



# Science & Policy

## What's on the EU's agenda?

**April 2018**



## SCIENCE & POLICY: WHAT'S ON THE EU'S AGENDA?

11 April 2018

### **The DG JRC's monthly briefing to the scientific community, N° 68**

#### Table of Contents

1. Activities of the European Institutions	3
1.1 European Commission	3
1.2 Council	3
1.3 European Parliament	4
1.4 Committee of the Regions (CoR)	8
1.5 European Economic and Social Committee (EESC)	10
2. Conferences & Meetings	11
2.1 DG JRC Conferences and Events	11
2.2 Further European Conferences and Meetings	12
2.3 International Conferences and events	15
3. DG JRC News	17
February Highlights	17

#### Correspondence:

Strategy and Work Programme Coordination  
Interinstitutional, International Relations & Outreach– DG JRC

European Commission, B-1049 Brussels, Belgium  
Telephone: (32-2) 299 11 11  
Office: CDMA 05/155  
[JRC-STAKEHOLDERS@ec.europa.eu](mailto:JRC-STAKEHOLDERS@ec.europa.eu)

Prepared by Elisebha Fabienne Platzer

# 1. Activities of the European Institutions

## 1.1 European Commission

Date	Event	Subject
11 April	<a href="#">College Meeting</a>	<i>Among others: Commission decision granting an authorization and a delegation concerning decisions or regulations on the registration of names as protected designations of origin, protected geographical indications, guaranteed traditional specialties and geographical indications and on the approval of amendments to the product specification under Regulations (EU) 1151/2012, (EU) 1308/2013, (EC) 110/2008 and (EU) 251/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council; Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council and the European Economic and Social Committee: A new deal for consumers; Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on collective redress in the field of the protection of the collective interests of consumers and repealing Directive 2009/22 / EC; Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the transparency and sustainability of the EU Risk Assessment Model in the Food Chain.</i>

[All meetings of the College of Commissioners](#)

## 1.2 Council

Date	Event	Location
10-11 April	<a href="#">Informal Meeting of Environment Ministers</a>	Sofia
12 April	<a href="#">General Affairs Council on cohesion</a>	Brussels
16 April	<a href="#">Agriculture and Fisheries Council</a>	Luxembourg
16 April	<a href="#">Foreign Affairs Council</a>	Luxembourg
17 April	<a href="#">General Affairs Council</a>	Luxembourg
17-18 April	<a href="#">Informal Meeting of Employment, Social Policy and Health Ministers on social policy</a>	Brussels

19 April	<a href="#">Informal Meeting of Energy Ministers</a>	Sofia
22-23 April	<a href="#">Informal Meeting of Employment, Social Policy and Health Ministers on health</a>	Sofia
27-28 April	<a href="#">Informal Meeting of Economic and Financial Affairs Ministers</a>	Sofia
<a href="#">All meetings of the Council</a>		

## 1.3 European Parliament

### Plenary Sessions

Date	Event	Subjects	Location
16-19 April	<a href="#">Plenary</a>	<p><i>Among others: Greenhouse gas emissions: inclusion of greenhouse gas emissions and removals from land use, land use change and forestry into the 2030 climate and energy framework; binding annual greenhouse gas emission reductions to meet commitments under the Paris Agreement; circular economy and environmental reporting: packaging and packaging waste; end-of-life vehicles, waste batteries and accumulators and waste electrical and electronic equipment; waste; landfill of waste; procedural rules in the field of environmental reporting; Gender equality in the media sector: gender equality in the media sector in the EU; empowering women and girls through the digital sector; implementation of the 7th Environment Action Programme; media pluralism and media freedom in the European Union; a European strategy for the promotion of protein crops; enhancing developing countries' debt sustainability; strengthening economic, social and territorial cohesion in the EU; debate with the President of the French Republic, Emmanuel Macron, on the Future of Europe; progress on UN Global compacts on safe, orderly and regular migration and on refugees Statement by the Vice-President of the Commission/High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy Federica Mogherini; peace prospects for the Korean peninsula in the light of recent developments Statement by the Vice-President of the</i></p>	Strasbourg

