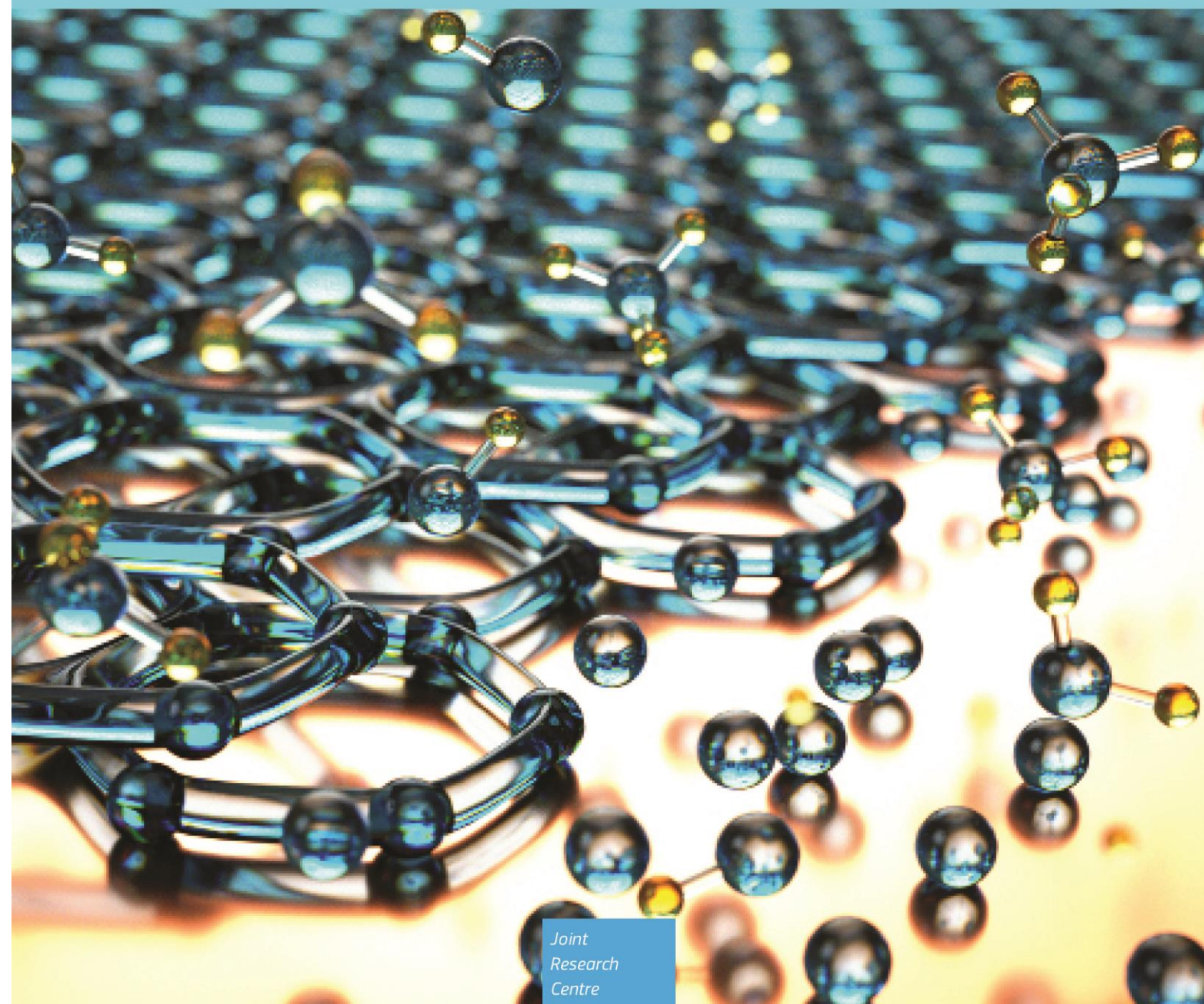




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1. Activities of the European Institutions

