republic of Moldova*
- *H.E. Mr. Jānis MAZEIKS, Ambassador of the European Union to the Republic of Moldova*
- *Director of the Horizon Europe Office of the Republic of Moldova*

15.45 – 16.00 – Networking Coffee break

16.00-16.45 – (15.00-15.45 CET)

7. Horizon Europe best practices – discussions and exchanges:

- *National Horizon Europe Office Georgia, TÜBİTAK (Turkey), NRF (Ukraine)*

16.45 – 17.00 – (15.45- 16.00 CET)

8. Concluding remarks DAY 1

- *Ms. Ruta ZARNAUSKAITE, Head of Unit, Unit 04, DG R&I, European Commission*

17.00 – 17.30 – transfer to the hotel

19.00 – Departure from the hotel to Cricova

20.00 – 22.00 Gala Dinner at Cricova Winery, Ungureanu 1 Strada Chişinăului 124, Cricova 2084 Moldova.

Wednesday, 24 May 2023 – DAY 2

09.30-09:45– Welcome coffee

Session III: International cooperation in the European Research Area (ERA) - values and principles

Moderator: *Ruta ZARNAUSKAITE, Head of Unit, Unit 04, DG R&I, European Commission*

09.45- 10.00 (8.45–9.00CET)

9. Opening Remarks

- *Ms. Ruta ZARNAUSKAITE, Head of Unit, Unit 04, DG R&I, European Commission*

10:00 – 10:45 (09:00 –09:45 CET)

10. New ERA for Research and Innovation – 20 actions for implementation: update on specific actions: (i) Open Science, (ii) Research Assessment System and Attractive Research Careers and (iii) Research Infrastructures

- *Ms. Anna SEIP, Policy Officer, unit A.2, DG RTD, European Commission*
- *Ms Marija FEDOTOVAITE, Policy Officer, DG EAC C.2, European Commission*

10:45 – 13:30 (12:00 – 12:30 CET)

11. Experiences from the EaP Partner countries in the implementation of the ERA voluntary actions – round table discussions

Q and A and discussions

13:30 – 14:30 (12:30 – 13:30 CET) Networking lunch (standing)
--

14.30 – 15.00 – Organised Group Transfer to Tekwill
--

15.00 - 16.00 (14:00-15:00 CET)

Session IV: “Opportunities offered by the European Innovation Council for Investment in Research and Innovation to foster economic growth and jobs”

Moderator: TBD (representative from Moldova (Republic of))

- *Mr. Eric-Olivier PALLU, Policy Adviser Unit D-01, EIC Board, Strategy and Feedback to Policy, EIC and SMEs Executive Agency (EISMEA, Opportunities for Moldova’s R&I Ecosystem;*
- *Mr. Sergey SEREDA, EIC Ambassador, EIC funding beneficiary (TBC),*
- *Experience of the EaP Partner countries in innovation actions – round table discussion with the participation of all EaP Partner countries*
- *Q&A session*

16.00 – 16.30 (15.00 – 15.30 CET)

Session V. Update on technology transfer and smart specialisation

Moderator:*Mr. Manuel GONZALEZ EVANGELISTA, Economic and Policy Analyst, B3 - Territorial Development Unit, DG JRC, European Commission*

- *Mr Alessandro Fazio, Head of Sector, unit I.4, JRC, EC*
- *Mr Manuel Gonzalez Evangelista, unit B3, JRC, EC*
- *EaP Partner countries state of play in smart specialisation and technology transfer – tour de table*

16.30 – 16.45 (15.30-15.45 CET)

Concluding remarks DAY 1&2

- *Ms. Ruta ZARNAUSKAITE, Head of Unit, Unit 04, DG R&I, European Commission*

16.45 – 17.00 – Networking Coffee break

14.17.00 – 17.30 Tek will Tour Presentation

17.30 – 18.00 – transfer to the hotel
--

19:00- 22:00 Dinner hosted by Ministry of Education and Research of the Republic of Moldova
--

