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## 7 June 2016 EUSAIR Strategy

### EU-AU-IIASA Evidence and Policy Event in Ispra (Italy)

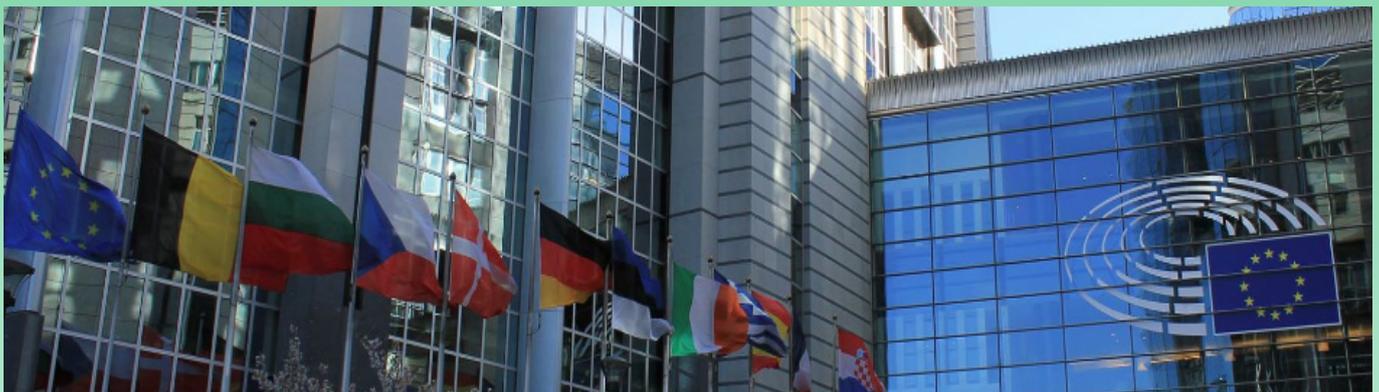
The evidence-based policymakers has the aim to enhance the effectiveness of European and Government policies. The event, held in Ispra (Italy) on 7 June 2016, aimed to develop new skills for improving practices in better understanding the policy-making processes. The European and African Union Commissions together with the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA) are

organising a highly participatory evidence and policy event. From the end of August to the first days of September 2016, all the participants will have the opportunity to develop working practices, skills, methods, in policy-making domains through technical workshops. In 2016, JRC and IIASA invite applications from policy officers and scientists developing policy and conducting research in the

field of the Water-Energy-Food nexus. The events aim to meet the following main goals:

- 1) improving all the participants' skills in integrating evidence into policy-making;
- 2) creating a community of practice that will continue to collaborate afterwards.

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## Tirana, 9-10 June 2016 INTERACT Event

### Successful management of Interreg-IPA CBC

Interact organized an event targeted to new staff working in Interreg-IPA CBC Programmes. This event was addressed to the IPA CBC-Interreg programmes' staff from the Joint Secretariats, Managing Authorities, National Authorities and other programme bodies, whose task is to implement programmes and/or advise beneficiaries how to implement projects. The aim of the event was to give

the opportunity to this dedicated staff to strengthen the knowledge needed to support the implementation of European programmes and development of projects in the 2014-2020 period. At the event were offered basic information about the main aspects of programme management in IPA co-financed cooperation programmes. The participants discussed trends and requirements related to ma-

nagement of projects with a focus on a project's contribution to the programme's results. In the event, thanks to the active contribution of the participants, an exchange of ideas was promoted helping to the identification of good practices that can be transferred to the different work places.





## 21 June 2016

### **First EUSAIR Forum follow-up**

The European Commission and Interact organized the 1st Forum of the EU Strategy for the Adriatic and Ionian Region (EUSAIR) in Dubrovnik (Croatia) at the end of May attracted many participants from the different Countries and Administrations, technical stakeholders (academia, business sector, civil society) of the 8 participating countries, to discuss the progress so far and define the way forward. The event provided ample possibilities for networking, and represented a great opportunity to

reach out a wide range of stakeholders from the Region, including national, regional and local administrations, the business sector, the academia and the civil society organizations.

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## Gothenburg, 28 June - 1 July 2016

### **Interreg project management camp**

The camps was dedicated to the topic of Project Management in the context of Interreg programmes. In response to the high level of interest demonstrate in the edition “2015 Project Management Camps”, two more camps was planned for 2016; one at the end of June and one at the end of November. The training addressed all phases of the project management cycle, providing participants with an understanding of the requirements associated with each phase of the cycle in the context of the 2014-2020 Interreg programmes. Participants also discussed the latest trends and requirements related to management of Interreg programmes, with a focus on the

contribution of a project to the programme’s desired results. The event was delivered through face-to-face training. In addition, participants worked on developing their facilitation skills, focusing on practical tips on how to improve/strengthen their work with project applicants and beneficiaries, thus on how to make their own work more efficient. The focus of the event was about different aspects related to the project management cycle. In addition, the content of the camp was designed for beginners and junior officers who are new to the field of project management.