1.1 European Commission

Date	Event	Subject
All meetings of the College of Commissioners		

1.2 Council

Date	Event	Venue/Location
3-4 October	Informal meeting of employment, social policy and health ministers	Bratislava, Slovakia
10-11 October	Agriculture and Fisheries Council	Luxembourg
11 October	Economic and Financial Affairs Council	Luxembourg
13 October	Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumer Affairs Council	Luxembourg
13-14 October	Justice and Home Affairs Council	Luxembourg
17 October	Foreign Affairs Council	Luxembourg
17 October	Environment Council	Luxembourg
18 October	General Affairs Council	Luxembourg
20-21 October	European Council	Brussels

[All meetings of the Council](#)

1.3 European Parliament

Plenary Sessions

Date	Event	Subjects	Venue/Location
3-6 October	EP plenary session	<i>Among others: The future of ACP-EU relations beyond 2020; global goals and EU commitments on nutrition and food security in the world; human rights and migration in third countries; how to make fisheries controls in Europe uniform; mobilisation of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund: application EGF/2016/001 FI/Microsoft; mobilisation of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund: application EGF/2016/002 SE/Ericsson; Europol-China Agreement on Strategic Cooperation; macroeconomic situation in Greece, structural reforms and their impact, as well as prospects for future negotiations within the Programme: Commission statement; European Public Prosecutor's office and Eurojust; avoiding conflicts of interest of past and present Commissioners– the role of the EP; preparation of the European Council meeting of 20 and 21 October 2016; need for a European reindustrialisation policy in light of the recent Caterpillar and Alstom cases; situation in Syria Statement by the Vice-President of the Commission/High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy Ms Federica Mogherini; Colombian peace process Statement by the Vice-President of the Commission/High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy Ms Federica Mogherini; 2016 UN Climate change Conference in Marrakesh, Morocco (COP22); Inter-Institutional Agreement on Transparency Register; implementation of the Food Contact Materials Regulation; sustainable finance: Commission statement; effect of the situation in Calais on the transport sector; Commission statement</i>	Strasbourg
24-27 October	EP plenary session	Agenda not yet available	

Committee Meetings

3 October	<u>Committee on Regional Development-Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs</u>	<i>Among others: Hearing with the European Commission on the suspension of ESI Funds, as part of the Structured Dialogue foreseen by Regulation (EU) N°1303/2013</i>	Strasbourg
3 October	<u>Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety-extraordinary meeting</u>	<i>Among others: Objection pursuant to Rule 106: placing on the market of products containing, consisting of, or produced from genetically modified cotton; objection pursuant to Rule 106: renewing the authorisation for the placing on the market of genetically modified maize;</i>	Strasbourg
3 October	<u>Committee of Inquiry into Emission Measurements in the Automotive Sector-extraordinary meeting</u>	<i>Agenda not available</i>	Strasbourg
3 October	<u>Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs</u>	<i>Among others: EU strategy towards Iran after the nuclear agreement;</i>	Strasbourg
6 October	<u>Committee on Foreign Affairs (Extraordinary meeting)</u>	<i>Among others: EU strategy towards Iran after the nuclear agreement</i>	Strasbourg
10-11 October	<u>Committee on Transport and Tourism</u>	<i>Among others: The role of fisheries-related tourism in the diversification of fisheries; investing in jobs and growth – maximising the contribution of European Structural and Investment Funds; an evaluation of the report under Article 16(3) of the CPR; Annual Report on EU Competition Policy; Annual Report on the Financial Activities of the European Investment Bank;</i>	Brussels
10-11 October	<u>Committee of Inquiry into Emission Measurements in the Automotive Sector</u>	<i>Among others: hearings.</i>	Brussels
10-11 October	<u>Committee on Foreign Affairs</u>	<i>Agenda not yet available</i>	Brussels
10-11 October	<u>Committee on Fisheries</u>	<i>Among others: With the Council and Commission: presentation by Policy Department B on 'The socio-economic role</i>	Brussels

