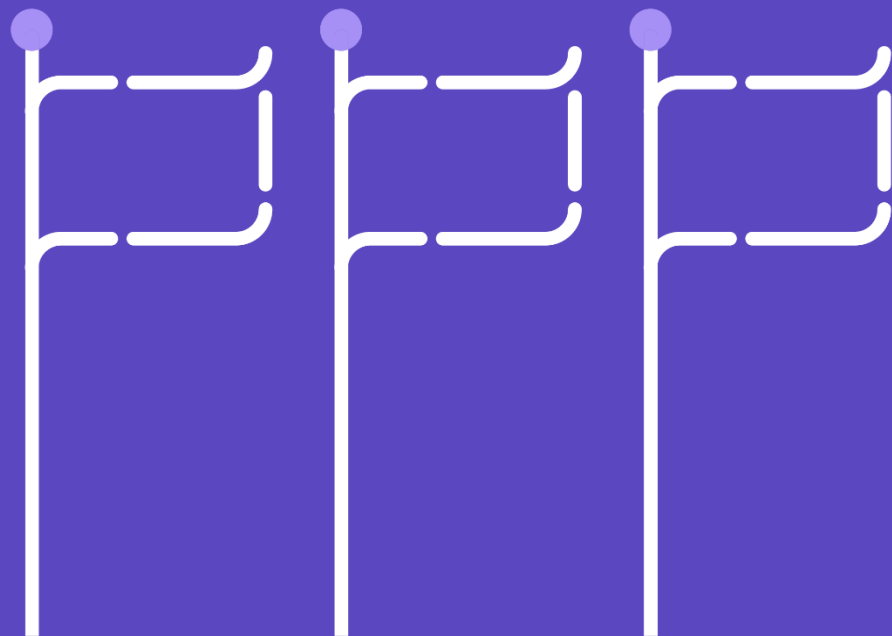


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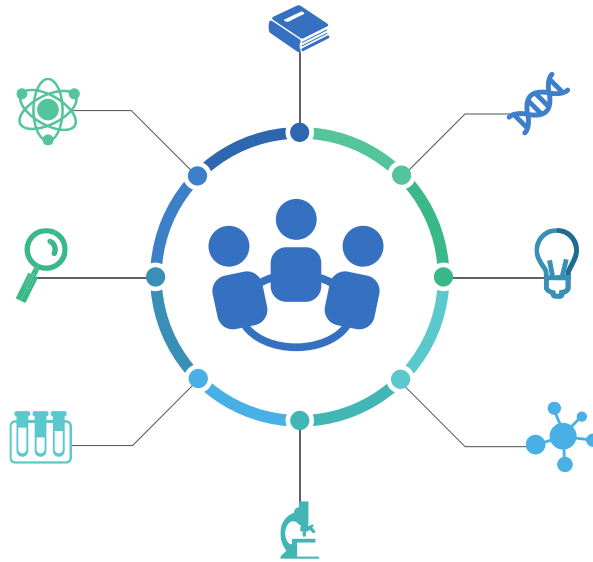
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## Tackling challenges: the need for evidence to inform policy



## JRC sites

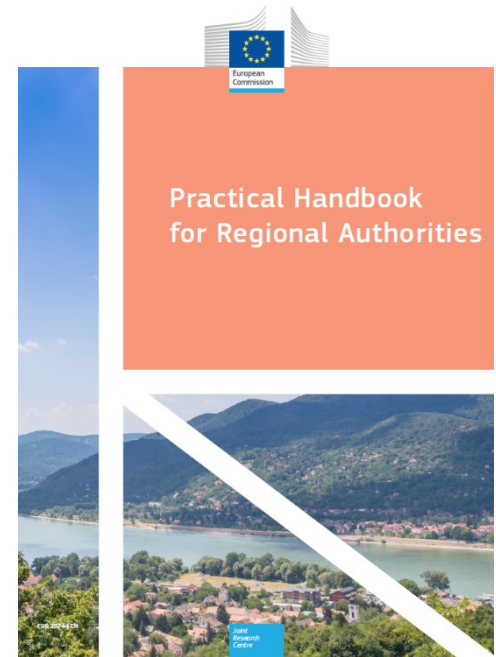
Headquarters in **Brussels**  
and research facilities located  
in **5 Member States**:

- Belgium (Geel)
- Germany (Karlsruhe)
- Italy (Ispra)
- The Netherlands (Petten)
- Spain (Seville)



# JRC outreach to local and regional authorities

- Regional and local authorities **stand to benefit from JRC expertise**
- Conversely, **feedback from local and regional level** is crucial to EU level policymaking
- JRC stands ready to offer support through various channels



