PLATFORM

Annual Event 2016

The bigger picture:
P2Ps for Inclusiveness and Innovation

**October 6th-7th, Nebotičnik Skyscraper,
Štefanova 1, 1000 Ljubljana, Slovenia**

FINAL
PROGRAMME

Thursday, October 6th

8:15   Registration open

8:45 – 9:30 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Opening by the chairs Petra Žagar *(MIZŠ, SI)* & Ino Ostendorf *(MinEA, NL)*

Welcome Speech *(Tomaž Boh, Secretary of State at Ministry of Education, Science and Sport MIZŠ)*

Introduction to the Horizon 2020 PLATFORM project *(Christine Bunthof, PLATFORM Coordinator, WUR)*

Introduction to the Annual Event 2016 *(Kim Turk, PLATFORM T2.2 & T4.2 lead, MIZŠ)*

9:30 – 12:30 BLOCK 1 – IMPACT AND ALIGNMENT

<u>Intro</u>: This block includes a keynote from the PLATFORM Project Officer of DG RTD Directorate Bioeconomy, introductions to two topics about which the participants will discuss further in small groups, and a presentation on why and how a common and centralised impact assessment of projects will be done.
<u>Background documents</u>: BGP1.1 Block 1 group work instructions; BGP1.2 Evaluation ERA-NET Cofund Scheme (intro and questionnaire used); BGP1.3 Bioeconomy Strategy; BGP1.4 Bioeconomy Action Plan state of implementation; BGP1.5 Building blocks for Bioeconomy Stakeholder Manifesto; BGP1.6 Impact assessment of EU cofunded projects.

Keynote presentation:

    EC bioeconomy state of play – political context, policies and stakeholders (*Barna Kovacs, EC RTD.F.1 and SCAR Secretariat*)

    Coffee & Tea, with first round of 'Bring and Take': gathering early information on planned activities and interests to link up activities with other networks.

Presentations / Intro to group work:

    a) Evaluation of the ERA-NET Cofund Scheme *(Niels Gøtke/Ioana Ispas, chair/member of the Expert Group)*

    b) Building blocks for Bioeconomy Stakeholder Manifesto *(Joanna Dupont-Inglis/Christine Bunthof, chair/member of the European Bioeconomy Stakeholder Panel)*

Break-out group work:
Groups of 6-8 persons. Each group discusses either topic a or topic b. Each table has a moderator.
a) **ERA-NET Cofund.** In the view of the evaluation of the ERA-NET Cofund scheme by an expert group appointed by the Commission, the groups will reflect on the preliminary outcomes presented and discuss on issues such instruments, funding, supportive environment, embedding, and national engagements, for effective public-public collaboration and coordination *in the bioeconomy*. Both short term (next H2020 Work Programme) as longer term (next framework programme). The expert group is in the last stages of their work and will deliver the final report in November. The outcomes of our group work will also feed into the writing of the PLATFORM Policy Brief on Impact and Alignment.
b) **Bioeconomy Manifesto.** The EU Bioeconomy Strategy and Action plan, launched in 2012, encompasses investments in R&I, policy interaction and stakeholder engagement, and enhancement of markets and competitiveness. Member States collaborations through ERA-NETs and JPIs contribute to making the bioeconomy a reality in Europe. On the path of the strategy review, several conferences and consultations of stakeholders take place, such as BEU 2016 in Utrecht in April that produced 'building blocks for the bioeconomy stakeholders manifesto' and the role of regions conference in Bratislava in October. The European Bioeconomy Stakeholders Panel, in which PLATFORM is represented, has taken up the task to further develop the building blocks into a manifesto and is committed to implementation. The group work serves to discuss, consolidate and refine the blocks that are of key relevance to MS collaborations in research programming and funding. The outcomes will feed into the finalizing steps of the manifesto.

Presentation:

    Centralised impact assessment of projects from ERA-NET Cofunds *(Angus Hunter, ERA-LEARN)*

12:30 – 13:30 Lunch break

13:30 - 17:30   BLOCK 2 – INCLUSIVENESS

<u>Intro</u>: This block starts with a keynote about the inclusiveness actions in H2020 prepared by the Slovenian NCP for widening in collaboration with the Commission – Directorate B5 Spreading Excellence and Widening Participation. Then results of PLATFORM's surveys and of the Master Class on inclusiveness will be presented. These activities and the follow up through this session aim to engage the community in exploring ways to attract and engage the countries that do not participate in ERA-NET actions or do so only in a limited way. Through the surveys in the projects task on Fostering Inclusiveness, the performance was assessed of the so-called "low performing countries" (LPCs - as defined in the Spreading Excellence and Widening Participation Programme of H2020). Identifying among them good performers in the bioeconomy ERA-NETs, PLATFORM uses their experience as a positive example when targeting those countries that continue to perform low. The Master Class, held in May in Vienna, provided programme funders and manager from LPCs with guidance on how to get actively involved in bioeconomy related collaboration actions, and showcased how P2PS can address the issue of inclusiveness. This block builds on the findings and outcomes so far. Results will feed into the PLATFORM Policy Brief on Inclusiveness, and a debrief meeting with the director of RTD B5.
<u>Background documents</u>: BGP2.1 Block 2 group work instructions; BGP2.2 Perspective document on Inclusiveness (PLATFORM Deliverable 2.1); BGP2.3 Report of the PLATFORM Master Class on Inclusiveness in Vienna, May 10th – 11th, 2016

