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## OBJECTIVES

The objective of the Specific Support to Cyprus, carried out by a panel of independent European R&I experts, is to provide tailored advice and concrete recommendations to the Cypriot Government on reforms necessary to optimise the utilisation of publicly funded-research laboratories by the business community.

## SCOPE

Optimal utilisation of publicly funded-research laboratories by the business community is a powerful tool for the development of the collaboration between public research and business sectors and for fostering science-industry linkages, effective knowledge transfer and business innovation. In particular, easing the access to national research infrastructures through the removal of legal or technical obstacles and the simplification of access procedures is necessary for the optimisation of their use and the widening of use by businesses.

The PSF Specific Support will thus help to design an overall policy framework for promoting the optimal use of the laboratories of the government-funded organisations by the business community. The recommendations will address the following issues:

- *Actions to be undertaken by the Cyprus authorities in order to encourage and incentivise the collaboration*
- *Legal and regulatory changes to be made*
- *How the Cyprus authorities can help the laboratories to organise and simplify the access to and use of their services, notably with regards to procedures as well as to technical, contractual and costing aspects*
- *Optimization of the accreditation system for laboratories*
- *Role to be allocated to the existing Technology Transfer Offices*
- *Addressing possible competition issues between the government-funded infrastructures and the private companies which also provide those types of services*

## SCHEDULE

- March 2019 **Kick-off meeting**
- May 2019 **1<sup>st</sup> Country visit to Cyprus**
- TBC **2<sup>nd</sup> Country visit to Cyprus**
- TBC **Dissemination event in Cyprus**