		<p>Commission/High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy Federica Mogherini; implementation of the EU external financing instruments: mid-term review 2017 and the future post-2020 architecture; implementation of the Development Cooperation Instrument, the Humanitarian Aid Instrument and the European Development Fund; Approval and market surveillance of motor vehicles and their trailers, and of systems, components and separate technical units intended for such vehicles; organic production and labelling of organic products; annual reports 2015-2016 on subsidiarity and proportionality; Discharge 2016 (53 reports); prevention of the use of the financial system for the purposes of money laundering or terrorist financing; implementation of the Treaty provisions concerning national Parliaments; annual report on Competition Policy; annual report on the control of the financial activities of the European Investment Bank for 2016; implementation of the European Protection Order Directive; debates on cases of breaches of human rights, democracy and the rule of law;</p>	
Committee Meetings			
12 April	<a href="#">Committee on Foreign Affairs</a>	<p>Among others: Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA): EU policy options in case of U.S. decertification; comprehensive and Enhanced Partnership Agreement between the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community and their Member States, on the one part, and the Republic of Armenia, on the other part; accompanying resolution to the consent on the Comprehensive and Enhanced Partnership Agreement between the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community and their Member States, on the one part, and the Republic of Armenia, on the other part; recommendation to the Council on the 73rd Session of the United Nations General Assembly; debriefing on the negotiations on the Association Agreements with Andorra, Monaco and San Marino by Thomas Mayr-Harting, Managing Director for Europe and Central Asia, EEAS;</p>	Brussels



12 April	<a href="#"><u>Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety</u></a>	<i>Among others: Report back on ongoing interinstitutional negotiations; dual quality of products in the Single Market; exchange of views with the Commission on possible further restrictions on the use of neonicotinoids; exchange of views with the Commission on General Report on the operation of REACH and review of certain elements- Conclusions and Actions;</i>	Brussels
12 April	<a href="#"><u>Committee on Transport and Tourism</u></a>	<i>Among others: Common rules for the operation of air services in the Community; deployment of infrastructure for alternative fuels in the European Union: Time to act! Gear 2030- presentation by the Commission;</i>	Brussels
12 April	<a href="#"><u>Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development</u></a>	<i>Among others: Presentation by Commissioner Phil Hogan, responsible for agriculture and rural development, of the Proposal for a Directive on unfair trading practices in business-to-business relationships in the food supply chain;</i>	Brussels
12 April	<a href="#"><u>Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs</u></a>	<i>Among others: The 2017 EU Justice Scoreboard; common procedure for international protection in the Union; adequacy of the protection afforded by the EU-U.S. Privacy Shield; mutual recognition of freezing and confiscation orders;</i>	Brussels
12 April	<a href="#"><u>Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality</u></a>	<i>Among others: Towards an EU external strategy against early and forced marriages- next steps; monitoring the application of EU law 2016; violation of the rights of indigenous peoples in the world, including land grabbing; Gender Mainstreaming Network;</i>	Brussels
12 April	<a href="#"><u>Special Committee on the Union's authorisation procedure for pesticides</u></a>	<i>Among others: Overview of the EU authorisation procedure for plant protection products: exchange of views with the Commission, exchange of views with EFSA;</i>	Brussels
16 April	<a href="#"><u>Special Committee on the Union's authorisation procedure for pesticides</u></a>	<i>Please consult the website</i>	Strasbourg
16 April	<a href="#"><u>Committee on Budgetary Control</u></a>	<i>Among others: Integrity policy of the Commission, in particular the appointment of the Secretary-General of the European Commission; hearing of the candidates for the post of Director of the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF);</i>	Strasbourg

16 April	<a href="#"><u>Special Committee on financial crimes, tax evasion and tax avoidance</u></a>	<i>Among others: Exchange of views with Věra Jourová, Member of the European Commission responsible for Justice, Consumers and Gender Equality</i>	Strasbourg
16 April	<a href="#"><u>Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs</u></a>	<i>Please consult the website</i>	Strasbourg
16 April	<a href="#"><u>Special Committee on the Union's authorisation procedure for pesticides</u></a>	<i>Please consult the website</i>	Strasbourg
16 April	<a href="#"><u>Committee on Budgets</u></a>	<i>Among others: Mobilisation of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund following an application from Belgium; estimates of revenue and expenditure for the financial year 2019– Section I– European Parliament; 2018 Budget: Section III and other sections; building policy</i>	Strasbourg
16 April	<a href="#"><u>Committee on Constitutional Affairs</u></a>	<i>Among others: Period for the ninth election of representatives to the European Parliament by direct universal suffrage; dialogue with the Venice Commission– Council of Europe;</i>	Strasbourg
17 April	<a href="#"><u>Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection</u></a>	<i>Please consult the website</i>	Strasbourg
18 April	<a href="#"><u>Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs</u></a>	<i>Please consult the website</i>	Strasbourg
19 April	<a href="#"><u>Committee on Budgetary Control</u></a>	<i>Please consult the website</i>	Strasbourg
23-24 April	<a href="#"><u>Special Committee on Terrorism</u></a>	<i>Please consult the website</i>	Brussels
23-24 April	<a href="#"><u>Committee on Development</u></a>	<i>Please consult the website</i>	Brussels
23-24 April	<a href="#"><u>Committee on International Trade</u></a>	<i>Please consult the website</i>	Brussels
23-24 April	<a href="#"><u>Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs</u></a>	<i>Please consult the website</i>	Brussels

