**EU-Montenegro HORIZON EUROPE Joint Research and Innovation Committee**

**Third meeting**

**13 June 2024, (9:00-17:30)
hosted by the Ministry of Education, Science and Innovation**

**Venue: Premises of the Ministry of Education, Science and Innovation – Conference hall**

**Address: Rimski trg bb, 81 000 Podgorica**

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**Draft AGENDA**

**9:00 Opening Remarks**

Opening, Introduction of participants
Mrs Marijeta Barjaktarović Lanzardi, State Secretary in the Ministry of Education, Science and Innovation (MNE); Anne Haglund-Morrissey, DG RTD.03

**9:10 Adoption of the Agenda**

**9:15 Participation of Montenegro in Horizon Europe**

* State of play, benefits and challenges, and Reciprocity clause
* Stock-taking of the participation from Montenegro in the calls of Horizon Europe and statistics – Nikelina Naska, DG RTD.03

**9:45 Support to stimulate the participation of Montenegro in Horizon Europe**

* Update on the implementation of National Support Measures, and planned steps forwards – Anđela Radulović/Aleksandra Mugoša (MNE)
* Possible/available EU support measures to increase the participation of Montenegro in Horizon Europe - EUD Podgorica, DG NEAR.D2, Anne Haglund-Morrissey, DG RTD.03

**10:15 Break**

**10:30 Opportunities for enhanced cooperation: Horizon Europe Missions and Partnerships**

* Update on the planned EU partnerships - Ursula Tubli, DG RTD.G4
* Update on Missions - Elisabetta Balzi DG RTD.B4; Laura Hetel DG RTD.C1, Cancer Mission DG RTD.D1, Branka Knežević/Aleksandra Mugoša (MNE)

**11:30 Opportunities for enhanced cooperation: EIT, IPR and EIC**

* Update on EIT’s engagement in Montenegro – state of play of the EIT Community Hub (MNE) - Branka Žižić, RIS Hub (MNE), Guglielmo Di Cola, DG EAC.C1
* IPR Valorisation – Yiannis Sagias, DG RTD.E2, dr Marina Banović/Dragana Ranitović, (MNE);
* Implementation of the EIC Mechanisms & Further tools/Activities/Plug-in Scheme related to the EIC - Bojana Femić Radosavović/Saša Ivanović (MNE), Veronica Benitez Pinero, DG RTD.A3

**12:30 Lunch break**

**14:00 Opportunities for cooperation with the Joint Research Centre**

* Smart Specialisation Strategy development and implementation best practice
– Marijeta Barjaktarović Lanzardi (MNE), DG JRC (EC)
* Wastewater cooperation - Bernd Gawlik, DG JRC.D2; dr Dragana Drakulović/Snežana Didanović (MNE)

**14:45 Implementation of the Reform Agenda aspects related to Research and Innovation**

* Presentation of the Reform Agenda items
Aleksandra Mugoša /Jelena Popivoda and Valentina Radulović (MNE)
* Measures to advance the implementation of the Reform Agenda
Marijeta Barjaktarović Lanzardi/Aleksandra Mugoša (MNE), EUD Podgorica, DG NEAR.D2, Bernhard Fabianek, RTD.03

**15:30 Digital Transition– Digital Innovation Hubs**

* Digital transition efforts incl. Digital Innovation Hubs - Aleksandra Mugoša and Milica Vučinić (MNE), DG CNECT.D1

**16:00 Break**

**16:15 Opportunities under Widening**

* Update on Widening participation and spreading excellence
DG RTD.A2
* National efforts in the context of Widening – Anđela Radulović
(MNE), EUD Podgorica, DG NEAR.D2

**16:45 European Innovation Scoreboard**

* Presentation of the European Innovation Scoreboard
Athina Karvounaraki, DG RTD.G1
* Measures to advance the provision of statistical data
- EUD Podgorica, DG NEAR.D2 – Mrs Ivana Radulović /Marijeta Barjaktarović Lanzardi (MNE)

**17:30 Concluding remarks from the Committee**