

Policy Learning Platform (PLP) members met in Prague to discuss new Innovation Partnerships

5th EMMIA PLP members meeting

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On Tuesday, 10 June 2014, the EMMIA Policy Learning Platform (PLP) held their 5th meeting at the Prague Congress Centre, where Policy Working Groups comprising regional representatives and experts from all over Europe ascertained recommendations for the three Innovation Partnership regions and levels.

The 5th EMMIA PLP meeting was organised by BIC R&D, Brno. Luděk Kühr, BIC R&D, launched the event and this was followed by a welcome speech given by Lisbeth Bahl Poulsen from the European Commission. Václav Kobera, welcomed all participants on behalf of the Czech Ministry of Transport, followed by Jürgen Vogel, the EMMIA PLP co-ordinator, bavAIRia e.V., Oberpfaffenhofen.



Picture: Participants of the EMMIA PLP 5th Meeting in Prague

Almost 25 EMMIA PLP members coming from regions all over Europe (Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Estonia, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Spain, Sweden and United Kingdom) attended the meeting in Prague.

Micael Gustafsson, Clusterland Sweden, acquainted the participants with the findings and feedback from all-in-all eight visits including four workshops held at each Innovation Partnership region (Kyunstendil - Bulgaria, Dublin, Cork – Ireland and Luxembourg). He also clarified the procedures used to arrive at the policy recommendations tailor-made for the local regional eco-systems and maturity levels in mobile services.



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Jürgen Vogel proceeded by introducing the three working groups for the day:

- **Excellence level** – Dublin/Cork represented by Eoin O’Neill, Trinity College, Dublin, and led by Micael Gustafsson, Clusterland Sweden,
- **Climbing level** – Luxembourg represented by Younis Hijazi, LUXINNOVATION, and led by Phillipe Moretto, ENCADRE,
- **Challenger level** – Kyustendil represented by Nikolay Spasov, Regional Authority Kyustendil, and led by Jürgen Vogel, bavAIRia e.V..

The local challenges in the regions were discussed in detail in order to concretise the general policy recommendations derived from the EMMIA PLP’s five model regions. During the visits to the three Innovation Partnership regions, sets of questions were posed to the local key players in innovation support. Now, the invited EMMIA PLP members from all over Europe discussed the answers and came up with new ideas and recommendations based on their expertise and knowledge.

The outcome of the afternoon was summarized by the Chair of EMMIA PLP, Karin Drda-Kühn, who was very satisfied with the results established during the workshop. The recommendations ascertained together will form part of the updated version of the EMMIA PLP Guide how to “Mobilise Europe”. More photos from the meeting you can find on our Facebook.

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