		<i>and environmental impact of recreational and subsistence fishing in the E; conservation of fishery resources and the protection of marine ecosystems through technical measures; exchange of views with the Commission on illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing; EU Action Plan against Wildlife Trafficking; 2015 discharge: European Fisheries Control Agency (EFCA);</i>	
10-11 October	<u>Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality</u>	<i>Among others: Equality between women and men in the European Union in 2014/2015; A European Pillar of Social Rights; Promoting gender equality in mental health and clinical research; Situation of women refugees in Greece; Annual Report on human rights and democracy in the world and the European Union's policy on the matter 2015; Gender equality in trade agreements; The need for an EU strategy to end and prevent the Gender Pension Gap; Rights of Women in the Eastern Partnership States; EU funds for gender equality; The gender employment gap: challenges and solutions; Global Summit of Women in Poland</i>	Brussels
10-11 October	<u>Committee on Petitions</u>	<i>Agenda not yet available</i>	Brussels
11 October	<u>Committee on Regional Development</u>	<i>Agenda not yet available</i>	Brussels
12 October	<u>Committee on Constitutional Affairs</u>	<i>Agenda not yet available</i>	Brussels
12-13 October	<u>Committee on Industry, Research and Energy</u>	<i>Among others: European Electronic Telecommunications Code (Telecoms Framework Review), Presentation by Claire Bury, Deputy Director-General of DG Connect; Innovative Medicines Initiative joint undertaking: Example of Horizon 2020 implementation, Presentation by Pierre Meulien, Executive Director IMI; European Cloud Initiative; Amending Decision 2008/376/EC on the adoption of the Research Programme of the Research Fund for Coal and Steel and on the multiannual technical guidelines for this programme; Joint Public Hearing ITRE/ENVI on "Towards an mHealth Framework for Europe"</i>	Brussels
12-13 October	<u>Committee on the Environment, Public Health</u>	<i>Agenda not yet available</i>	Brussels

	and Food Safety-extraordinary meeting		
12-13 October	Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs	<i>Agenda not yet available</i>	Brussels
12-13 October	Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development	<i>Agenda not yet available</i>	Brussels
17 October	Committee of Inquiry into Emission Measurements in the Automotive Sector	<i>Agenda not yet available</i>	Brussels
17 October	Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs	<i>Agenda not yet available</i>	Brussels
20 October	Committee on Constitutional Affairs	<i>Agenda not yet available</i>	Brussels
20 October	Committee of Inquiry into Emission Measurements in the Automotive Sector	<i>Agenda not yet available</i>	Brussels
20 October	Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs	<i>Agenda not yet available</i>	Brussels
All European Parliament Committee meetings			

1.4 Committee of the Regions (CoR)

Date	Event	Venue/Location
3 October	Europe: What's next? Citizens' dialogue Gabrovo	Gabrovo, Bulgaria
10-13 October	European Week of Regions and Cities	Brussels
11 October	From bio- waste to bio-based products: the potential for regional innovation development	Brussels

11 October	Eastern Partnership Territorial and Parliamentary Cooperation: Advancing economic development, entrepreneurship and research & innovation	Brussels
12 October	Promoting young entrepreneurship at regional and local level: The European Entrepreneurial Region experience	Brussels
12 October	Overcoming obstacles to investment	Brussels
13 October	Industrial Technologies for Inter-regional Cooperation and Growth	Brussels
13 October	The Importance of Marine data for the Development of the Blue Economy on Local and Regional Level	Brussels
20-21 October	EuroPCom 2016: 7th European Conference on Public Communication	Brussels
31 October	CoR MOOC 2016: EU budget and funding for regions and cities	Brussels
Further events of the Committee of the Regions		

1.5 European Economic and Social Committee (EESC)

Date	Event	Venue/Location
4 October	The effectiveness of ESF and FEAD funding in tackling poverty and social exclusion - The views of civil society	Brussels
5 October	Designing the framework for bottom-up climate action	Brussels
5 October	11th meeting of the EU Domestic Advisory Group (DAG)	Brussels
5 October	The fight against money laundering, terrorist financing and tax evasion	Brussels
10 October	Lives in Dignity: from Aid-dependence to Self-reliance	Brussels
12 October	ECO workshop "Cities as poles of up-to-date economic development" in the framework of the European Week of Cities and Regions organised by the Committee of the Regions.	Brussels

27 October	The role of civil society in the European Energy Union: Ensuring secure, sustainable, competitive and affordable energy'	Bratislava, Slovakia
8 November	8th Round-table on Strategic Implementation Plan of the European Innovation Partnership on Raw Materials	Prague, Czech Republic
Further events of the European Economic and Social Committee		

