



Agenda

European Committee of the Regions visit to JRC Seville

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Meeting Point on 6 November 2024:

Our offices are situated in the [EXPO building](#), calle Inca Garcilaso, 3 – 41092 Seville.

The meeting point is in the entry hall of the Expo Building, where you may gather at 9:15 and wait for all to arrive.

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We will accompany you from there to the meeting space.

Context

The visit of the Committee of the Regions (CoR) to Seville aims at exploring and discussing transformative innovation as an important pillar for the future of research and industry in the context of regional development. In that sense, the proposed draft agenda aims to explore and explain the role that transformative policies and initiatives play in fostering innovation at the regional level.

The proposed topics—New European Bauhaus, FP10, Artificial Intelligence, INCITE, and Regional Innovation Valleys—represent some of the main areas that are the focus of the work of the different JRC Units in Seville and are shaping the field of research and innovation within the EU, serving as critical tools in addressing the most pressing societal challenges. The sessions will enable participants to delve in-depth into each topic, ensuring a comprehensive overview of the work of JRC Sevilla and its upcoming initiatives.

The visit includes a point on FP10, suggested by the CoR, given the participants' interest in this topic and the JRC.B contribution to shaping the position on the paper concerning the future of the research and innovation industry. Thus, the visit could also provide a ground to discuss the direction of FP10 and subsequent policymaking processes.

The proposed agenda, which combines presentations, discussions, and a field visit, has not only an informative role but also aims to foster networking. It should allow provide a setting for exchange of ideas, creation of connections, and exploring possibilities to align regional innovation with the overarching EU strategy on transformative and place-based innovation.

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- **5 November 2024**
 - Arrival of participants
 - 20:30 – 23:00 - Welcome Dinner at Manolo León, Calle Guadalquivir, 8

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VENUE: PICASSO ROOM (Ground floor) - JRC Premises at Edificio Expo, C. Inca Garcilaso, 3, 41092 Sevilla

- **Morning session hosted by JRC B. - Davide MAGAGNA:**
 - 09:30 – 09:45: Welcome and opening remarks by Mikel LANDABASO, Director at Fair & Sustainable Economy, JRC B
 - 9:45 – 10:00: Overview of the two days programme by Carlos TORRECILLA, Head of Unit Innovation Policies and Economic Impact Unit, JRC B.7
 - 10:00 – 11:00: New European Bauhaus (NEB): What is it? Why do we need it? How do we deliver it? – René VAN BAVEL, NEB Unit, JRC B.4
Overview of NEB Activity (20 minutes) i.e. explanation of what it is, why the EU needs this initiative, and the ongoing activities to deliver this initiative, followed by Q&A and discussion by CoR and other NEB colleagues (online from Brussels) to answer possible in-depth questions on particular schemes or projects
- **11:00 – 11:15: Coffee break**
 - 11:15 – 12:15: Innovation Centre for Industrial Transition and Emissions (INCITE) – Sonia FERERES, Circular Economy and Sustainable Industry Unit, JRC B.5
The new INCITE has been set up in at the European Commission's JRC to support and accelerate the implementation of innovative techniques for decarbonisation, pollution reduction, resource efficiency and increased circularity as a key instrument from the recently revised Industrial Emissions Directive. INCITE is developing an information platform of innovative techniques and has recently launched pilot studies
 - 12:15 – 13:00: Regional Innovation Valleys (RIVs) – Jekaterina NOVIKOVA, Deputy Head of Unit, Innovation Policy & Access to Finance Unit, DG RTD A.4 (**online**)
Overview of the RIV initiative as a useful tool in addressing the most pressing societal challenges (30 minutes), followed by Q&A to exchange ideas and exploring possibilities for further alignment of regional innovation with the overarching EU strategy on transformative and place-based innovation
- **13:00 – 14:30: Lunch**
- **Afternoon session hosted by JRC B.7 - Davide Magagna:**
 - 14:30 – 14:50: Strengthening innovation-driven inter-territorial Collaboration: insights from the PRI pilot action and the RIVs initiative – Carmen SILLERO, JRC B.7
Presenting the role of inter-territorial cooperation in transformative innovation policies. In light of the PRI pilot experience, it analyses to what extent current inter-territorial cooperation instruments in Europe align with the Transformative Innovation Policies approach to addressing societal challenges
 - 14:50 – 15:30: EU Preparatory Action on Innovation for place-based transformation – Ramojus REIMERIS, Paula DURO RIDRUEJO and Cristian MATTI, JRC B.7
This presentation takes a journey from the concept of Innovation for Place-Based Transformation, as outlined in the ACTIONbook, to an invitation to the Preparatory Ac-

tion on Innovation for Place-Based Transformation, supported by the European Parliament. It also provides an overview of the ongoing projects connected to this initiative in collaboration with CoR