Keynote presentation:

Aim and state of play on widening participation in Horizon 2020 and possible roles of public-public partnerships (P2Ps) *(Magda De Carli, EC RTD.B.5 / Meta Dobnikar, former Slovenian NCP for Widening)*

Presentations:

a) **PLATFORM surveys and Master class on Inclusiveness** (*Kim Turk, MIZŠ & Martin Greimel, BMLFUW*)
b) **Experiences and view of LPCs on participation to public-public partnerships (selected after MC)**
   b1. **Latvia** *(Baiba Rivza Ministry LAAFS /Dace Tirzīte Latvian Academy of Sciences)*
   b2. **Czech Republic** *(Naďa Koníčková NCP /Milan Podsednicek Ministry of Agriculture)*

Coffee & Tea, with second round of 'Bring and Take': gathering early information on planned activities and interests to link up activities with other networks.

c) **Experiences and view from networks that successfully included LPCs (selected after MC)**
   c1. **WoodWisdom-Net** *(Mika Kallio, TEKES)*
   c2. **Core Organic** *(Ivana Trkulja, ICROFS)*
   c3. **ERA-CAPS** *(Paul Wiley, BBSRC)*
   c4. **JPI Climate** (*Petra Žagar, MIZŠ*)

Break-out group work:

The participants will be split into groups to make a positive and appealing case for ERA-NET participation discussing the following questions:
   – why should an LPC participate in an ERA-NET?
   – how to encourage active LPC participation in ERA-NET activities?
   – how to support LPC researchers in Joint Transnational Calls?

Panel discussion:

A panel will be interviewed on the inclusiveness challenges and on achievements so far in bioeconomy public-public partnerships

19:30 -   DINING @ Strelec restaurant in the Ljubljana castle.
Feeling royal and enjoying the view

Friday, October 7th

9:00 - 12:00   BLOCK 3 – INNOVATION AND EXPLOITATION STRATEGIES

<u>Intro</u>: Many ERA-NETs are increasingly funding applied research, performing activities for industry interaction and looking into IPR and other technology transfer related issues. But what is the role of ERA-NETs in the European innovation landscape, what other complementary initiatives exist and in what way could ERA-NETs interact with them, also in the search of synergies?

The block aims to give participants a look into a wider innovation landscape in which ERA-NETs can play an important role on the lower technology readiness levels, especially if they know the possibilities that exist beyond the scope of their activities. The ProBio project will be introduced and their experiences with helping research projects and researchers on their path to various forms of what is often called 'valorisation'. Next, views and experiences from research and industry perspective on the uptake of bioeconomy R&D results towards the market, the policy making, and the society will be provided through a set of case presentations.

<u>Background documents</u>: BGP3.1 Example from ERA-NET Bioenergy - the Chembeet project; BGP3.2 Example form the WoodWisdomNet – the Carewood project.

Presentations:

  a) Innovation in EC programs *(Jana Kolar, EIT)*

  b) EUREKA EuroAgri FoodChain *(Joao Santos Silva, coordinator)*

  c) Nexus of research, policy support and funding in the forestry sector *(Bernhard Wolfslehner, EFI)*

  d) TRLs in ERA-NET on biotechnology *(Petra Schulte, coordinator CoBioTech)*

  e) ProBIO - supporting further R&D towards market uptake *(Ilaria Bonetti, H2020 ProBIO project)*

  ☕ **Coffee & Tea**

Real-life cases and views from research and industry participants on innovation and exploitation of results

  f) Moving RDI forward, a common path for industry and academia *(Andreja Kutnar, University of Primorska, working in projects with companies)*

  g) The Chembeet case. View of a funder and an industry participant *(Kees Kwant, from the Dutch funding partner for projects of ERA-NET Bioenergy & Dejan Samuk, from a company participating in ChemBeet)*

  h) The HCLTP case - experience of the Slovenian wood construction company CBD with participation in projects - the obstacles, opportunities, and possibilities of project result uptake
  (Iztok Sustarsic, SME participant in WoodWisdomNet funded project HCLTP)

  i) Case Food from Mars and moon - the many dimensions of innovation, exploitation and outreach
  (Wieger Wamelink, ecologist at Wageningen University & Research)

12:00 - 13:00   WRAP-UP AND OUTLOOK TO NEXT EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Results from the 'Bring and Take' sessions during day one coffee breaks

Outlook to next PLATFORM meetings and activities

– PLATFORM Database *(Brenda Kuzniar, PLATFORM WP3 Communication, WUR)*
– Policy Briefs *(Kees Kwant, MinEA / Stefan Lampel, JUELICH)*
– Master Class Cofund & Workshop Evaluation and Monitoring *(Ivana Trkulja, ICROFS & Per Mogensen, IFD)*
– Annual Event 2017 *(Annamaria Marzetti, MIPAAF)*

Event wrap-up & Conclusions *(Christine Bunthof, PLATFORM Coordinator, WUR)*

13:00 – 14:00   Lunch   and Goodbyes