1.6 International Relations

Date	Event	Venue/Location
4-5 October	1st meeting of the EU-Chile Joint Consultative Committee	Santiago de Chile, Chile
5 October	Brussels Conference on Afghanistan	Brussels
20 October	Startup EU-India Summit 2016	Brussels
27 October	EU-Canada Summit	Brussels

2. Conferences & Meetings

2.1 DG JRC Conferences and Meetings

Date	Event	Organiser	Venue/Location
2-6 October	HOTLAB 2016 – Annual meeting on hot laboratories and remote handling	DG JRC	Karlsruhe, Germany
4 October	European Union Reference laboratory for Mycotoxins workshop	DG JRC	Geel, Belgium

6-7 October	Introduction to the web-based Fast Scenario Screening Tool (TM5-FASST)	DG JRC	Ispra, Italy
6-7 October	Council's Research Working Party (RWP) Attaché trip to Joint Research Centre Karlsruhe	DG JRC, Slovak Presidency of the Council	Karlsruhe, Germany
7 October	Science meets Regions in Hessen	DG JRC	Hessen, Germany
10 October	DG JRC Annual Lecture	DG JRC	Brussels
10-11 October	European Union Network of Laboratories for the Validation of Alternative Methods (EU-NETVAL) test facilities	DG JRC	Varese, Italy
11 October	DG JRC Annual Conference: Human capital for territorial growth	DG JRC	Brussels
11-12 October	Metrology for decommissioning nuclear facilities: 2nd Workshop organised in the framework of the MetroDecom project	DG JRC	Ispra, Italy
12 October	Use of Reference Materials and the Estimation of Measurement Uncertainty	DG JRC	Geel, Belgium
17 October	Bioeconomy Conference- The Role of Regions in the European Bioeconomy	EC, DG JRC, Slovak Presidency of the Council of the EU	Bratislava, Slovakia
17-18 October	Lab Connections - policy labs in Europe, for Europe: Launch of DF JRC Policy Lab	EC, DG JRC	Brussels
18 October	Science meets Regions in Friuli Venezia	DG JRC	Trieste, Italy
19-20 October	5th international feed conference	DG JRC	Geel, Belgium
24 October	ADVANCE final conference "Deep decarbonisation for staying well below 2°C"	DG JRC	Brussels
25 October	Science meets Parliaments in Bratislava	DG JRC, Slovak Academy of Sciences, Slovak	Bratislava, Slovakia

		Parliament	
25 October	Science meets Parliaments and Regions in Sofia	DG JRC	Sofia, Bulgaria
26 October	I Edoardo Amaldi Lecture "Super-positioned realities of Nuclear Safety, Security, Safeguards and Stockpiles: is Schrödinger's cat dead or alive?"	DG JRC, Accademia Nazionale dei Lincei	Brussels
27-28 October	BVL-Symposium Challenges 2017 - Prevention by Information	DG JRC, German Federal Office of Consumer Protection and Food Safety	Berlin, Germany
1 November	Science meets Regions in Espoo	DG JRC	Espoo, Finland
3-4 November	5th Annual Forum of the EU Strategy for the Danube Region	EC, DG JRC, Slovak Presidency of the Council of the EU	Bratislava, Slovakia
7 November	Science meets Regions in the European Committee of the Regions	DG JRC, CoR	Brussels
8 November	Science meets Parliaments	DG JRC, STOA	Brussels
16 November	Presentation event of DG JRC-EASAC report on "Marine Sustainability in an age of changing oceans and seas"	DG JRC, NCP Portugal, EASAC	Lisbon, Portugal
25 November	Launch of the Text Mining Competence Centre	DG JRC	Brussels
Further upcoming DG JRC events Further upcoming events in the EU Newsroom Calendar			