# SMR: Antecedents

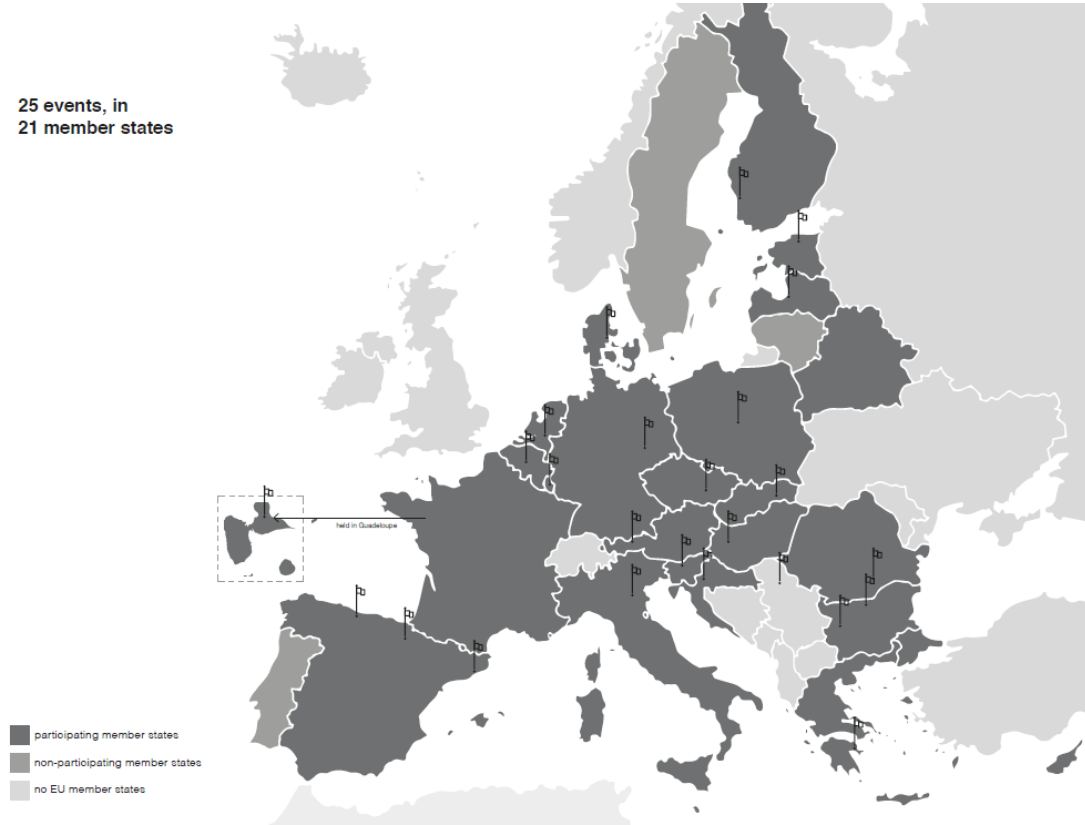
- 2015: Science meets Parliaments in EP – annual high level event
- 2016-2017: *Science meets Regions*
- 2018-2020: Pilot Project adopted by EP and implemented by JRC
- December 2020: EP adopts Preparatory Action
- 2021-2023: *Science meets Regions 2.0*

# Objectives

- bring **scientists and policymakers** together
- encourage **mutual understanding**
- discuss a **locally relevant policy issue** using scientific evidence
- bring **science closer to citizens**
- increase citizens' **trust in science** by showing its key contributions to society

# Events and innovation camps across Europe

25 events, in  
21 member states



# SMP-SMR final report

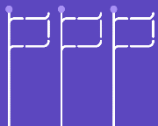
3 sections:

1. descriptive part

2. analytical section

- Policy change
- Citizen engagement
- Stakeholder cooperation
- Bringing evidence across

3. 'Beyond the pilot phase'





# SMR 2.0: Key recommendations from the pilot phase

1. Stronger link with **structural processes and local knowledge “ecosystems”**
2. **Explore synergies** with other EU instruments (regional funds, RTD/KEP, ...)
3. Build a **community of practice** on EIPM at local and regional level

# Key components

- Overall budget: 1.5 million EUR
- *Strand #1 (single beneficiary)*
- organisation of **innovation camps and events** on policy issues connected to the EC priorities – must be embedded in wider process, avoid ad hoc and one off
- **pairing scheme** researchers x regional and local policymakers
- *Strand #2 (interregional)*
- **workshops**, conferences, innovation camps, ... proposed by **networks of regions/cities** on topics of common concern
- *Strand #3: EIPM Community of Practice*
- **skills training** for policymakers
- **web portal**
- **mapping study** on EIPM tools and practices at subnational level

# Thank you!

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