

Horizon 2020 PSF: Expert Panel for the Specific Support to Cyprus



Anne-Christine Ritschkoff (Chair)

Anne-Christine Ritschkoff obtained her PhD in Biosciences at the University of Helsinki, Finland in 1996. She has been at VTT Technical Research Centre of Finland Ltd, a globally networked, multi technological not-for-profit research organization, since 1987 in various research and management positions. She has more 100 scientific publications from the fields of biotechnology, materials science and natural resources.

Anne-Christine Ritschkoff holds currently the position of Senior Advisor, bioeconomy and circular economy. Her special task is to foster technologies, knowledge and practical solutions in the area of natural resources, environmental and clean technologies and resource efficiency. Her previous position as VTT's Scientific Director & CTO gave her an excellent background and insight of different technologies and scientific disciplines. She promotes enthusiastically new, sustainable solutions and radical innovations for the benefit of the society and economy by integration of different competences and disciplines. She is also actively building strategic networks between Research & Development & Innovation, industry and commerce and government. Anne-Christine Ritschkoff contributes to Finnish and international science and innovation systems through various position of trust. She has also possessed several member- and chairs of international committees and board of directors.

Christopher John Hull (Rapporteur)

Christopher Hull has more than 25 years high-level experience managing European networks of public and private organisations delivering research, technology and knowledge transfer services to firms, including to SMEs and start-ups, successively as an Expert for the European Commission (SPRINT Programme), Secretary General (SG) of TII, SG of FEICRO, and SG of EARTO. A core mission in each of these roles was to identify and facilitate exchanges of good practice and effective methods of service delivery.

As an Expert on the SPRINT Programme and as SG of TII, a major focus was on promoting and professionalising university-industry knowledge transfer. Also, on the SPRINT Programme and later as SG of FEICRO, a key activity was helping publicly funded research institutes to transition towards collaborative and contract research business models as well as technology licensing and spin-off creation. As SG of EARTO, his principal goal was to develop and implant the concept of Research and Technology Organisations (RTOs). Also Christopher instituted standing working groups to continuously compare and exchange business models and practices for providing research and technology services to private enterprises. At EARTO Christopher contributed to instituting the "EUROTECH" working group, which brought together the major RTOs with high-level infrastructure facilities, notably CEA, Fraunhofer, imec, TNO, VTT.





Yannis Ioannidis (Expert)

Yannis Ioannidis is the President and General Director of the “Athena” Research and Innovation Center as well as a Professor at the Department of Informatics and Telecommunications of the National & Kapodistrian University of Athens. He holds a Diploma in Electrical Engineering from the National Technical University of Athens, an MSc in Applied Mathematics from Harvard University, and a Ph.D. in Computer Science from the University of California-Berkeley. His research interests include database and information systems, data infrastructures & digital repositories, scalable data processing, data and text analytics, and personalization and social networks, topics on which he has published over 150 articles in leading journals and conferences. His work is often inspired by and applied to data management problems arising in other fields, such as life sciences, physical sciences, biodiversity, and cultural heritage. He has been a (co-)coordinator of many European research projects and infrastructures such as CLARIN, Elixir-GR, INSPIREd, HELIX. Yannis is a Strategic Management Board Member SDSN Greece (Sustainable Development Solutions Network) and OpenAIRE legal entity head. He is an ACM and IEEE Fellow, a member of Academia Europaea, and a recipient of several research and teaching awards. He was elected to serve as ACM Secretary/Treasurer for a two-year term. He is the Greek delegate to the European Strategy Forum on Research Infrastructures (ESFRI), a member of the ESFRI Executive Board, the ESFRI representative to the e-Infrastructures Reflection Group (e-IRG), and a member of the ACM Europe Council.

Bruno Lindorfer (Expert)

He studied Mechanical Engineering at the Technical University, Vienna.

From 1981 thru 1990 he worked within R&D with the two large Austrian industrial companies, VOEST-ALPINE and ENGEL Machinery. From 1990 until 2008 he has been the global CTO of SIEMENS VAI, the global metallurgical engineering branch of SIEMENS. From 2008 until 2016 Bruno Lindorfer has been the CEO of the Upper Austrian Technology and Innovation Agency, until 2015 called TMG, today called Biz-up.

Bruno Lindorfer has assumed several positions within the Austrian and European RTI-community: He has been a member of several High-Level Expert Groups of the EC, DG Industry as well as DG R&D, and he is lecturer for Technology Management and Innovation Management at the Johannes Kepler University, Linz/Austria.

Bruno Lindorfer has published numerous papers on Technology as well as Innovation Management.



Geert van der Veen (Expert)

Geert van der Veen is Managing Partner in Amsterdam and Board Member at Technopolis Group. He has more than 25 years of experience in the field of science & innovation policy. After his training as an environmental engineer (University of Twente, MSc) Geert started his career at TNO, performing research on recycling of batteries. Then he became programme manager for Senter (now Netherlands Enterprise Agency) in the area of sustainable technology. At the Wageningen UR Research Institute for Agrotechnology and Food Innovations he was director of the Business Unit Renewable Resources and member of the management team. He joined Technopolis in 2003, and has, amongst other, been involved in more than 50 evaluations of research and innovation institutes in various countries. The issue of how to make these institutes (including the infrastructure present in these institutes) useful for industry and society is of continuing interest for him.