23-24 April	<a href="#">Committee on Industry, Research and Energy</a>	<i>Please consult the website</i>	Brussels
23-24 April	<a href="#">Committee on Legal Affairs</a>	<i>Please consult the website</i>	Brussels
23-24 April	<a href="#">Committee on Petitions</a>	<i>Please consult the website</i>	Brussels
24 April	<a href="#">Committee on Fisheries</a>	<i>Among others: Management, conservation and control measures applicable in the Convention Area of the South Pacific Regional Fisheries; Management Organisation (SPRFMO); state of play of recreational fisheries in the European Union; optimisation of the value chain in the EU fishing sector;</i>	Brussels
25-26 April	<a href="#">Subcommittee on Human Rights</a>	<i>Please consult the website</i>	Brussels
25-26 April	<a href="#">Subcommittee on Security and Defence</a>	<i>Please consult the website</i>	Brussels
25-26 April	<a href="#">Committee on Employment and Social Affairs</a>	<i>Please consult the website</i>	Brussels
25-26 April	<a href="#">Committee on Culture and Education</a>	<i>Please consult the website</i>	Brussels
25-26 April	<a href="#">Committee on Regional Development</a>	<i>Please consult the website</i>	Brussels
<a href="#">All European Parliament Committee Meetings</a>			

1.4 Committee of the Regions (CoR)		
Date	Event	Location
10 April	<a href="#">The future of the EU and the role of the regions/ BREXIT: a regional perspective</a>	Brussels



11 April	<a href="#"><u>DIVERSIFOOD- Stakeholders event</u></a>	Brussels
11 April	<a href="#"><u>Debate- Does a federal Europe really mean a centralised superstate?</u></a>	Brussels
11 April	<a href="#"><u>18th Commission for Citizenship, Governance, Institutional and External Affairs (CIVEX) commission meeting</u></a>	Brussels
12 April	<a href="#"><u>18th Commission for the Environment, Climate Change and Energy (ENVE) Commission meeting</u></a>	Brussels
12 April	<a href="#"><u>Innovative Regions and the EU</u></a>	Brussels
12 April	<a href="#"><u>ENVE Commission Study Visit Front-runner in a green movement. Study visit to Nijmegen, European Green Capital 2018</u></a>	Nijmegen, The Netherlands
13 April	<a href="#"><u>COTER external Seminar: The challenges and opportunities for economic, social and territorial development in the outermost regions</u></a>	Santa Cruz de Tenerife, Spain
16 April	<a href="#"><u>Commission for Natural Resources (NAT) external seminar: Encouraging urban-rural cooperation in inventing new sustainable food systems</u></a>	Nantes, France
18 April	<a href="#"><u>The Challenges and Solutions for Middle-Income Regions within the EU Cohesion Policy beyond 2020</u></a>	Brussels
23 April	<a href="#"><u>18th Commission for Social Policy, Education, Employment, Research and Cul (SEDEC) commission meeting</u></a>	Brussels
24 April	<a href="#"><u>The use of digital tools to foster youth engagement in policy-making</u></a>	Brussels
24 April	<a href="#"><u>18th Commission for Economic Policy (ECON) Commission Meeting</u></a>	Brussels
24 April	<a href="#"><u>Open Day 2018- Second organisational meeting</u></a>	Brussels
25 April	<a href="#"><u>Brussels Model European Union (MEU) 2018</u></a>	Brussels
26 April	<a href="#"><u>Voices from the regions: Rethinking the communication of Cohesion Policy</u></a>	Brussels
27 April	<a href="#"><u>Lunchtime briefing on "URBIS-Investment Support for Cities"</u></a>	Brussels
27 April	<a href="#"><u>EuroPCom series -Workshop: Facing up to fake news</u></a>	Brussels