- 15:30 – 15:45: Q&A

- **15:45 – 16:00: Coffee break**

- 16:00 – 17:00: Showcasing successful examples of transformative innovation through former PRI pilot projects
Presentation by the city & municipality of Espoo, Finland
Presentation by the Principality of Asturias, Spain

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VENUE: MACHADO ROOM (Ground floor) - JRC Premises at Edificio Expo, C. Inca Garcilaso, 3, 41092 Sevilla

- **Morning session hosted by JRC B.3 - Marcos Dominguez Torreiro:**
 - 09:30 – 10:00: Introducing JRC work on Artificial Intelligence (AI) – Yves PUNIE, Algorithmic Transparency, JRC T.3
A brief overview of relevant JRC projects on AI, followed by Q&A
 - 10:00 – 10:30: JRC research support to AI Act (AIA) & Digital Services Act (DSA) – Algorithmic Transparency, Emilia Gomez, JRC T.3
Explanation of JRC research work in support of the AIA and the DSA
 - 10:30 – 11:00: JRC research on Digital Innovation and AI
 - Giuditta De Prato, Project leader, JRC.T1: *“The AI Digital ecosystem”: Who does what, with whom and where? are the guiding questions we try to answer while mapping the EU digital ecosystem, to analyse the impact of Digital transformation on economy, competitiveness and economic security. Through the flexibility and granularity of the methodology, we keep monitoring international industrial and research landscape on AI, shedding light on networks of actors, their location, their research and industrial activities.*
 - Daniel Nepelski, Project leader, JRC.T1. *“Digital innovation in the Private Sector”: an overview of how we seek to accelerate the digital transformation of European businesses, in particular SMEs, and explore the economic aspects of digital innovation and digitalisation. Seeking to identify the challenges and opportunities presented by digitalisation, and proposing strategies for harnessing its benefits while mitigating its risks, we focus on strengthening European digital innovation ecosystems and collaboration across economic sectors and geographic regions*
- **11:00 – 11:15: Coffee break**
 - 11:15 – 12:00: The 10th EU Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (FP10) – Michaela BATOROVA, Strategy and Coordination Unit, JRC A.2 **(online)**
Overview of the current state-of-play on FP10, drawing from publicly available political guidelines and reports, followed by a discussion to provide an opportunity for joint reflection on FP10’s known dimensions, with a particular focus on their relevance to regions and cities
 - 12:00 – 12:45: Localising the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) – Iraklis STAMOS, Territorial Development Unit, JRC B.3
Overview of JRC’s activities on measuring SDG progress at the local level with a focus on the regional level, presenting the new Preparatory Action on monitoring and implementing the SDGs: 2030CATALYSTS, and Explanation of JRC’s support to local governments in implementing SDGs and gathered insights from local evidence that can inform policy and inspire further commitment
 - 12:45 – 13:30: Innovation and entrepreneurship in rural areas: the Startup Village Forum initiative – Simone SASSO, Territorial Development Unit, JRC B.3
Overview of the JRC’s work on innovation and entrepreneurship in rural areas and introduction to the new Preparatory Action “Startup Village Forum and Rural Innovation Val-

leys". This initiative is developing new metrics and evidence on the patterns, drivers, and obstacles of innovation and startup emergence in European rural areas

- **13:30 – 14:30: Lunch**

- **Afternoon session hosted by JRC B.6 - Alexander Tuebke:**
 - 14:30– 15:00: Economic complexity applied to identify regional innovative potential in critical and strategic technologies – Dario Diodato, Industrial Strategy, Skills and Technology Transfer, JRC B.6
The JRC is using Economic Complexity analysis as a novel analytical tool to identify the potential emergence of technologies in EU's Member States and regions. Just like recommendation systems predict, whether a user is likely to buy a product, Economic Complexity exploits large patent dataset and machine learning techniques to reveal patterns possibly to predict whether a region is likely to become active in a technology. This is very relevant to support EU, national and regional authorities to identify new investment opportunities in technologies identified as critical and strategic in the context of the new economic security and industrial competitiveness agendas

- **15:00 – 15:15: Take home messages by CoR**