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## **Workshop on European Partnerships phasing-out strategies Agenda**

### **Background**

The Horizon Europe Regulation states that every partnership needs to develop a phasing-out strategy. Nevertheless, the activities of the partnerships and the attainment of their objectives should go beyond the availability of Union funding. Therefore, dependency on this funding should be gradually reduced. The legal basis is given in article 10.2 c and Annex III of Horizon Europe regulation and in the Single Basic Act for Institutionalised Partnerships. For co-programmed partnerships there is a provision in the MoU, and this is also relevant for co-funded partnerships.

### **Objectives**

The aim of the workshop is to initiate a reflection on the phasing-out strategies of European partnerships and to elaborate potential future scenarios in the best interest of their members and of the EU. Given the diversity of partnerships (institutionalised, co-funded and co-programmed), the workshop will address their specificities and facilitate the sharing of ideas and experiences.

### **Target audience**

Members of the Partnership Knowledge Hub, including representatives of European Partnerships from national authorities, industry, academia etc.

### **Format and date**

One day workshop in person, 21 September 2023.

Venue : CDMA Building, 21 Rue du Champ De Mars, 1050 Ixelles

### **Agenda**

9:00 – 9:30 Opening session

**Fabienne GAUTIER**, Head of Unit Common Missions and Partnerships service (G4)

Introduction and setting the scene, objectives of the workshop.  
Presentation of the legal context, general principles and criteria

9:30 – 11:00 Phasing out scenarios -case studies

- **BONUS, the Joint Baltic Sea research and development programme, 2010 - 2020**

The BONUS programme and its legacy has served as the basis in development of the framework for a joint Baltic and North Sea Research and Innovation Programme (BANOS) prepared in years 2018-2021 in the Baltic and North Sea Coordination and Support Action (BANOS CSA). Synergies with the EU mission “Restore our Ocean, Seas and Waters by 2030”.

**Speaker:**

**Dr Karoliina Koho**, former Bonus Secretariat project officer and BANOS CSA coordinator,

- **QuantERA ERA-NET Cofunds – 11/2016 - 10/2022 and 01/2021 - 12/2025 (QuantERA II)**

The first Quanterera ERA-NET Cofund was a joint research programme on Quantum Technologies involving 31 agencies from 26 countries. It has been followed by Quanterera II, a FET Flagship running until 2025.

**Speaker:**

**Dr Christian Trefzger**, Policy Officer, DG CNECT, expert on Quantum Technologies

- **European Phytosanitary Research Coordination**

Network of organisations that fund research projects and coordinate national research in the phytosanitary area. This network was created thanks to the support of the ERA-NET Euphresco. The overall goal is to support coordination and collaboration in phytosanitary research, and to maintain itself as a strong, long-term network of research stakeholders.

**Speaker:**

**Dr Baldissera Giovani**, programme coordinator, EPPO, European and Mediterranean Plant Protection Organization

11:00 – 11:15 Coffee break

11:15 – 12:30 Institutionalised partnerships phasing-out strategy

- **Simona Staicu, RTD - Unit H4**, Presentation of the phasing-out template
- **Jesus Contreras**, Chief Operations and Financial Officer of EIT Digital
- **Mirela Atanasiu**, Executive Director of Clean Hydrogen Partnership (acting)
- **Bruno Mastantuono**, Head of Governance Unit of Clean Aviation Partnership
- **Open discussion with the audience**

12:30- 14:00 Lunch

14:00 – 15:30 Roundtable: how to prepare a smooth phasing-out strategy

Moderated by Alexander Grablowitz, Co-Chair of the Partnership Knowledge Hub

**Speakers:**

- **Marnix Surgeon, Deputy Head of Unit, Common Missions and Partnerships service**
- **Petra Manderscheid**, Joint Programming Initiative “Connecting Climate Knowledge for Europe”, Executive Director of the Central Secretariat
- **Pierre-Olivier Pin**, in charge of European and International coordination at “Agence Nationale de la Recherche” in France (ANR).

- **Dr Malwina Gębalska**, CHANSE programme coordinator, Narodowe Centrum Nauki (Poland)
- **Alexandre Caussé**, Head of the Secretariat of the JPI Cultural Heritage and Global Change
- **Mikko Merimaa**, Secretary General of EURAMET partnership

Q&A session

15:30 – 15:50 break

15:50 – 16:15 Closing session

**Fabienne GAUTIER**, Head of Unit Common Missions and Partnerships service (G4)

Conclusions, next steps, key takeaways

16:30 – 18:00 Networking cocktail