

# ERA HUBS: THE KNOWLEDGE AND INNOVATION TERRITORIAL ECOSYSTEMS WITHIN THE EUROPEAN INNOVATION POLICIES

## WORKSHOP

The purpose of the workshop is discussing the general functioning, the objectives and the perspectives of the knowledge and innovation ecosystems existing across the European regions in the light of the concept of ERA Hubs within the general purpose of the ERA (European Research Area) policies and the overall innovation policies led by the EU. The workshop aims to put together theory and practice of ERA Hubs extrapolating from the knowledge of the effective experiences of the ecosystems spread in different European regions some relevant conceptualizations of the varied characteristics encountered in the case-studies. The ultimate aim of this debate is enriching the box of tools that the policy makers can adopt for the best comprehension and governance of the ecosystems within the European innovation policies.

**3rd October 2024 h14.30 - 18.30**

1. Introduction: Globalization and innovation, **Daniele Archibugi**
2. Innovation policies for Empowering SMEs: Evidence from Italy, **Raffaele Spallone**
3. Framing and bridging regional research and innovation ecosystems capacities for a renewed ERA: the ERA\_FABRIC project, **Maria Grazia Zucchini**
4. Challenging the EU's research and innovation ecosystems as ERA Hubs, **Mieszkowski Krzysztof**
5. Collective intelligence for policy design: a Theory of Change Based Approach, **Francesco Molinari**
6. EU place-based Research and Innovation ecosystems. Theoretical framework and main findings from the analysis of territorial case-studies, **Lorenzo Dorato**

*a dinner will be organized at 8pm*

**4th October 2024 h10.00 - 12.30**

Meeting with representatives of the National Biodiversity Future Center to provide a presentation of the Center's activities with special reference to the generation of new scientific knowledge, of synergies and networks with local facilities and citizens (Citizen Science).

The National Biodiversity Future Centre, set up by the National Recovery and Resilience Plan (PNRR), is one of five Italian national centres dedicated to cutting-edge research with the aim of helping to achieve the goals of the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The centre, to which Italian universities and research centres working in the field of biodiversity belong, can be supported by a network of more than 1,000 researchers. This network has been joined by about 350 new researchers specially hired on a fixed-term basis. The centre was created for studying biodiversity not only in terms of land management and conservation, but also for building a new socio-economic approach that will lead to a more resilient and sustainable future for everyone on the planet.

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