



## **AGENDA**

## JRC REGIO support to the 14 ERDF-funded Centres of Excellence and Centres of Competence in Bulgaria

## Joint Presentation and discussion of the tailored recommendation for their future development and sustainability

## 14 January 2021 at 11 h Sofia time

Time	
11:00-11:40	Opening Remarks: moderated by Vittoria Alliata di Villafranca, Director, Directorate E, DG REGIO
	Elisa Ferreira, Commissioner for Cohesion and Reforms, European Commission
	Mariya Gabriel, Commissioner for Innovation, Research, Culture, Education and Youth,
	European Commission
	• Tomislav Donchev, Deputy Prime Minister, Bulgaria
11:40- 11:50	Presentation of the results of the study: moderated by Aurélio Cecilio, Head of Unit, DG REGIO and Giancarlo Caratti, Head of Unit, JRC
11:50 – 13:00	Strategic Evaluation of the Bulgarian Centres of Competence and Centres of Excellence and Recommendations for their future development and sustainability: Presentation of the findings (an in-depth overview)
	■ Elena Andonova, JRC
	Stoyan Kaymaktchiyski, JRC
	Carlo Rizzuto, Chair of the General Assembly, CERIC-ERIC
	<ul> <li>Paris Kokorotsikos, Chief Executive, Euroconsultants</li> </ul>
13:00-13:10	Presentation on the future development of the Centers and Response by the Managing Authority "Operational Programme Science and Education for Smart Growth"
	<ul> <li>Kiril Geratliev, Executive Director, Managing Authority of OP SESG</li> </ul>
13:10-13:40	Questions and Answers with stakeholders from the Bulgarian R&D&I ecosystem
	Moderator: Kiril Geratliev, Executive Director, Managing Authority of OP SESG
13:40-13:55	Presentation of the new State Agency for R&I – Structure, functions and role in the governance of the BG R&I landscape
	Martin Danovsky, Head of the Agency
13:55-14:25	Presentations and panel discussion on best practices, international experience and lessons learnt
	<ul> <li>Lluís Rovira, Director, CERCA Institute, Government of Catalonia, Spain</li> <li>Jakub Kaczmarski, Leader of Research Groups in Łukasiewicz Centre, Poland</li> </ul>
14:25 – 14:45	Questions and Answers with stakeholders from the Bulgarian R&D&I ecosystem  Moderator: Viviana Jimenez, expert coordinator
14:45 - 15:00	Concluding remarks
	<ul> <li>Karina Angelieva, Deputy Minister of Education and Science</li> </ul>