Research in Support of Policies

Joint Research Centre Information Day in the Republic of Slovenia

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Hotel Lev
Ljubljana

The European Commission's Joint Research Centre (JRC) and the Slovenian Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Technology are jointly organising a research event with two scientific and technical workshops.

The main objective of the event is to underline the role of research in support to the conception, development, implementation and monitoring of policies at EU, national and regional level in areas such as climate change, energy, food, agriculture, GMO's, etc. All these areas are of vital importance for the quality of life and safety of citizens.

The event will present examples of the customer-driven scientific and technical support that the JRC provides to the European Union policies, as well as examples of the Slovenian research organisations supporting national policies. Recent achievements and progress in collaboration between the JRC and Slovenian partners will be also represented.

The goal will be to encourage dialogue, identify potential partnerships and pave the way for further scientific and technical collaboration. The possibilities for participation of Slovenian scientists in the JRC advanced training courses, joint research projects, as well as future job opportunities will also be presented.

Janez POTOČNIK
European Commissioner
in charge of Science and Research

Mojca KUCLER DOLINAR
Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Technology
Republic of Slovenia

DRAFT PROGRAMME

09.00-09.30   *Registration and welcome coffee*

09.30-10.10   **Opening Session**

Moderator: Peter Volasko, Head of Service for International Co-operation and European Affairs at the Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Technology and Member of the JRC Board of Governors

Janez Potočnik, European Commissioner responsible for Science and Research

Mojca Kucler Dolinar, Minister of Higher Education, Science and Technology

Roland Schenkel, Director General, Joint Research Centre

10.10-11.10 *1st session* – Research in support of EU and national policies and possibilities for collaboration between national and EU research bodies

Franci Demšar, Director, Slovenian Research Agency

Marko Perdih, Acting Director General, Science and Higher Education Directorate, Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Technology

Giancarlo Caratti, Customer and Stakeholder Relations, JRC

11.10-11.40 *Coffee break*

11.40-13.00

Scientific & Technical Support to EU Policies - Workshop 1	*Scientific & Technical Support to EU Policies - Workshop 2*
Research Policy	**Environment and Climate Change**
- "Erawatch, Foresight and Industrial Research", Alex Grablowitz, Institute for Prospective Technological Studies, JRC	- Luc Feyen, Institute for Environment and Sustainability, JRC
- Peter Stanovnik, Institute for Economic Research	- Boštjan Paradiž, Ministry for Environment and Spatial Planning (tbc)
- "Centres of Excellence", Darja Piciga, Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Sports	- "Environmental technologies", Milena Horvat, Institute Jožef Stefan

13.00-14.30 *Buffet lunch*

14.30-16.00

Scientific & Technical Support to EU Policies - Workshop 1 (continued)	*Scientific & Technical Support to EU Policies - Workshop 2* (continued)
Food, GMO's and Agriculture	**Energy**
- "GMO and other European Reference Laboratories in food and agriculture", Elke Anklam, Director, Institute for Health and Consumer Protection, JRC	- "JRC support to the Energy Policy for Europe", Giovanni De Santi, Director, Institute for Energy, JRC
- Tamara Lah, Director, National Institute for Biology	- Franc Žlahtič, Ministry of the Economy (tbc)
- "Metrology in chemistry", Philip Taylor, Institute for Reference Materials and Measurements, JRC	- Slovenian speaker on Renewable energies
- Nineta Majcen, Director, Metrology Institute of the Republic of Slovenia	

16.00– 16.30 **Summary and conclusions**

Simultaneous interpretation English / Slovenian will be provided for the Opening session.

The working language of the Scientific & Technical Workshops is English.