2.2 Further European Conferences and Meetings

Date	Event	Organiser	Venue/Location
1-3 October	Gabrovo Innovation Camp	Municipality of Gabrovo, CoR, others	Gabrovo, Bulgaria
3 October	Info day on Horizon 2020 'Smart grids and storage'	EC	Brussels
3-7 October	11th European Space Power Conference	EC	Brussels
6 October	Design for Europe: Powering innovation	EC	Tallinn, Estonia
11 October	Ensuring a competitive edge: disaster risk management, prevention and sustainable economic growth	EC	Brussels
12-14 October	CESAER General Assembly and Seminar "The Role of Universities in Open Innovation" 2016	CESAER	Vienna, Austria
13 October	Workshop for smart specialisation in industrial modernisation and investment	EC	Brussels
13 October	Renovated Europe Day	EC, Slovak Presidency of the Council	Brussels
14 October	Horizon 2020 information day on the research public-private partnerships (PPPs)	EC	Brussels
17-18 October	eSkills for jobs 2016	EC, Slovak Presidency of the Council	Bratislava, Slovakia

18-19 October	2016 Annual EU innovation procurement event	EC	Athens, Greece
18-19 October	OECD/EFSA workshop on developmental neurotoxicity (DNT): the use of non-animal test methods for regulatory purposes.	OECD, EFSA	Brussels
20 October	Public sector transformation – Accelerating the digitisation of government	EC	Brussels
20 October	Mainstreaming gender equality into academic and research organisations	EC	Brussels
20-21 October	Counterfactual Methods for Policy Impact Evaluation 2016 (COMPIE 2016)	EC, Catholic University of the Sacred Heart	Milan, Italy
24 October	GENTLE: Understanding Nuclear Energy	EC	Delft, The Netherlands
26 October	European Congress on eCardiology and eHealth	EC	Berlin, Germany
26-27 October	20th European Forum on Eco-innovation	EC, Ministry of the Environment, Republic of Estonia	Tallinn, Estonia
26-28 October	REinEU2016: Re-industrialisation of the European Union 2016	EC, Slovak Presidency of the Council	Bratislava, Slovakia
27 October	JHA Tech 2016 (eu-LISA annual conference) - Aligning the capabilities of technology with policy priorities in the areas of migration and internal security	EC	Tallinn, Estonia
14	Euro-CASE Annual Conference 2016: Big Data–	Euro-CASE, ATV, Technical	Lyngby, Denmark

November	Smarter Products, Better Societies	University of Denmark (DTU)	
14-15 November	ITAPA 2016 International Congress on Information Technology Use in Public Administration	EC, Slovak Presidency of the Council	Bratislava, Slovakia
14-16 November	Conference on Social Sciences and Humanities	EC, Slovak Presidency of the Council	Bratislava, Slovakia
17 November	First Galileo launch with Ariane	EC	Kourou, French Guiana
24-25 November	ECIBC Plenary 2016: When Science and Policy collaborate for Health	EC	Lake Maggiore, Italy
27-28 November	Frontier Research and Science Diplomacy	EC	Brussels
30 November-2 December	9th SET-Plan Conference 2016 - Central European Energy Conference X	EC, Slovak Presidency of the Council	Bratislava, Slovakia
6-7 December	The 2016 EU Agricultural Outlook Conference	EC	Brussels

2.3 International Conferences

Date	Event	Organiser	Venue/Location
3-5 October	LERU-LU gender conference 2016	Lund University	Lund, Sweden
6-11 October	Annual Meeting of the European Society for Medical Oncology (ESMO)	ESMO	Copenhagen, Denmark
7-9 October	Arctic Circle Assembly	Arctic Circle	Reykjavik, Iceland
7-9 October	2016 Annual Meetings of the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank Group	World Bank Group	Washington D.C., USA
9-11 October	OECD VMG-eco meeting	OECD	Paris, France
10-11 October	Working Party on Industry Analysis (WPIA)	OECD	Paris, France
10-11 October	Symposium - Global Migration / Asylum Governance: Advancing the International Agenda	Universities of Geneva and UC Davis, League of European Research Universities (LERU).	Geneva, Switzerland
17-19 October	2016 EU-US Frontiers of Engineering Symposium	Euro-CASE	Helsinki, Finland
17-20 October	UN Habitat III– UN Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development	UN HABITAT	Quito, Ecuador
17-20 October	ESTIV (European Society for In Vitro Toxicology)2016 - In Vitro Toxicology for Safety Assessment	ESTIV	Antibes, France
18-19 October	International Dialogue on Integrating Science and Technology Advice into Foreign Ministries	IIASA	Laxenburg, Austria
18-22 October	2016 Conference of the International Association of Cancer Registries (IACR)	IACR	Marrakech, Morocco
21 October	Global Science Local Impact	Manchester Metropolitan University	Manchester, United Kingdom
27-28 October	Sustainable Growth Summit	Norwegian Centres of Expertise Seafood Innovation Cluster	Bergen, Norway

