

PolSCA webinar series on Horizon Europe

Cluster 6 :: Food, Bioeconomy, Natural Resources, Agriculture and Environment

30th November 2021 at 9.30 - 13.00

GENERAL REMARKS

The main objective of the activities undertaken as part of the **PolSCA Webinar series** is to strengthen the knowledge of the EU framework programme for research and innovation - [Horizon Europe \(HE\)](#) among representatives of the scientific community of the [Polish Academy of Sciences \(PAS\)](#). The participation in Horizon Europe (2021-2027) will undoubtedly be a great challenge for scientists and research units in Poland, including employees of the PAS Institutes. Yet, Horizon Europe programme, with a budget of EUR 95.5 billion, provides clearly a great opportunity to implement ambitious R&D projects, largely based on multilateral scientific cooperation.

The synergy of various activities initiated within the [PASIFIC](#) programme under the PAS headquarters, combined with dissemination and training activities undertaken by the [PolSCA Office](#) in accordance with its mission shall contribute to increasing the effective participation of the research institutes of the PAS in projects funded under Horizon Europe. In order to further enable that, PolSCA is involved in **building and strengthening an informal support network** dedicated to scientists and research managers of PAS institutes in the context of the EU framework program for research and innovation, with an emphasis on Horizon Europe.

PolSCA initiated the roll-out of these webinars in the first half of the 2021. The [kick-off meeting](#) included the general introduction to Horizon Europe and a national support system. This was followed by a general introduction to [the HE pillar II](#), including strategic planning, missions and partnerships. In the second half of 2021, a number of follow-up webinars are being delivered by PolSCA team ranging from a detailed overview of selected clusters, to various HE instruments (e.g. [Widening measures](#)).

WEBINAR OVERVIEW

The main purpose of this particular webinar will be to present cluster 6: “Food, bioeconomy, natural resources, agriculture and environment” of Horizon Europe. The current research and innovation funding opportunities in this part of the framework program are set out in the [Work Program for 2021-2022](#).

Thanks to our special guests: representatives of **the European Commission, Mission Boards and National Contact Point (NCBR/KPK)**, the meeting attendees will strengthen their knowledge about priorities, specific objectives and expected impact of the cluster 6 as well as about the [funding opportunities within 7 destinations of the cluster for 2022](#). Moreover, the participants will be given

detailed insight into the evaluation novelties under cluster 6 with a special attention to Do Not Significant Harm criterion. This will be followed by testimonials of the Polish researchers sharing their experiences gained from the Horizon 2020 funded grants. Eventually, Mission Boards members will present closely related to cluster 6: [Mission Restore our Ocean and Waters](#) and [EU Mission Soil deal for Europe](#).

AGENDA

09.30 - 09.40 | **Opening**

09.40 - 10.00 | **Cluster 6: Overall picture of the Cluster 6 – Dr Natalia Brzezina**, European Commission, Directorate General for Agriculture and Rural Development

10.00 – 10.20 | **Submission and evaluation novelties under cluster 6 – Mr Alessio Bacchielli**, European Commission, Research Executive Agency

10.20 - 10.35 | **Q&A**

10.35 – 11.15 | **Funding opportunities under cluster 6 for 2022 – Dr Magdalena Głogowska**, National Centre for Research and Development, National Contact Point

11.15 - 11.30 | **Q&A**

11.30 - 11.40 | **Break**

11.40 – 12.10 | **European funded grants from the researchers' perspective (Horizon 2020):**

- **Dr Karolina Susek**, Institute of Plant Genetics of the Polish Academy of Sciences in Poznań
- **Prof Ryszard Amarowicz**, Institute of Animal Reproduction and Food Research of the Polish Academy of Sciences in Olsztyn

12.10 – 12.30 | **EU Missions – Concrete solutions for our greatest challenges:**

- **Dr Klara Ramm**, Economic Chamber Polish Waterworks, Member of the Mission Board “Restore our Ocean and Waters”
- **Prof Marta Pogrzeba**, Institute for Ecology of Industrial Areas (IETU), Member of the Mission Board “Soil Health and Food”

12.30 - 13.00 | **Q&A and closing remarks**