27 April	<a href="#">18th Commission for Territorial Cohesion Policy and EU Budget (COTER) Commission meeting</a>	Brussels
2 May	<a href="#">ECON external Seminar: Shaping change- towards a holistic industrial strategy</a>	Brussels

[Further Events of the Committee of the Regions](#)

## 1.5 European Economic and Social Committee (EESC)

Date	Event	Location
10 April	<a href="#">European Citizens' Initiative (ECI) DAY 2018: Working Together</a>	Brussels
10 April	<a href="#">EU Strategy for Plastics in a Circular Economy</a>	Brussels
11 April	<a href="#">6th meeting of the EU-Korea Civil Society Forum under the EU-Korea Free Trade Agreement</a>	Seoul, South Korea
11 April	<a href="#">Addressing anti-gypsyism in ethnic profiling practices</a>	Brussels
12 April	<a href="#">Integration of long-term unemployed into the labour market: 2 years after the Council Recommendation</a>	Brussels
12 April	<a href="#">6th meeting of the EU - Serbia Joint Consultative Committee</a>	Brussels
13 April	<a href="#">Hearing on Improving the effectiveness of EU policies for SMEs</a>	Brussels
18-19 April	<a href="#">534th Plenary session</a>	Brussels
23 April	<a href="#">European Dialogue on Non-State Climate Action</a>	Brussels

[Further events of the European Economic and Social Committee](#)

## 1.6 International Relations

Date	Event	Venue/Location
24-25 April	<a href="#">Supporting the future of Syria and the region</a>	Brussels
26 April	<a href="#">Indo-European conference on standards and emerging technology</a>	European Standards Organisations (CEN, CENELEC, ETSI), EC, European Free Trade Association (EFTA)

# 2. Conferences & Meetings

## 2.1 DG JRC Conferences and Events

Date	Event	Organiser	Location
4-5 April	Artificial Intelligence for Chemical Risk Assessment (AI4CRA)	JRC, Aalto University	Helsinki, Finland
9-10 April	<a href="#">Skills for Policymakers for Evidence-Informed Policy Making (EIPM)</a>	JRC, OECD	Paris, France
12 April	<a href="#">Peer eXchange and Learning (PXL) workshop on Multi-level Governance for RIS3</a>	JRC	Bilbao, Spain
17 April	<a href="#">Evidence for policy: securing tomorrow's energy</a>	Estonian National Parliament Foresight Centre, Estonian Academy of Sciences, JRC	Talinn, Estonia

18-20 April	<a href="#">10-years anniversary of the EU Clearinghouse</a>	JRC, EC	Amsterdam, The Netherlands
24 April	<a href="#">Biodiver-City: Enhancing urban biodiversity and ecosystem services to make cities more resilient</a>	Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, Enroute Project, JRC	Sofia, Bulgaria
26-27 April	<a href="#">Disaster risk management- 3rd annual scientific seminar</a>	JRC	Sofia, Bulgaria
3-4 May	<a href="#">Smart Specialisation and Technology Transfer as Innovation Drivers for Regional Growth</a>	Bulgarian Presidency of the Council of the EU, EC, JRC	Sofia, Bulgaria
3-18 May	<a href="#">Putting science at the heart of European policymaking- JRC science exhibition</a>	JRC	Sofia, Bulgaria
4 May	Meeting on the use of certified reference materials for Abeta42	JRC	Geel, Belgium
28-30 May	<a href="#">Workshop on checks and management of agricultural land in IACS</a>	JRC	Vilnius, Lithuania
4-5 June	<a href="#">FTA2018- Future in the making</a>	JRC	Brussels
<a href="#">Further upcoming DG JRC Events</a>			
<a href="#">Further upcoming events in the EU Newsroom Calendar</a>			

## 2.2 Further European Conferences and Meetings

3 April	<a href="#">Citizen's dialogue with Commissioner Věra Jourová</a>	EC	Brno, Czech Republic
3 April	<a href="#">Citizen's dialogue with Commissioner Carlos Moedas</a>	EC	Évora, Portugal

