

Science and Education for Society (SEFS) Working Group Meeting

How to bridge the gap between researchers and policy makers?

Thursday 20 April | 10.00-12.00 CET
(online meeting)

This interactive meeting will offer SEFS Working Group members an opportunity to gain a better understanding of the European Commission's Staff Working Document [Supporting and connecting policymaking in the Member States with scientific research](#).

The meeting will showcase three practices from ERRIN members of how evidence based and evidence informed policy making is done in practice. The JRC will participate in an open dialogue with the ERRIN members on the preparatory action "Science meets Regions" which is ending in 2023. Members will have the opportunity to share their ideas on what kind of instruments regions like to see emerging in support of evidence-informed policymaking at regional and local level. The meeting will end with an exchange on future perspectives in which both researchers and regional policymakers can present their challenges and needs and propose ways to better bridge the gap between the world of research and the world of policy making.

This session will pave the way for regional stakeholders' input for the conference (DGRTD) in Brussels on 10-11 October 2023.

10:00	Opening of the meeting Caroline Sundberg and Mikael Vainio SEFS Working Group Leaders
10:05	Presentation of the European Commission's Staff Working Document Speaker from DG RTD, tbc
10:20	Evidence-based and evidence-informed policy in practice: Pitch presentations from ERRIN members of examples strengthening evidence-based and evidence-informed policy making, both from the academic and policy making perspective
10:50	Science meets Regions Initiative: where can regions play a role? Evidence flows between regional and national level: how can we improve that? Stijn Verleyen, <i>Coordinator for inter-institutional Relations</i> , DG JRC
11:10	Exchange with the regional stakeholders on future perspectives and support needed
11:45	Conclusions
12:00	End of the meeting