



Workshop on ERA and Innovation Union: Performance-based research funding – towards more effective national research and innovation systems in the Danube region

June 23, 2016
Chisinau (Republic of Moldova)

Venue:

Regency Hotel, 17 Sfatul Tarii str. MD 2012 Chisinau, Republic of Moldova

Background

On June 23, 2016 a workshop on ERA and Innovation Union: Performance-based research funding – towards more effective national research and innovation systems in the Danube region will be organized in Chisinau (Republic of Moldova) in the frame of the Danube-INCO.NET project. Invited participants are policy-makers, programme owners, research administrators and managers (i.e. public authorities, agencies, higher education institutions performing R&I, academies, research institutes) who are:

- involved in the design or negotiation of reforms of the national, regional or institutional systems, including possible legislative reforms, both regarding the assessment and improvement of R&I performance, and the design of procedures for allocating R&I funding, such as calls for proposals and international peer-review procedures;
- responsible for implementing such systems or reforms;
- involved in developing or managing the statistical systems on R&I and linking them to the EU R&I monitoring system;
- subject to the assessments of R&I performance or funding procedures at the institutional or project level.

The **specific objectives** of the workshop consist in:

- analysing the state of progress in both EU countries and in non-EU countries regarding the level of competition in research and innovation funding and usage of performance indicators as criteria for R&D funding;
- discussing key issues in the Danube countries in this regard from the national perspectives, focusing on the non-EU Danube region countries;
- transferring good practices from Danube countries with well-functioning R&I systems to those with identified deficiencies in this regard;
- identifying concrete measures to be recommended to policy-makers and funding agencies in the countries with ongoing reformation processes of R&I systems for enhancing progress towards catching-up to international excellence standards.

Agenda

09:00 – 09:30	Registration and coffee/tea
09:30 – 11:00	<p><u>Introductory session</u></p> <p>Welcome remarks and setting the scene <i>Acad. Ion TIGHINEANU, First Vice-President of the Academy of Sciences of Moldova</i> <i>Mr. Matthias Woiwode von GILARDI, DLR Project Management Agency, Germany</i></p> <p>Research Performance Based Funding Systems: a Comparative Assessment <i>Dr. Thomas ZACHAREWICZ, Joint Research Centre, European Commission</i></p> <p>Q&A</p>
11:00 – 11:20	Coffee break
11:20 – 13:00	<p><u>Examples of using performance based funding (PBF) in research & innovation funding</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Universities in Austria <i>Mag. Georg TUMMELTSHAMMER, Federal Ministry of Science, Research and Economy, Austria</i> - An example from institutional funding of non-university research organisations: Germany's Pact for Research and Innovation <i>Dr. Birgit WETTERAUER, Federal Ministry of Education and Research, Germany</i> - Pilot model of performance based funding in Croatian research system: challenges and future steps <i>Ms. Miljenka KUHAR, Ministry of Science, Education and Sports of Croatia</i> - Introducing PRFS in the Czech Republic <i>Prof. Vlastimil RUZICKA, Technology Centre of the Czech Academy of Science</i> - Romanian example of using PBF in research & innovation funding <i>Ms. Cristina ANANIA, National Authority for Scientific Research and Innovation, Romanian Office for Science and Technology to EU</i> - Slovene research and innovation policy and its landscape <i>Mr. Urban KRAJCAR, Ministry of Education, Science and Sports of Slovenia</i> <p>Q&A</p>
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 15:40	<p><u>Discussion session/groups working</u></p> <p><i>Possible questions:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Assessing the quality of research-performing organisations: who, how and based on what?</i> 2. <i>The current challenges of introducing evidence/merit-based funding decisions within the R&I systems of the non-EU countries</i> 3. <i>PBF in case of competitive versus institutional funding</i>

15.40 – 16.00	Coffee break
16.00 – 18.00	<p><u>Current plans of the non-EU countries for introducing PBF</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Performance Based Research in BiH: Catching up while learning <i>Dr. Sinisa MARCIC, Ministry of Science and Technology of the Republic of Srpska, Bosnia and Herzegovina</i> - Perspectives of performance based funding in Moldova <i>Mr. Igor SEROTILA, Academy of Sciences of Moldova</i> - Performance-based funding in Serbia <i>Prof. Viktor NEDOVIC, Ministry of Education, Science and Technological Development, Serbia</i> - Challenges for Building of a PBF System in Ukraine <i>Dr. Iryna YEGORCHENKO, Institute of Mathematics of NAS of Ukraine, Group for Drafting of the Audit Methodology for Institutions of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine</i> <p>Q&A</p> <p><i>Towards Policy Recommendations on more effective R&I systems in the Danube Region - PBF</i> <i>Concluding remarks and the way forward</i></p>
19.00	<p>Networking Dinner <i>Restaurant Jolly Alon (37 M. Cebotari str.)</i></p>



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