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## Invitation: RegHealth-RI Final Conference, 20 October, 2016

### “Bridging the Divide in European Health Research and Innovation”

*Hosted by the Permanent Representation of the Republic of Poland to the European Union  
and the Embassy of the Republic of Poland in Brussels.*

The RegHealth-RI project team is **delighted to invite you to the RegHealth-RI Final Conference “Bridging the Divide in European Health Research and Innovation”**. The event will gather high level representatives and key stakeholders working in the fields of health, research, innovation, and regional development to discuss the gaps in health research and innovation across Europe.

**Date:** 20 October

**Time:** 09:00-15:00

**Venue:** Embassy of the Republic of Poland in Brussels, 29 Avenue des Gaulois, 1040 Brussels

**Registration:** Please register [here](#) by 14 October

#### What is the RegHealth-RI Project?

The European Regions’ Network for Health Research and Innovation (RegHealth-RI) is a two-year European project which started in November 2014. The project is funded by the EU Research and Innovation Framework Programme (Horizon 2020).

RegHealth-RI aims to **bridge the gaps in research and innovation (R&I) across European regions, focusing on the health area**, by investigating new measures to reduce differences in R&I performance, and to identify the drivers of these differences.

The objectives of RegHealth-RI are to:

- Determine the state of the art of health R&I in European regions.
- Design and develop indicators to measure the degree of development of health R&I.
- Develop networking activities and promote dialogue between stakeholders involved in health R&I in Europe.

#### Which key questions will be answered during the conference?

- Which factors influence health R&I in European regions, and especially in the less performing regions (as defined in the Regional Innovation Scoreboard 2014)?
- Which new approaches can be recommended in order to bridge the gaps in health R&I across European regions?
- What synergies exist between Horizon 2020 and the European Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF), and how can they be maximized to widen the participation of regions in Horizon 2020?



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## Draft Agenda

Time	Intervention	Speaker	Organisation
<b>08.30 – 09.00</b>	<b>Registration</b>		
09:00 – 09:15	Welcome from host	Artur Orzechowski	Ambassador of the Embassy of Poland to the Kingdom of Belgium
		Sebastian Barkowski	Deputy Permanent Representative, Permanent Representation of Poland to the European Union
09:15 – 09:30	Opening session by project consortium	Joaquin Guinea, Toni Dedeu, and Claudio Cozza	INNOVATEC, European Regional and Local Health Authorities (EUREGHA), and University of Trieste
<b>Introductory Presentations</b>			
09.30 – 09.50	Key Note Speech 1	Ruxandra Draghia-Akli	Deputy Director-General, European Commission, DG Research and Innovation (EU)
09.50 – 10.10	Key Note Speech 2	Lambert van Nistelrooij	European Parliament (EU)
10.10 – 10.40	<b>Networking Coffee</b>		
<b>Identified Challenges</b>			
10.40 – 11.00	Projection of RegHealth-RI Project Video		
11.00 – 11.20	State of the Art of Health Research and Innovation	Claudio Cozza	University of Trieste (IT)
11.20 – 11.40	Main results of RegHealth-RI Project	Joaquin Guinea	INNOVATEC (ES)
11.40 – 12.00	DanuBalt Project: Main Results, Interaction and Common Findings	Jonathan Watson	Health ClusterNET (EU)
<b>12.00–13.00</b>	<b>Networking Lunch</b>		
<b>Roundtable: Bridging the gap</b>			
13.00 – 14.30	Topics to be discussed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Synergies between H2020 and ESIFs</li> <li>• Widening the participation of EU less-performing regions and countries in the Societal Challenge 1 "Health, demographic change and well-being" of H2020</li> <li>• Improving Health research and innovation in EU less-performing regions and countries</li> </ul>	Toni Dedeu (moderator)	EUREGHA / Agency for Health Quality and Assessment of Catalonia – AQuAS (ES)
		Jan Hrusak	Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic (CZ)
		Illiana Paunova	Association of the Research-based Pharmaceutical Manufacturers (BG)
		Toivo Maimets	European Commission Research, Innovation and Science High-level Expert Group / University of Tartu (EE)
		Ana Stavljenić-Rukavina	Libertas International University (HR)
		Maria Muñoz	Directorate General of Community Funds, Ministry of Finance and Public Administration (ES)
		Maija Dambrova	Latvian Institute of Organic Synthesis (LV)
		Iona Berindan Neagoe	Iuliu Hateganu University / MDACC University of Texas (RO)
<b>Concluding Remarks</b>			
14:30 – 14:45	Policy Recommendations and Project Conclusions	Joaquin Guinea	INNOVATEC (ES)