

EIT Manufacturing RIS Hubs as Innovation Enablers

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EIT's **Regional Innovation Scheme** (RIS) enables the transfer of good practices and know-how using the EIT's unique approach to boosting innovation across the entire continent.

Through the EIT RIS, EIT Manufacturing can actively engage countries with modest or moderate levels of innovation, allowing wider participation in our activities and programmes while helping to close innovation gaps. EIT Knowledge and Innovation Communities (KICs), such as EIT Manufacturing, engage local organisations to serve as RIS Hubs in EIT RIS countries and regions.

The primary role of the RIS Hub is to ensure the visibility of the EIT Community and raise awareness of activities and cooperation opportunities for local actors representing education, business and research areas. RIS Hubs also liaise with the relevant national, regional and local authorities, and facilitate the sharing of EIT Innovation Community expertise with them. In 2020, EIT Manufacturing established RIS Hubs in 13 EIT RIS countries.

Join us online on 24 November to learn about **EIT Manufacturing RIS activities and the role the RIS Hubs play in enhancing the innovation capacities of their countries**. The event will focus on three main themes. First the RIS Hubs will present how they work with the local ecosystem to implement innovative projects addressing specific manufacturing challenges. Then, we will show the importance of cooperating with local and national authorities, bringing success stories of creation of synergies in the EIT RIS countries. Lastly, we will focus on education and training of the current and future workforce in EIT RIS countries, with best practices from RIS Hubs that deployed education activities fostering innovation in EIT RIS.

We invite stakeholders coming from the three sides of the Knowledge Triangle (Business Creation, Education and Innovation) from EIT RIS countries and non-EIT RIS countries to participate in the online event to understand how the RIS Hubs work as Innovation Enablers, how they help you cooperate with EIT Manufacturing and how you could use the opportunities the KIC and the RIS Hubs provide.

Agenda

Time	Title of the session and Speakers
8:50 – 9:00	Arrival of the participants
9:00 – 9:10	<p>Welcome and opening remarks</p> <p>Konstantinos Georgoulas - Director of EU Affairs and RIS, EIT Manufacturing</p> <p>Francesca Girardi - RIS Operations Manager, EIT Manufacturing</p>
9:10- 9:25	<p>EIT Manufacturing RIS Hubs: Our valuable partners in bringing European manufacturers together TBC</p> <p>Johannes Hunschofsky – CLC East Managing Director, EIT Manufacturing</p>
9:25 – 9:35	<p>EIT Manufacturing Regional Innovation Scheme and the role of the RIS Hubs</p> <p>Francesca Girardi - RIS Operations Manager, EIT Manufacturing</p>
09:35 – 10:35	<p>The impact of RIS innovation activities for the local ecosystem</p> <p>Moderator Adam Sebestyen - RIS Operations Manager, EIT Manufacturing</p> <p>Hub Croatia: Vlatka Petrovic - Head, Technology Transfer Office, University of Zagreb</p> <p>Hub Czech Republic: Alena Buresova - Senior Manager for Industry Research and Development, CTU</p> <p>Hub Latvia: Rene Tonnisson - Co-Founder, Buildit</p> <p>Hub Portugal: Ana Barros - Senior researcher, INESC TEC</p> <p>Hub Slovenia: Franci Pušavec - Head of the department, University of Ljubljana</p>

10:35 – 10:45	Coffee Break
10:45 – 11:00	<p>Identifying synergies with local authorities – the leveraging effect of fostering collaborations</p> <p>Megi Plaku - RIS Relationship Manager, EIT Manufacturing</p>
11:00 – 11:40	<p>Creating synergies with local authorities to foster innovation</p> <p>Moderator Francesca Girardi - RIS Operations Manager</p> <p>Hub Bulgaria: Mariyana Hamanova - Co-Chairperson, Cleantech Bulgaria</p> <p>Hub Poland: Krzysztof Lipiec – Commercialisation Director, Łukasiewicz-PIAP Institute</p> <p>Hub Romania: Ionut Tata - CEO, Iceberg Plus</p> <p>Hub Slovakia: Peter Cuninka, Head of international project, Faculty of Materials Science and Technology, STUBA</p>
11:40 – 11:50	Coffee Break
11:50 – 12:05	<p>Educate and train the current and future workforce to innovate</p> <p>Monika Primožic - Education Developer, EIT Manufacturing</p>
12:05 – 12:50	<p>Education activities fostering innovation in RIS countries</p> <p>Moderator Monika Primožic - Education Developer, EIT Manufacturing</p> <p>Hub Estonia: Friedrich Kaasik - Technology Transfer Officer, University of Tartu</p> <p>Hub Greece: Alexios Papacharalampopoulos – Engineer, Laboratory for Manufacturing Systems and Automation</p> <p>Hub Hungary: Balázs Barta - Managing Director, PBN</p> <p>Hub Lithuania: Aurelija Rasciuvienė – Project Manager, LINPRA</p>
12:50-13.00	Closing remarks by Francesca Girardi (10 min)