V4 Towards FP10: Joining Forces for Research and Innovation

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Chair | Monika Bideau Repčíková, Head of Slovak Liaison Office for R&D in Brussels

9:00–9:30 | Opening and introduction

- **Opening remarks by Jakub Birka** | Director General, Division of Research & Development, Ministry of Education, Research, Development and Youth of the Slovak Republic
- **Keynote speech by Massimiliano Esposito** | Head of Unit, Common Strategic Planning & Programme Service, DG RTD, European Commission

PART I - What do the V4 countries expect from FP10?

9:30–10:30 | V4 perspectives, national approaches and support measures

Short interventions from V4 countries focusing on:

- expectations and priorities regarding FP10;
- lessons learned from Horizon Europe;
- support for ERC applicants and potential grantees;
- measures supporting widening participation;
- existing and planned national support mechanisms;
- opportunities for closer V4 cooperation.

Speakers:

- **Alexandra Rysuľová** | Coordinator of the National Contact Points for Horizon Europe in the Slovak Republic
- **Naďa Koníčková** | Coordinator of the National Contact Points for Horizon Europe in the Czech Republic, National Contact Point for Cluster 6 Horizon Europe
- **Enikő Kubinyi** | Deputy State Secretary for Science Policy, Ministry for Science and Technology, Hungary
- **Marta Muter** | Head of the ERA Section, Department of the National Contact Point for EU Research Programmes, National Centre for Research and Development in Poland

10:30–10:50 | Discussion

- common V4 challenges;
- successful practices that could be replicated or adapted;
- opportunities for cross-fertilisation;
- possible joint V4 initiatives or support activities.

PART II - Connecting FP10 and the European Competitiveness Fund

10:50–11:50 | National perspectives on the future EU funding architecture

Short interventions from V4 countries focusing on:

- emerging national approaches to the European Competitiveness Fund;
- expected links between FP10 and ECF;
- integration of research, innovation and competitiveness support;
- coordination between different national funding instruments and strategies;
- opportunities and potential challenges arising from the transition.

Speakers:

- **Enikő Kubinyi** | Deputy State Secretary for Science Policy, Ministry for Science and Technology, Hungary
- **Aneta Kučerová** | Head of Unit, European Research Area, R&D Department, Ministry of education, youth and sports of the Czech Republic
- **Michal Brichta** | Director, Innovation Department, Ministry of Economy of the Slovak Republic
- **Magdalena Kula** | Research Attaché, Permanent Representation of the Republic of Poland to the European Union

11:50–12:20 | Cross-fertilisation and discussion

What can the V4 countries do together?

- common priorities;
- opportunities for joint action;
- coordination and exchange of information;
- potential follow-up activities.

12:20–12:30 | Conclusions and closing remarks

- Summary of key messages, follow-up actions