4-5 April	<a href="#">Application of information and communication technologies and advanced manufacturing solutions in the food supply chain.</a>	EC, DG REGIO	Budapest, Hungary
9 April	<a href="#">2018 Connecting Europe Facility energy virtual info day</a>	EC	Online
10 April	<a href="#">Digital Day 2018</a>	EC under the auspices of the Bulgarian Presidency of the Council of the European Union.	Brussels
10-11 April	<a href="#">Workshop on European Union System for the Evaluation of Substances (EUSES) update needs</a>	European Chemicals Agency (ECHA)	Helsinki, Finland
10-11 April	<a href="#">The role of low carbon fuels in decarbonising transport: the emerging consensus from international initiatives</a>	DG ENER, International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA), Biofuture Platform, ARTFuels	Brussels
11-27 April	<a href="#">European Military Transport Aviation Flight Exercise (ETAP-C)</a>	Bulgarian Presidency of the Council of the EU	Sofia, Bulgaria
12 April	<a href="#">1st Airworthiness standardisation workshop</a>	European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA)	Cologne, Germany
12 April	<a href="#">SHEleader@digital 2018: Bringing the feminine touch to the world of technology and innovation</a>	EC, Bulgarian Presidency of the Council of the EU	Sofia, Bulgaria
16-19 April	<a href="#">Transport Research Arena (TRA) 2018</a>	Austrian Ministry for Transport, Innovation and Technology (BMVIT), Austrian Institute of Technology (AIT), Austriatech, DG JRC, DG RTD, DG MOVE	Vienna, Austria
18 April	<a href="#">Clean energy for all Europeans: Regulation vs reality?</a>	Bulgarian Presidency of the Council of the EU, Politico	Brussels
18-19 April	<a href="#">Demographic Scenarios for the EU and the role of migration</a>	The Centre of Expertise on Population and Migration (CEPAM)	Brussels

19 April	<a href="#">Clean Energy- the way ahead</a>	Bulgarian Presidency of the Council of the EU	Sofia, Bulgaria
19 April	<a href="#">European Medicine Agency veterinary medicines innovation day</a>	European Medicines Agency (EMA)	London, United Kingdom
19-20 April	<a href="#">High Level Forum: Together for Strong Digital Agriculture</a>	Bulgarian Presidency of the Council of the EU	Sofia, Bulgaria
19-20 April	<a href="#">Education to Do: From Digital Consumers to Digital Creators</a>	EC, Bulgarian Presidency of the Council of the EU, Bulgarian Ministry of Education and Science	Sofia, Bulgaria
23 April	<a href="#">Stakeholder workshop: Evaluation of the Intelligent Transport Systems Directive</a>	DG GROW	Brussels
23 April	<a href="#">Workshop on Copernicus uptake by public authorities</a>	DG GROW	Brussels
24 April	<a href="#">Launch of the Healthy Workplaces campaign 2018-2019</a>	European Agency for Safety and Health at Work (EU-OSHA)	Brussels
24-25 April	<a href="#">European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) scientific colloquium: OMICS in risk assessment: state-of-the-art and next steps</a>	EFSA	Berlin, Germany
25-27 April	<a href="#">TEN-T Days 2018</a>	EC	Ljubljana, Slovenia
26 April	<a href="#">Launch of the EASAC (European Academies Science Advisory Council)-IAP (InterAcademy Partnership)report: Opportunities and Challenges for Research on Food and Nutrition Security and Agriculture in Europe</a>	EASAC	Brussels
26-27 April	<a href="#">The role of survey data for evidence-based policymaking on working time in the EU: experiences and ways forward</a>	European Agency for the improvement of living and working conditions (Eurofound), German Federal Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (BAuA)	Brussels



27 April	<a href="#">Annual Convention for Inclusive Growth 2018</a>	EC, Annual Convention for Inclusive Growth (ACIG)	Brussels
27 April	<a href="#">Workshop: Disruptive aircraft configurations (towards FlightPath 2050 environmental goals) at Innovation and Leadership in Airspace (ILA) Air Show</a>	EC, Innovation and Networks Executive Agency (INEA)	Berlin, Germany
29 April-4 May	<a href="#">32nd International Congress on Occupational Health: Roadmap on carcinogens - EU and national initiatives</a>	EC, European Agency for Safety and Health at Work (EU-OSHA)	Dublin, Ireland
<a href="#">EIT 2018 Call for Proposals for new EIT Knowledge and Innovation Communities (KICs) in Urban Mobility and Added Value Manufacturing</a>		EIT	Brussels