7-18 November	UNFCCC COP 22	UNFCCC	Marrakesh, Morocco
9-11 November	DRC Annual Meeting 2016 at the Danube University Krems	Danube University Krems	Krems, Austria
28-30 November	Budapest Water Summit 2016	Government of Hungary	Budapest, Hungary
5-9 December	International Conference on Nuclear Security: Commitments and Actions	IAEA	Vienna, Austria
7-13 January 2017	16th World Conference on Earthquake Engineering	WCEE and Chilean Association of Seismology and Earthquake Engineering-ACHISINA	Santiago, Chile
22-24 February 2017	World Ocean Summit	The Economist	Bali, Indonesia

3. DG JRC News

2015	DG JRC Annual Report
2015	Overview of the scientific process of the EU Agencies network for scientific advice (EU-ANSA)
September	DG JRC Newsletter September 2016
Open	The EU is recruiting researchers - Call for expressions of interest

September Highlights

1-2 September [Big Data for Science and Policy](#)

The 2016 annual meeting of the JRC's community of practice on Big Data focused on Big Data for Science and Policy. The two-day event explored the opportunities that Big Data provides for science and policy making and identified how it can be used to improve science-based policy support.

11-16 September	ND2016: International conference on nuclear data for science and technology
ND2016 is the primary conference for the advancement of nuclear data in the interest of both science and technology. It addresses all important active fields of investigation: fundamental nuclear physics, astrophysics, nuclear energy, nuclear medicine, nuclear non-proliferation, safeguards and arms control. The conference was organised by the DG Joint Research Centre, the Nuclear Energy Agency, the International Atomic Energy Agency.	
14-15 September	Research cooperation with Ukraine
Together with the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine (NASU), the DG JRC organised a two-day information event aimed at presenting DG JRC's activities and provided relevant Ukrainian stakeholders with information on possibilities for cooperation with the DG JRC. The first day opened with the signing of a Research Framework Arrangement (RFA), followed by a series of thematic sessions on smart specialisation, agriculture and food security and disaster risk management. Day two focused on research and innovation strategies for smart specialisation (RIS3).	
16 September	Harmonised approach to stress tests for critical infrastructures against natural hazards
Critical Infrastructures (CIs) provide essential goods and services for modern society; they are highly integrated and have growing mutual dependencies. Recent natural events have shown that cascading failures of CIs have the potential for multi-infrastructure collapse and widespread societal and economic consequences. Moving toward a safer and more resilient society requires improved and standardized tools for hazard and risk assessment of low probability-high consequence events (so-called extreme events), and their systematic application to whole classes of CIs, targeting integrated risk mitigation strategies. The STREST project brought together 12 research institutions and six associated industry partners to develop stress tests that are designed to test the vulnerability and resilience of individual CIs and infrastructure systems subject to extreme conditions.	
18-22 September	Plutonium Futures: The Science 2016
Plutonium Futures- The Science series of conferences provided an international forum for discussion of current research on physical and chemical properties of plutonium and other actinide elements in complex systems. The scientific sessions were held at the Kongresshaus Baden-Baden.	
20-22 September	First international workshop on resilience
How do we use resilience-based seismic engineering to steward our built environment and make it safer, resilient and sustainable in the future? It was the objective of this workshop to assess and develop strategies on how to improve community resilience against a major event. A path for tackling new challenges in evaluation and repair of existing structures, design of new structures and infrastructure, cost-effective risk management, and impact on society and economy to increase the resilience of the communities was charted. The aim was to develop a common global vision for earthquake engineering and resilience design, while recognizing unique regional traditions. The 1st International Workshop on Resilience was organised by the Politecnico di Torino and the DG JRC. It took place in Turin and Ispra.	
22 September	New opportunities for innovation and research with the EU's largest innovation community
The European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT) and the JRC signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on 22 September at the EIT's headquarters in Budapest. The MoU streamlines the sharing of knowledge and best practice between the two organisations by exchanging and disseminating information, jointly organising policy workshops and networking events and implementing joint analytical work. It will be especially beneficial in areas of common interest, which are Smart Specialisation and the EIT Regional Innovation Scheme (RIS); education, training and skills, technology transfer, intellectual property, new financing mechanisms and knowledge management.	
23 September	Fiscal policy modelling in the public debate
The DG JRC organised a workshop on the use of microsimulation modelling for fiscal policy analysis in Seville. The aim of the workshop was to gather policy makers and leading economists from the US and Europe who provided	

