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SECOND WORKSHOP OF REGHEALTH-RI PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS SYNERGIES BETWEEN HORIZON 2020 AND STRUCTURAL FUNDS

On 26-27 November, the European Regions' Network for Health Research and Innovation (RegHealth-RI) gathers representatives from the European Commission, national and regional authorities, academia, research institutes and private sector for its 2nd project workshop in Trieste, Italy. During the workshop, the participants will analyse regional disparities in health research and innovation, as well as identify and analyse ways of creating synergies between Horizon 2020 and the European Structural and Investment Funds (ESIFs).

Celebrating the first year of project implementation, RegHealth-RI is organising the second, out of three, project workshops. The invited participants will gather in Trieste to discuss synergies between Horizon 2020 and the ESIFs, more specifically, the workshop has the following objectives:

- Analysing regional disparities in terms of health research and innovation: conclusions and policy recommendations (follow-up from [the first project workshop](#) organised in Madrid in June)
- Identifying and analysing possible actions/initiatives/programmes to facilitate synergies between Horizon 2020 and the ESIFs
- Analysing the preliminary results of the calls of Horizon 2020 and discussing new ways for widening the participation in Horizon 2020
- Presenting future actions planned for the [RHInG-Net Network](#) (launched in July 2015) and other project activities.

During the workshop, Claudio Cozza and Monica Plechero from RegHealth-RI partner, University of Trieste, will present an updated state of the art analysis of regional disparities in terms of health research and innovation. The analysis is one of the corner stones of the RegHealth-RI project, and shows very interesting results. Amongst other things, the research shows:

- Policies related to health research and innovation need to target top performing regions within countries (and not only top performing countries)
- In less performing regions, sustaining an international knowledge flow and networking may be good policy tools for increasing research and innovation performances BUT only by creating appropriate incentives for learning, by coaching activities with best performing regions
- For sustaining advancement in science it is not enough to have a certain critical mass of universities and research centres, incentives for increasing the quality of human resources and quality of infrastructure are also needed.

The full state of the art analysis and more information from the Trieste workshop will be available at the [RegHealth-RI website](#) shortly.



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