## 2.3 International Conferences and events

Date	Event	Organiser	Location
8-13 April	<a href="#">European Geosciences Union (EGU) General Assembly</a>	EGU	Vienna, Austria
8-13 April	<a href="#">Applied in vitro toxicology course</a>	European Society of Toxicology In Vitro (ESTIV), Dutch Society of Toxicology	Utrecht, The Netherlands
9-11 April	<a href="#">Next Generation Sequencing (NGS) Conference 2018</a>	Centre for Genomic Regulation (CGR), International Society for Computational Biology (iSCB)	Barcelona, Spain
10-13 April	<a href="#">Analytica 2018- 26<sup>th</sup> International Trade Fair for Laboratory Technology, Analysis, Biotechnology, and Analytica conference</a>	Analytica	Munich, Germany
11-13 April	<a href="#">Europa Forum Lech: EU@27- Focus on added value</a>	Europa Forum Lech	Lech am Arlberg, Austria
19-20 April	<a href="#">European Plastics Converters (EuPC) Food Contact Plastics Seminar- Ensuring safety of products: focus on retailers and consumers</a>	EUPC	Brussels
22-23 April	<a href="#">Lung Cancer 6 Early Diagnosis: The evidence exists for</a>	Bulgarian Alliance for Precision and	Sofia, Bulgaria

	<a href="#">screening</a>	Personalized Medicine (BAPPM), European Alliance for Personalised Medicine	
23-27 April	<a href="#">International Dairy Federation analytical week 2018</a>	International Dairy Federation (IDF), International Organisation for Standardisation (ISO)	Dublin, Ireland
25 April	<a href="#">Colorectal Cancer Europe Roundtable</a>	International Centre for Parliamentary Studies	Brussels
25-27 April	<a href="#">European Symposium of the International Association for Food Protection (IAFP) on Food Safety</a>	IAFP	Stockholm, Sweden
18-20 June	<a href="#">4th World Congress of Latvian Scientists</a>	Ministry of Education and Science of Latvia	Riga, Latvia
18-22 June	<a href="#">5th International Adaptations Futures Conference (AF2018): Dialogues for Solutions</a>	Global Programme of Research on Climate Change Vulnerability, Impacts, and Adaptation (PROVIA)	Cape Town, South Africa
9-13 July	<a href="#">LERU Summer School 2018: The Global Society- The Importance of Interdisciplinary Collaboration to Tackle Societal Challenges</a>	University of Leuven	Leuven, Belgium
15-31 August	<a href="#">European Forum Alpbach</a>	European Forum Alpbach	Alpbach, Austria
21-22 September	<a href="#">INGSA International Conference</a>	Japan Science and Technology Agency (JST), National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS)	Tokyo, Japan
25-28 September	<a href="#">World Social Science Forum (WSSF)</a>	WSSF	Fukuoka, Japan
5-9 November	<a href="#">2018 Symposium on International Safeguards</a>	IAEA	Vienna, Austria

### 3. DG JRC News

<b>2016</b>	<a href="#"><u>DG JRC Annual Report</u></a>
<b>March</b>	<a href="#"><u>DG JRC Newsletter March 2018</u></a>
<b>Open</b>	<a href="#"><u>Open access to JRC Research Infrastructures- Call: Non-nuclear infrastructure (closing date 13 April 2018)</u></a>
<b>Open</b>	<a href="#"><u>The EU is recruiting researchers- Call for expressions of interest</u></a>
<b>Open</b>	<a href="#"><u>JRC Alumni Network: Membership registration for JRC Alumni</u></a>

#### March Highlights

5-6 March	<a href="#"><u>Kickoff workshop: HUMAN behaviour and MACHINE INTELLIGENCE (HUMAINIT)</u></a>
<p>The workshop brought together high-level group of experts from across all sectors, to hear from the latest thinking, research, and industrial developments. The workshop served to gather interdisciplinary expert knowledge, to focus on the programme for the coming three years, and to establish a global expert community that can contribute to, and be involved in, the programme of activities. Focal topics were:</p>	

- Human vs machine intelligence: which are the fundamental differences between human and machine intelligence? How do algorithms complement or replace human tasks now and in the future?
- Algorithms' impact on human behaviour: how do algorithms, when exploited in different applications, affect human cognitive capabilities? Do algorithms have the potential to change the way humans make decisions? Which are the suitable strategies for effective human-algorithm interaction?
- Evaluation and regulation of algorithms: how to evaluate algorithms in a research vs industrial context? Which are policy needs for the usage of algorithms in real applications? Which is the research needed to support these policy needs?
- Case studies: Presentation of examples where there is an interaction between human and machine intelligence.

