



EARTO-EBN-ERRIN High-Level Debate **“EU Regional Innovation Policies looking forward Post-2020: RIS3 & Simplification”**

13 October 2016 – 9.00-10.45
Committee of the Regions – Room JDE52

This high level debate will explore the ongoing RIS3 implementation by regions coupled with the parallel efforts of the European Commission aiming at ESIF simplification. Both efforts linked together will certainly bring regional innovation policies further. How will our regional innovation landscape look like post-2020? EARTO, EBN & ERRIN members are important regional actors, all of them active together at regional level implementing RIS3 strategies today. They consider the current efforts of the European Commission and European Parliament in terms of RIS3 and ESIF simplification as essential. In this context, ESIF simplification should mean easier and faster access to ESIF to support regional development. Coupled with the current learning process on how to effectively implement RIS3 strategies, simplification may be a powerful tool supporting regional innovation policies post-2020. Adding to this picture, regional authorities and R&I actors are now very much looking forward: trying to find new ways to effectively fund and support the RIS3 implementation using new tools and business models (e.g. Vanguard pilots, new EFSI funds, etc.). Those various parallel and connected efforts will certainly bring a new picture of Europe regional innovation policies post-2020 and will be debated by key actors in the following proposed session:

Timing	Agenda
9.00 – 9.10	Welcome by EARTO – Frank Treppe, President, European Association of Research and Technology Organisations
9.10 – 9.30	Keynote Speech by Mr Markku Markkula, President, Committee of the Regions
9.30 – 10.00	Keynote Speech by Massimo Sabatini, Member, High Level Group monitoring simplification for beneficiaries of ESI Funds
10.00 – 10.45	Panel Discussion on EU Regional Innovation Policies looking forward Post-2020: RIS3, Simplification and Synergies of Funds <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lambert van Nistelrooij, Member of European Parliament, Committee REGI• Katja Reppel, Deputy Head of Unit Competence Center Smart and Sustainable Growth, DG REGIO, European Commission• Richard Tuffs, Director, European Regions Research & Innovation Network (ERRIN) & Chair of S3 Platform Mirror Group• Philippe Vanrie, CEO, EBN• Steven Knotter, Senior Consultant in Regional & Urban Development, IDEA Consult & Overall Coordination Support, Vanguard Initiative Moderator: Muriel Attané, Secretary General, EARTO
10.45:	Coffee & networking session will follow the workshop.