examples of how microsimulation models are used for fiscal policy analysis in their institutions. Speakers explained whether the models are open-source and made available to the research community. The debate focused on the influence of these modelling activities in the policy debate in the US and the EU, including examples of the use (or misuse) of these models to address specific policy questions. The participants to the workshop were mostly senior officials from the European Commission, EU national ministries of finance, national fiscal councils as well as academics.

26-29 September	<u>14th JRC Annual Training on Composite Indicators and Scoreboards & 2016 Annual meeting of Community of Practice</u>
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The training offered the lessons learnt from the JRC assessments on more than 100 well-known composite indicators and scoreboards. The training objectives were:

- to present the concepts of composite indicators and scoreboards and discuss similarities/differences, strengths/weaknesses, policy uses;
- to provide guidelines on shaping the theoretical framework;
- to offer practical examples on the dataset preparation;
- to highlight the implications of the conceptual and methodological choices;
- to underline the importance of conceptual/statistical coherence;
- to offer an excel-based tool for assessing a composite indicator/scoreboard.

26-30 September	<u>Macro-Regional Innovation Week</u>
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Innovation is not a phenomenon that occurs in a vacuum, it is intimately linked to local conditions and eco-systems and one of its key drivers is the complex interaction between the economic, scientific, academic, human and intellectual capital stock of a given area or region. The Macro-Regional Innovation Week intended to focus on the exchange of best practices and knowledge among local and international policy and decision makers, academics, financial actors and various types of innovation and technology transfer practitioners. The week was intended to facilitate the exchange of views and knowledge among this plethora of stakeholders with a focus on supporting the development of a competitive innovation ecosystem across the macro-regions. These days of seminars and workshops targeted contiguous regions that are relevant because of significant historical and economic ties and because of their inclusion in overlapping macro-regional strategies (e.g. Danube Strategy, Adriatic-Ionian Strategy or Alpine Region Strategy). The Macro-Regional Innovation Week looked at different levels of governance and activity including the political, regional and local level.

28-30 September	<u>Changing Patterns of Territorial Policy: Smart Specialisation and Innovation in Europe</u>
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The First SMARTER Conference on Smart Specialisation and Territorial Development aimed at taking stock of the smart specialisation experience and at assessing its current state of the art both in terms of conceptual developments and practical implementation. It offered to a limited number of participants from academia, European Institutions and territorial authorities, a unique opportunity to discuss these issues, to define the scope and main avenues for future research and policy analysis, and to address the challenges confronting policy makers and practitioners.

29-30 September	<u>Science & policy making: towards a new dialogue</u>
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The European Commission, as part of its Scientific Advice Mechanism, and the International Network for Government Science Advice (INGSA), jointly organised the 2nd International Conference on Government Science Advice, which took place in Brussels. This two-day conference brought together users and providers of scientific advice on critical, global issues. Policy-makers, leading practitioners and scholars in the field of science advice to governments, as well as other stakeholders, explored principles and practices in a variety of current and challenging policy contexts. It also presented the new Scientific Advice Mechanism of the European Commission to the international community. Ahead of the conference, two side events co-organised by the JRC, INGSA and the Global Young Academy (GYA) took place. The first workshop looked into principles and guidelines for government scientific advice. A high-level group of around 40 practitioners and scholars launched a process of developing a set of international principles and guidelines for scientific advice that will conclude in the spring of 2017. The second workshop, involving the representatives of the GYA, JRC and EU Institutions, focused discussions on broadening the scope of science advice and showcasing selected best practices for engaging knowledge-creators beyond the academy. The conclusions from the workshop will also feed into the INGSA process on principles and guidelines.

