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PLENARY SESSION
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Final Agenda

TIME	SESSION TITLES & SPEAKERS
09:00-09:30 (45 min)	<i>Registration and welcome coffee</i>
09:30-09:40 (10 min)	Welcome <i>Speaker: Ms Maria Cristina Russo, Deputy Director - General for Innovation, Prosperity and International Cooperation in DG Research and Innovation</i>
09:40-09:50 (10 min)	Keynote <i>Speaker: Ms Eszter Lakos, Member of the European Parliament</i>

<p>09:50-10:40 (50 min)</p>	<p>Policy panel: The European way to competitiveness – how does Industry 5.0 fit in?</p> <p>Panel members: <i>Mr Frank Geels - Eddie Davies Professor of Sustainability Transitions, Alliance Manchester Business School, University of Manchester</i> <i>Ms Judith Kirton-Darling - General secretary, industriAll Europe</i> <i>Ms Àngels Orduña – Executive Director, A.SPIRE</i> <i>Mr Donald Kalff – Entrepreneur and publicist on governance and management of enterprises</i> <i>Mr Giovanni Pacini - Global Vice President (VP) Industrial Excellence at Danone</i> Moderated by <i>Ms Doris Schröcker, Head of Unit, DG Research & Innovation, European Commission</i></p>
<p>10:40-11:30 (50 min)</p>	<p>Industry 5.0: Progress, lessons learned and the way forward</p> <p>Panel members: <i>Ms Ina Sebastian - Vice President, R&D&I Policy, Infineon Technologies AG</i> <i>Ms Caroline Viarouge - Chief Executive Officer (CEO), EIT Manufacturing</i> <i>Ms Daniela Angione - Senior Executive, National Delegate for EIC, Enterprise Ireland</i> <i>Mr Christophe Pinck - Head of International affairs, EU at NCE EYDE Norwegian Centre of Expertise</i> <i>Mr Zeljko Pazin - Executive Director, EFFRA</i> Moderated by <i>Mr Karel Haegeman, Team Leader SHIFT – Transforming Territories, Joint Research Centre, European Commission</i></p>
<p>11:30-11:45 (15 min)</p>	<p>Pitches of the discussions in the collaborative workshops</p> <p>Moderated by <i>Ms Doris Schröcker, Head of Unit, DG Research & Innovation, European Commission</i></p>
<p>11:45-12:10 (25 min)</p>	<p>Coffee Break</p>
<p>12:10-13:10 (60 min)</p>	<p>Breakout Sessions / Collaborative Workshops</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Session 1: Orientations for the Industry 5.0 Community of Practice – mission accomplished or time to renew?</i> <p>Session Lead: <i>Mr Dominik Sobczak - Deputy Head of Unit, DG Research & Innovation, European Commission</i></p> <p>Moderators: <i>Mr Steven Dhondt - Senior research scientist TNO Health & Work, Professor KU Leuven</i> <i>Mr Jason Pridmore - Professor Erasmus University Rotterdam</i> <i>Mr Steffen Ganders – Independent Industry 5.0 expert</i> <i>Mr Sotirios Panagou - Associate Professor, Production Management Group</i> <i>Ms Elisabeth Meidel - Chief of Staff, Morrow Batteries</i> <i>Mr Peter Totterdill - Founding Director, Workplace Innovation Europe (WIE)</i></p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Session 2: Monitoring, taxonomy, and self-assessment on Industry 5.0</i> <p><i>Session Lead:</i> <i>Mr Karel Haegeman - Team Leader SHIFT Transforming Territories, Joint Research Centre, European Commission</i></p> <p><i>Moderators:</i> <i>Mr Sean Costello – Director, InnoGlobal</i> <i>Ms Greta Braun - PhD researcher, Co-director Upskilling Academy, Chalmers University of Technology</i> <i>Mr Sergio Gusmeroli - Research Coordinator, Politecnico di Milano</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Session 3: Anticipation and the territorial dimension of Industry 5.0</i> <p><i>Session Lead:</i> <i>Mr Cristian Matti - Policy Expert, Sustainability and Innovation, Joint Research Centre, European Commission</i></p> <p><i>Moderators:</i> <i>Mr Vadim Kononenko – Foresight and Policy Expert, European Environment Agency</i> <i>Ms Erika Augustinsson – Innovations strategist, The Region of Blekinge, Sweden</i> <i>Mr Jorge Martins - Senior Scientist, Foresight and Data Economy, VTT Technical Research Centre of Finland</i></p>
<p>13:10-14:15 (65 min)</p>	<p>Lunch</p>
<p>14:15-14:30 (15 min)</p>	<p>Reports from the breakout sessions / collaborative workshops</p> <p><i>Moderated by Ms Doris Schröcker, Head of Unit, DG Research & Innovation, European Commission</i></p>
<p>14:30-15:20 (50 min)</p>	<p>Future Prospects for the Community of Practice</p> <p><i>Panel members:</i> <i>Mr Steven Dhondt - Senior research scientist TNO Health & Work, Professor KU Leuven</i> <i>Mr Ziga Valic - EU Affairs Manager, Flanders Make</i> <i>Ms Greta Braun – PhD researcher, Co-director Upskilling Academy, Chalmers University of Technology</i> <i>Mr Lukasz Osuszek – Senior Digital Transformation Manager, Danone</i> <i>Mr Peter Totterdill - Founding Director, Workplace Innovation Europe (WIE)</i></p> <p><i>Moderated by Mr Dominik Sobczak, Deputy Head of Unit, DG Research & Innovation, European Commission</i></p>
<p>15:20-16:20 (60 min)</p>	<p>State of play of Horizon Europe Industry 5.0 projects</p> <p><i>Panel members:</i> <i>Ms Simona Aceto – Project manager at NSBproject, PROSPECTS 5.0</i> <i>Ms Nathalie Greenan - Professor Conservatoire National des Arts et Métiers (CNAM), BRIDGES 5.0</i> <i>Mr Chris Ivory - Professor of Innovation Management , Mälardalen University, UP-SKILL</i> <i>Ms Siobhán O'Neill – Researcher, Insight Research Ireland Centre for Data Analytics, University College Cork, SEISMEC</i> <i>Ms Aliona Lupu - Partner Responsible for R&I and EU funding, Iniziativa, SURE5.0</i></p>

Moderated by Ms Diana Ognyanova, Policy Officer, DG Research & Innovation, European Commission

16:20-16:30
(10 min)

Wrap-up and conclusions

Moderated by Ms Doris Schröcker, Head of Unit, DG Research & Innovation, European Commission