



Open Science for higher quality, more efficient and impactful research – Opportunities for Regions and Cities

Thematic seminar of the Knowledge Exchange Platform (KEP 2.0)

Thursday, 15 June 2023 – 9.30–13.00

rue Belliard 99-101, 1040 Brussels, room JDE 51

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Interpretation will be provided in: EN, FR, DE, ES, IT

Open Science allows for better science through open and collaborative ways of producing and sharing knowledge and data, as early as possible in the research process, and for communicating and sharing results. This approach affects research institutions and science practices by bringing about new ways of funding, evaluating and rewarding researchers. Open Science increases the quality and impact of science by fostering reproducibility and interdisciplinarity. It makes science more efficient through better sharing of resources, more reliable through better verification and more responsive to society's needs.

This thematic seminar aims to raise awareness and foster exchange of information and best practice between the European Commission and the EU regions, as well as among the regions themselves. The participants will be updated on the state-of-play of the different aspects of Open Science and its contribution to transparent and more robust research processes and methodologies, thus delivering solutions to major societal challenges.

AGENDA:

Moderated by Magda De Carli, Head of Unit/Deputy Director, European Commission, DG Research and Innovation, Unit European Semester & Country Intelligence

9:30 Introduction and Keynote speech "Open Science – to build the future of Europe"

Tanya Hristova (BG/EPP), Mayor of Gabrovo and Chair of the SEDEC Commission of the European Committee of the Regions

Signe Ratso, Deputy Director-General, DG Research and Innovation

9:50 Session 1: "Open Science – state of play (relevance for regions and cities)"

- **Open Science policy and its implementation**
Dejan Dvorsek, Deputy Head of Unit, DG Research & Innovation
- **Open sharing of knowledge and re-use of research outputs**
Victoria Tsoukala, DG Research & Innovation
- **Open Science for Society: Increasing trust in science**
Gabriella Leo, DG Research & Innovation
 - ***Video: Mutual Learning Exercise on Citizen Science***
- **Open Science: Rewards and incentives**
Silvia Bottaro, DG Research & Innovation
- **Case study 1:** Ricardo Rio (PT/EPP), Mayor of Braga, 2nd Vice-President of the SEDEC Commission
Presenting the experience of Braga in the field of Open Science (video message)
- **Q&A session**

11:10 *Networking coffee*

11:30 Session 2: "Learning from cities' and regions' innovative practices - concrete examples"

- **Case study 2:** Bogdan Chelariu, President of EURADA and Head of Brussels Office
Open Science and the role of RDAs: converging or branched off?
- **Case study 3:** Markku Markkula (FI/EPP), President of the Helsinki Region, Vice-President of the European Committee of the Regions

What does it mean for the others when a city or region is an EU innovation forerunner? The case of the Espoo & Helsinki Region

- **Case study 4:** Emil Boc (RO/EPP), Mayor of Cluj-Napoca Municipality, Chair of the COTER Commission of the European Committee of the Regions
Showcasing the innovative practices of Cluj-Napoca in the field of Open Science
- **Case study 5:** Maria Zolotonosa, Stickydot, coordinator of the Horizon 2020 project MOSAIC
Open science in practice through co-creation - case study from Gothenburg
- **Case study 6:** Sergio Pérez García (ES/EA), Director-General for Foreign Affairs, Government of Navarra, Member of the European Committee of the Regions
Showcasing the innovative practices of Navarra in the field of Open Science
- **Q&A session**

12:50 Concluding remarks

Magda De Carli, Head of Unit/Deputy Director, European Commission, DG Research and Innovation, Unit European Semester & Country Intelligence