



Subject: Invitation first policy dialogue Mirris

Dear Sir, Dear Madam,

We would like to invite you to participate in the Policy dialogue located at the premises of the Representation of the European Commission in Slovakia on 27th May.

This event is organized in the frame of the initiative **MIRRIS** a 7th Framework Project under Coordination and support action coordinated by META Group, in cooperation with the Representation of the European Commission in Slovakia. The aim of the project is to encourage a better exploitation of European research and innovation programmes and participation in the European Research Area of the 13 target countries. Through a process of policy dialogue it will try to understand how innovation system can be enhanced in order to increase the participation of Slovakian stakeholders in Horizon 2020.

To serve this purpose a network of key players within R&D&I systems will have the chance to discuss and draft an action plan.

Mirris will organize three sessions of policy dialogue in Slovakia to discuss about the participation in Research programmes. The input of the discussion will be the country profile, a document analysing the participation of Slovakia in the FPs Participation in Research and innovation:

- Estimation of optimal vs actual participation taking into analysis population, R&D staff, international publications and Success rate
- Barriers, Enablers and science and technology context
- Ratio ERDF/FP7, supportive institutions, ability to network, demographics
- R&D national expenditure, patenting employment in science and technology, innovation among enterprises

Topics addressed for the first policy dialogue will be:

- Structural factors affecting participation: R&D&I, funding regimes, policy mix, National ERA governance, HR, synergies with Structural funds and other issues;
- Performances of specific target group: i.e. the top three thematic area, SMEs participation;
- Further important factors that may affect the participation

Possible questions regarding:

Reputation of R&D&I eco-system, openness for involvement in networks, talent to transform an idea into a proposal, cost of wages,



number of stakeholders targeted by the FP7 programme, availability
national budget, quality of research, participation in joint initiatives.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Yours Sincerely,

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