



## Horizon Europe and innovation for Societal Grand Challenges: Agri-food, Health, and Water.

Online Thematic Workshop, Wednesday 8 September 2021, 14:00-17:00 (CET)

Draft Agenda	
14:00 - 14:50	Short introduction by TO1 thematic experts on the Interreg Europe Policy Learning Platform and the workshop agenda (5 minutes)
	Moderated Keynote Panel Discussion – Horizon Europe and challenge- oriented innovation policies
	2 keynote speakers
	Food, bioeconomy, natural resources, agriculture and environment in Horizon Europe
	<ul> <li>Peter Wehrheim, Head of Unit, Bioeconomy and Food Systems, DG Research and Innovation, European Commission (10 minutes).</li> </ul>
	Regional challenge-oriented innovation policies
	<ul> <li>Elvira Uyarra, Professor, University of Manchester, United Kingdom (10 minutes).</li> </ul>
	Questions: moderated discussion by TO1 Thematic Experts (25 minutes)
14:50 – 15:05	Break - with opportunities for participants to get to know each other
15:05 – 15:55	Innovation for Societal Grand Challenges – Good Practices
	Agri-food (good practice)  Con Traas, Chairperson of the Tipperary Food Producers Network (TFPN) (SUPER) (6-7 minutes presentation)
	<ul> <li>Health (good practice)</li> <li>Sandra Evans, University of Tübingen, Germany - Living In Place Innovation Infrastructure: LebensPhasenHaus (LPH) (ITHACA) (6-7 minutes presentation)</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Water (good practice)</li> <li>Pieter de Jong, Wetsus - Friesland (NL), Netherlands (IWATERMAP) (6-7 minutes presentation)</li> </ul>
	Discussant (6-7 minutes to reflect on the good practices presented and share her expertise on the topic):  • Elisabetta Marinelli, Policy Analyst @Policy Research Interface, Spain.
	Questions: moderated discussion by TO1 Thematic Experts (20 minutes)
15:55 – 16:10	Break - with opportunities for participants to get to know each other



16:10– 17:00	Working groups on Innovation for Societal Grand Challenges
	Participants are divided into two to three groups (around 10-15 participants per group max)
	<ul> <li>TO1 Thematic Experts facilitate the group discussions and make sure that discussions in each group runs smoothly and provides references to Interreg Europe projects.</li> <li>Participants will be encouraged when registering to the online workshop to prepare a slide to present a regional initiative on innovation to tackle societal challenges, if any, (1 slide/2 minutes).</li> <li>Thematic experts provide a list of questions to discuss, such as, but not limited to, what are some initiatives in your region to promote innovation to respond to societal challenges? What are the main challenges and how to overcome them?</li> </ul>
17:00	End of online event
17:00-17:50	Online Expert Helpdesk – possibility to book in advance an individual meeting (10 minutes slot) with the Thematic Experts (and the PLP core team if needed) to discuss specific needs and policy challenges