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“EIC ROADSHOW EVENT – MALTA, 14.06.2019”

New Approach to the support of European researchers and innovators - European Innovation Council (EIC)

Time: 09:00 - 15:00

The Malta Council for Science and Technology in collaboration with the European Commission Representation in Malta, is organizing an information event to present the [Enhanced European Innovation Council \(EIC\)](#). Representatives of the European Commission will present the objectives of the EIC and practical information related to the submission and evaluation of proposals.

The EIC pilot was first introduced in 2018 under the current Horizon 2020 programme. Building on that experience, European Commission now introduces enhanced funding schemes supporting great ideas and innovation.

New funding opportunities for 2019 and 2020 under the Enhanced EIC Pilot include the following schemes:

- **EIC Pathfinder Pilot** - comprises FET-Open and FET-Proactive and offers grants of up to €4 million to promote collaborative, inter-disciplinary research and innovation on science-inspired and radically new future technologies,
- **EIC Accelerator Pilot** - builds on the SME Instrument Phase II and provides grant-only support (up to €2,5 million) as well as support in the form of blended finance (combining grant (up to €2,5 million) with an equity investment of up to €15 million). It supports high-risk, high-potential SMEs with potential to develop and commercialise new products, services and business models that could drive economic growth and shape new markets in Europe and worldwide.

Date: 14th June 2019

Venue: [Esplora Activity Centre, Malta Council for Science and Technology, Kalkara](#)

Organizer: European Commission, Malta Council for Science and Technology, EC Representation in Malta.

Please register your interest in attending the event [here](#).

For more information on all applications for the EU Horizon 2020 Framework Program for Research and Innovation, including the EIC, please contact the National Contact Points at the Malta Council for Science and Technology ([link](#)).

Agenda:

Moderator – Dr Leonie Baldacchino

- 9:00 Welcome coffee + registration
- 9:30 **Welcome address – Dr Jeffrey Pullicino Orlando, Executive Chairman, Malta Council for Science and Technology**
- 9:35 **Introductory Speech – Hon Silvio Schembri, Parliamentary Secretary for Financial Services, Digital Economy and Innovation**
- 9:40 **Presentation of the European Innovation Council policy objectives – Wolfgang Burtcher, Deputy Director-General, European Commission DG RTD**

- 9:50 **Panel discussion on EIC-related plans and expectations**
Wolfgang Burtscher, Deputy Director-General, European Commission DG RTD
James Foden, Senior-Director, Strategy, Research and Technical Affairs, MCST
Bernard Grima, Loqus Group, FIDACAMS project
Mark Mallia, InboundMuse, DASHIN Project
Ana-Maria Magri Pantea, H2020, SME Instrument Evaluator
- 10:50 *Questions and Answers*
Coffee break
- 11:30 **Funding opportunities. Novelties in the 2019-20 EIC Work Program & Practical information on submission and evaluation of proposals.**
Frédérique Péron-Lühns, Policy Officer, European Commission, DG RTD, EIC Task Force
Natascha Lai, Head of Sector, EASME, EIC Task Force
- 12:30 *Questions and Answers*
- 13:00 Lunch
- 14:00 Role of the Horizon 2020 National Contact Points, **Steven Frigerio**, **National Contact Point for SMEs**
- 14:20 Role of Enterprise Europe Network and Innovation Management, **Brigitte Tanti**, **EEN Coordinator**
- 15:00 Close of session



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