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## NEWS FROM EUROPEAN UNION

### European Parliament's Activities in June 2016 - Plenary Sessions



**Brexit** and its consequences were discussed during a plenary debate on last week's EU summit with MEPs saying it is now time for Europe's leaders to speak up for the EU. During July's plenary session in Strasbourg MEPs also insisted on the need to protect whistle-blowers exposing scandals such as the Panama papers and approved a proposal to help better protect the EU's external borders.

#### **Humanitarian aid / Development and cooperation / External relations**

Parliament condemns recent crimes and widespread discrimination against albinos in Malawi, ongoing restrictions of fundamental democratic rights in Bahrain and practices that discriminate against Myanmar's Muslim minority, in particular the Rohingya, in three resolutions voted.

#### **Human rights / Citizens' rights / External relations**

"Whistle-blowers leaking information in the public interest play a crucial role in upholding democracies, and must therefore be better protected from prosecution, reprisals and threats". This was the key message voiced by many MEPs in Wednesday evening's debate with Commission Vice-President Jyrki Katainen and Ivan Korok from the Slovak Presidency of the Council on how to improve legal safeguards for people revealing illegal or unethical activities in the public or private sectors.

#### **Brexit**

EU leaders must respond to the UK's vote to leave the EU, by doing more to defend the EU project and to make it more transparent, social and responsive to citizens' concerns. This was a key message that came out of Parliament's Tuesday morning debate with European Council President Donald Tusk and European Commission

President Jean-Claude Juncker, on last week's EU summit. Plans to update EU type approval rules and emission limits for internal combustion engines in non-road mobile machinery (NRMM), such as lawn mowers, bulldozers, diesel locomotives and inland waterway vessels, were backed by MEPs on Wednesday. These plans had already been agreed informally with the Dutch Presidency of the Council. NRMM engines account for about 15% of all NOx and 5% of particulate emissions in the EU.

#### **Police cooperation / Immigration**

The EU's external borders was reinforced under new proposals voted in Parliament in June. The proposal foreseen the creation of an EU border and coast guard and a stronger role for EU border agency Frontex in returning migrants to their countries.

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## European Commission's Events

**Brussels, 2 June 2016**

### Conference "Future of the Forest"

The Czech Liaison Office for Research, Development and Innovation held a conference on "FUTURE of the FOREST. Forest and forestry sector face many challenges. Climate variability, as well as modern land-use practices and industry demands create novel conditions never before experienced by ecosystems and relevant stakeholders. The Horizon 2020 programme concerns the aspects of need for sustainable management, more resilient and resource efficient va-

lue chains, emerging diseases and integrated management. The discussions among stakeholders and representatives from different EU institutions raise comments and challenges on how to set future management including role of research, short-term and long-term strategies, that focus on enhancing ecosystem resistance and resilience as well as assisting forest and forestry sector to adapt to the changes as climates and environments continue to shift.



**Brussels, 14-16 June 2016**

### (EUSEW) EU Sustainable Energy Week Conference

EUSEW put together public authorities, energy agencies, research organizations, NGOs, businesses, and private consumers to share best practices and inspire ideas on secure, clean and efficient energy.



**SUSTAINABLE ENERGY WEEK**

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## Berlin, 27-30 June 2016

### Discovery & Innovation - Marine Microbiome

The Marine Microbiome – Discovery & Innovation is the event which brings the worlds of industry and science in the field of marine biotechnology face-to-face in a format designed to facilitate the sharing of experiences. The latest discoveries and innovations from the academic world will be shared with industry with the aim of generating commercial opportunities.

The industry is invited to share with academia the challenges and opportunities for viable commerce in this area, exploring emerging needs and avenues for future innovation. This conference is the place to be to find out about the treasures of the marine microbiome and to talk to the right people and extend contact's network. Representatives from industry, politics and

academia was invited to come together to discuss effective transfer of novel research discoveries in the field of marine biotechnology. All delegates provided access a new networking tool, which matches up people with similar interests, making networking time more efficient and productive.



## Valencia, 29-30 June 2016

### Second Climate Helix Event - Vision2020:

Vision2020: The Horizon Network held its second Climate Helix Event at University of Valencia Botanic Garden, on 29th and 30th June, kindly hosted by Institute for Ceramic Technology and Climate KIC Spain. The objective of this event, which was free to all attendees, was to promote networking between researchers and business representatives in order to form consortia for the for Horizon 2020 funding opportunities.



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