



Joint Research Centre (JRC) of the European Commission INFO DAY

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AGENDA

09:30-10:00 Arrivals to the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering & welcome coffee

10:00-10:30 Keynote speeches:

1. **Prof. Dr.Sc. Hristijan Mickoski**,
President of the Government of the Republic of North Macedonia;
2. **Prof. Dr.Sc. Vesna Janevska**,
Minister of Education and Science of the Republic of North Macedonia;
3. **Sanja Bozhinovska**, Minister of Energy, Mining and Mineral Resources
of the Republic of North Macedonia;
4. **Matthias Oel**, Acting Deputy Director-General of the JRC;
5. **Prof. Dr.Sc. Atanas Kochov**, Member of Board of Governors of JRC.

10:30-11:00 Official ceremony in the presence of:

- **Prof. Dr.Sc. Hristijan Mickoski**,
President of the Government of the Republic of North Macedonia;
- **Prof. Dr.Sc. Vesna Janevska**,
Minister of Education and Science of the Republic of North Macedonia; &
- **Matthias Oel**, Acting Deputy Director-General of the JRC.

Formalizing the recently signed Agreement between the JRC
and the Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic
of North Macedonia.

11:00-11:45 General presentation of the JRC and of the opportunities for
North Macedonia as an Associated Country to Horizon Europe,
followed by a Q&A session.

Emanuela Bellan, Head of the "Member States Partnerships and
International Relations" Unit at the JRC.



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11:45-12:45 Presentations of success stories from Macedonian researchers

1. **Prof. Dr.Sc. Roberta Apostolska:** *Strengthening Technical Capacity in the Western Balkans for a Resilient Built Environment: The Role of the Eurocodes.*
2. **Blagoj Delipetrov, PhD:** *From Science-for-Policy to Security-at-Scale: My AI Journey Across Academia, the JRC, and NATO.*
3. **Assistant Professor Marija Lazarevikj, PhD:** *Parameter based tool for Francis turbine guide vanes design using coupled MATLAB-ANSYS approach, results from a HORIZON 2020 Project.*

12:45-13:45 Lunch break

13:45-14:30 Thematic session on Smart Specialisation:
“JRC analytical assistance for Smart Specialisation processes in the EU Enlargement region: a focus on North Macedonia”.
Manuel Palazuelos Martinez, Leader of the Smart Specialisation team at the “Territorial Development” Unit at the JRC.

14:30-15:30 Thematic session on Energy Security:
“Security of Gas Supply in the EU and Neighbouring countries: the role of the JRC and the collaboration with North Macedonia”.
Ricardo Bolado Lavin, Project Leader at the “Energy Security, Distribution and Markets” Unit at the JRC.

15:30-16:30 Thematic session on Sustainable and Smart Buildings:
“Smart Cities and smart buildings: JRC activities for a Resilient and Sustainable Built Environment”.
Marco Lamperti Tornaghi, Scientific Officer at the “Built Environment” Unit at the JRC.

16:30-17:30 Networking drinks