

Forum for Managing Authorities Building Administrative Capacity 2021-2027



 Wednesday, 16 February 2022, 09:30 – 16:55 CET  Online

Interpretation will be provided to/from **French, Italian, Spanish, Portuguese and Polish.**

Time	Session
09:25 – 09:30	<p>Housekeeping</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduce the platform features
09:30 – 10:00	<p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maria Varinia Michalun – Acting Head of Unit, Regional Development and Multi-level Governance Division, Centre for Entrepreneurship, SMEs, Regions and Cities, OECD <p>Opening remarks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Normunds Popens – Deputy Director-General for Implementation, Directorate-General Regional and Urban Policy (REGIO), European Commission Nadim Ahmad – Deputy Director, Centre for Entrepreneurship, SMEs, Regions and Cities, OECD <p>Keynote remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> John Bachtler – Director of European Policies Research Centre (University of Strathclyde and Delft University of Technology)
10:00 – 11:00	<p>Panel discussion: People management</p> <p><i>Discussing strategic and innovative human resource management practices that can help MAs better recruit and manage staff</i></p> <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dónal Mulligan – Analyst, Public Employment and Management, Directorate for Public Governance, OECD <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Marina Hudolin – Head of Department, Managing Authority of the Programme for Competitiveness and Cohesion, Croatia Haralds Beitelis – Head of the Division of the European Union Structural Funds, Latvia Luís Filipe – Member of the Board, Managing Authority of Regional Programme Centro, Portugal <p>Discussion and Q&A</p>

11:00 – 11:15	Break
11:15 – 12:15	<p>Panel discussion: Strategic planning, coordination and implementation</p> <p><i>Exploring mechanisms and good practices to build strategic links among regional, national and EU Programme objectives to optimise investment and reach desired objectives</i></p> <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maria Varinia Michalun – Acting Head of Unit, Regional Development and Multi-level Governance Division, Centre for Entrepreneurship, SMEs, Regions and Cities, OECD <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Irene McMaster – Senior Knowledge Exchange Fellow, European Policies Research Centre, University of Strathclyde • Lourdes Hernández Martínez – Director, DG Regional Finance and European Funds, Managing Authority of the Regional Programme for Junta de Extremadura, Spain • Davide Donati – Vice Director, Directorate for Coordination of European Policies and Funds, Regione Piemonte, Italy <p>Discussion and Q&A</p>
12:15 – 13:45	Lunch break
13:45 – 14:45	<p>Panel discussion: Organisation management</p> <p><i>Looking into how to optimise technology and organisational management systems to build high-performing and flexible MA workforces.</i></p> <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daniel Gerson – Senior Manager, Public Employment and Management, Directorate for Public Governance, OECD <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vladimir Kváča – Assistant Professor, Charles University • Maria Kousoulakou – Member of the Organisation and Support Unit, Managing Authority of the Programme of Transport Infrastructure, Environment and Sustainable Development, Greece • Jacek Skálecki – Inspector at the ROP Programming Unit in the ROP Management Department at the Marshal's Office in Lublin, Poland • Urmo Merila – Head of Grants Development Department, Managing Authority, State Shared Service Centre, Estonia <p>Discussion and Q&A</p>
14:45 – 15:45	<p>Panel discussion: Beneficiary support and stakeholder engagement</p> <p><i>Exploring ways to provide tailored and effective support to beneficiaries and engage stakeholders in planning and implementing national and regional Programmes.</i></p> <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maria Varinia Michalun – Acting Head of Unit, Regional Development and Multi-level Governance Division, Centre for Entrepreneurship, SMEs, Regions and Cities, OECD <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John Moodie – Senior Research Fellow, Nordregio

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evelina Stoyanova – State Expert, Managing Authority of the Programme “Development of the Regions” Ministry of Regional Development and Public Works, Bulgaria • Lone Rosen – Programme Manager, Danish Business Authority, Denmark • Achim Wolf – Project Manager, KBSplus, Kontakt-und Beratungsstelle zur Begleitung der EU-Fonds (Contact and Advice Centre for the Support of the EU funds in Brandenburg), Germany <p>Discussion and Q&A</p>
15:45 – 15:55	Break
15:55 – 16:55	<p>Closing plenary and remarks: Perspectives on the present and future</p> <p><i>Reflect on the priorities, challenges, and needs identified throughout the Forum and how these will affect MAs ability to build administrative capacity now and throughout the 2021-2027 EU programming period.</i></p> <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daniel Gerson – Senior Manager, Public Employment and Management, Directorate for Public Governance, OECD <p>Plenary Address</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Polverari – Associate Professor of Political Science, University of Padua, Co-Director of the Institutional and Administrative Capacities Observatory #CAPIS <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kostas Raftopoulos – Head of Unit, Managing Authority of the Programme Transport Infrastructure, Environment and Sustainable Development, Greece • Benedict Wauters – Director, Innovation, Impact Evaluation and Methodology for ESF Department, Flemish Ministry of Employment and Social Economy, Belgium • Mafalda Ferreira – Head of Unit, Development and Cohesion Agency, Portugal <p>Discussion and Q&A</p> <p>Closing remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jón R. Blóndal – Head of Public Management and Budgeting Division, OECD Public Governance Directorate • Stefan Appel – Head of Unit, Administrative Capacity Building and Solidarity Instruments, DG REGIO, European Commission

Background information

This Forum brings the lessons and insights gained from the DG REGIO pilot project *Frontloading Administrative Capacity Building for Post-2020* to a broad audience of Managing Authorities. The pilot project, undertaken with the OECD and national and regional MAs from Bulgaria, Croatia, Greece, Poland (Lubelskie), and Spain (Extremadura), resulted in Roadmaps for Administrative Capacity Building, and a series of administrative capacity building recommendations that can be found in the synthesis report [Strengthening Governance of EU Funds under Cohesion Policy](#) and its associated [Self-assessment Instrument](#), as well as DG REGIO's practical toolkit for preparing [Roadmaps for Administrative Capacity](#).

