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Manifestation of interest for the reimbursement of travel and accommodation costs for the participation to the conference

"Supporting smart specialisation strategies and technology transfer in South-East Europe"

Tuesday 18 June 2019

Politehnica University of Bucharest, Romania

Presentation of the conference

Under the Romanian Presidency of the Council of the EU, the European Commission's Joint Research Centre, the Romanian Ministry of Research and Innovation and the Executive Agency for Higher Education, Research, Development and Innovation Funding are organising an high-level conference on smart specialisation and technology transfer, taking place at the Politehnica University of Bucharest on 18th June.

The event would set a scene for stock-taking/lessons learnt from the smart specialisation processes in South-East Europe, also with special focus on the Western Balkans economies. It will open a dialogue on possibilities and issues for regional and transnational cooperation for smart specialisation and technology transfer. The conference is also linked to the "Innovative Enterprise Week" which will bring together innovation activities from different EU R&I funding programmes and agencies and in light of the future European Union's R&I programme Horizon Europe (2021-2027).

The event will have a mixed format with presentations of analytical studies and tools to support policy creation, as well as roundtable contributions by local and Europe-wide practitioners to continue the exchange of best practices and knowhow and strengthen connectivity among the practitioners. In particular, the conference in Bucharest would set a scene for stock-taking/lessons learnt from the smart specialisation processes in South-East Europe, with special focus on the Western Balkans economies. It will also open a dialogue on possibilities and issues for regional and transnational cooperation for smart specialisation and technology transfer.

The conference will target and bring together: innovation practitioners, policy makers, financial institutions, decision-makers from public and private organisations, chambers of commerce, innovation agencies, SMEs, representatives of academia, other innovation actors.

Reimbursement scheme and eligible applicants

In the framework of the objectives and activities of the Enlargement and Integration Action, the Interinstitutional, International Relations & Outreach Unit A.3 of the JRC, will reimburse the travel and accommodation costs of **national journalists from Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo*, Montenegro, Serbia and Republic of North Macedonia** to support their participation to the conference.

The reimbursement will cover **travel and accommodation costs necessary for the participation to 18th June event only**.

Justifying documents proving the travel and accommodation costs will be submitted to the JRC by the selected journalists after the event.

Further information on the specific procedures for the request for reimbursement will be indicated to the selected journalists.

Application and selection procedures

The interested journalists are requested to send their manifestation of interest, consisting in the following documents:

- ✓ **short CV** (no more than 2 pages)
- ✓ **signed motivation letter**

to the following JRC functional mail box: JRC-ENLARGEMENT@ec.europa.eu **within Friday 7 June, 17.00 CET.**

The journalists will be selected based on the complete submitted manifestation of interests within the indicated deadline. The need to ensure geographical balance will be equally considered.

Please note that JRC may give priority to the nationals whose actual residence is in the countries listed in the previous section. However, given budget restrictions, this will be granted on a case by case basis.

The selected journalists will be informed accordingly.

Important notes

Interested journalists **must register for the event** in order to be eligible for travel and accommodation reimbursement scheme.

The registration must be finalised by using the following link: <https://ec.europa.eu/jrc/en/event/conference/supporting-smart-specialisation-strategies-and-technology-transfer-south-east-europe>

Please note that the registration is open until 7 June.

Journalists will also have to **register on the Romanian Presidency accreditation website** in a later stage. Further information will be indicated to the selected journalists.

Regarding the processing of your personal data in line with this event, we inform you that when confirming your attendance, we consider you agree to the privacy statement published on this website link: <http://ec.europa.eu/dpo-register/download?metaId=1419871>