

**TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN**

***Invitation for a meeting organised in the context of the independent Peer Review of the Moldovan R&I System under the Horizon 2020 Policy Support Facility***

The Moldovan authorities expressed their interest for an independent Peer Review of their R&I system to be organised under the Horizon 2020 Policy Support Facility (PSF) by a letter of the President of the Academy of Sciences from 26 May 2015. In line with this request, the aim of this Peer Review is to provide external and independent advice and operational recommendations to the Moldovan authorities on possible reforms to undertake in line with the following focus areas:

- (1) Increasing the efficiency of public R&I funding and the quality of the R&I performing bodies and instruments;*
- (2) Improving the policies for human resources and mobility of researchers;*
- (3) Boosting business innovativeness and science-business links; and,*
- (4) Increasing R&I impact by properly defining the policy instruments*

The independent PSF panel, composed by four independent experts: Mr. Krzysztof Gulda (Chair, Poland), Mr. Manfred Spiesberger (co-rapporteur, Austria) Mr. George Bonas (co-rapporteur, Greece), Ms. Francien Heijs (expert, Netherlands) and three peer experts, being senior officials from Austria, Romania and Estonia, will visit Moldova on 7-9 December 2015 to meet all Moldovan authorities involved in the R&I policies as well as the wide range of institutions and stakeholders.

The Peer Review panel would like to invite you or a representative of your organisation for a meeting to discuss and explore the above mentioned focus areas of the Moldovan Peer Review more in-depth.

If you require any further specific information about the Moldovan Peer Review please do not hesitate to contact me at: [kgulda@op.pl](mailto:kgulda@op.pl) or for questions regarding the policy review process please contact: [Diana.Senczyszyn@ec.europa.eu](mailto:Diana.Senczyszyn@ec.europa.eu)

Please note the process of the Peer Review is extensively described in the attached information note and the draft agenda of our visit is also attached.

Looking forward to our future exchanges,

Krzysztof Gulda

*Annex 1. Draft agenda of the PSF panel visit in Moldova.*

*Annex 2. Information note on the peer review of Moldovan R&I system under the Horizon 2020 Policy Support Facility.*