7 March

### **Synergies between Joint Undertakings and ESIF for research and innovation strategies (RIS3)**

DG JRC organised a workshop with the European Committee of Regions, three Joint Undertakings (JUs)-Cleansky JU, Fuel Cells and Hydrogen (FCH) JU and Bio-based Industries (BBI) JU- and with a number of regional and national ESIF managing authorities to promote collaboration in support of RIS3 implementation. Objectives of the event were: to bring together JUs with relevant regional stakeholders from the EU28; presentation of the methodology and implementation of the regions' engagement by three JUs with a focus on creating synergies between funds, stakeholder engagement, etc.; presentation of good practices and specific challenges by regions from EU15 and EU13 (with a special emphasis on barriers, obstacles, opportunities, areas for improvement etc.), identifying common bottlenecks for such collaborations; peer-learning (between regions, between JUs), identifying good practices for establishing and implementing such collaborations; matchmaking- round tables/ networking.

8 March

### **Peer eXchange and Learning (PXL) workshop on the entrepreneurial discovery process (EDP)**

The JRC-managed Smart Specialisation Platform organised a Peer eXchange and Learning (PXL) workshop on Entrepreneurial Discovery Process (EDP) aimed at regional and national authorities. The PXL exercise focused on the operationalisation of the EDP process during the implementation of research and innovation strategies for smart specialisation (RIS3). Through experience exchanges, comments and suggestions from participants (JRC staff, peers and experts), regional and national authorities were able to identify possible solutions to their challenges. The workshop also intended to provide all participants an opportunity for raising issues, providing feedback, networking and learning from others. The workshop was based on the PXL methodology developed by the S3 Platform over the past years.

8-9 March

### **Workshop: Safer Li-Ion Batteries by Preventing Thermal Propagation?**

This two day workshop discussed the current state-of-the-art of thermal propagation testing. Leading experts also brain-stormed on the potential impact of preventing thermal propagation on the safety testing landscape. Workshop topics were: thermal runaway-mechanisms and influencing factors; thermal propagation; thermal runaway initiation methods, fit-for-purpose testing related to external and internal abuse triggers; safety strategies-methods for detecting, mitigating and preventing thermal propagation- anti-cascading strategies; cost and performance penalty of mitigating thermal propagation; impact of avoiding thermal runaway propagation on the current safety testing landscape. At the end of the workshop rapporteurs presented a summary of each session. Key messages and conclusions were collected and published in a final report.

20 March

**Opportunities and Synergies between RIS3 and EIT-RIS**

This workshop gathered key stakeholders from European Member States and regions to explore opportunities and synergies between Research and Innovation Strategies for Smart Specialisation (RIS3) and EIT Climate KIC under the Regional Innovation Scheme (EIT-RIS). Objectives of the event were:

- Elaborating the roles and possible contributions of Climate-KIC and JRC to regional innovation ecosystems with emphasis on capacity building and establishment of better governance structures.
- Exploring collaboration opportunities between Managing Authorities of ESIF and Climate KIC stakeholders.
- Raising awareness of the actions of DG JRC, DG REGIO and Climate-KIC facilitating synergies between different funding programmes.
- Sharing experiences in developing effective collaboration tools, accessing finance and being integrated to local and global value chains.
- Exploring opportunities for the transnational collaboration where also quadruple helix and national authorities in charge of ESIF can be involved.

22-23 March

**2018 Workshop: The Impacts and Methodology of Indicators and Scoreboards**

The purpose of this two-day workshop was to bring together policy analysts and researchers from the European Commission and the academia, to foster a practical exchange of ideas and experiences related to the impacts, uses and abuses of indicators, and to explore the implications for the design of scoreboards and indicator frameworks.

**All DG JRC news**

