Research and innovation (R&I) make an integral part of the response to the challenges we are facing. Investing in R&I is a precondition for boosting EU’s competitiveness as well as for achieving its climate objectives, protecting the environment and natural resources, while fostering inclusive and democratic societies. The ongoing crises intensify these challenges, requiring policy solutions that not only address short-term emergencies but also achieve European Union’s (EU) ambitious long-term goals.

The 2024 edition of the ‘Science, Research and Innovation Performance of the EU’ (SRIP) report from the European Commission’s Directorate-General for Research & Innovation offers a comprehensive and detailed overview of how Europe is performing today in terms of science, research and innovation and analyses the key determinants of this performance. By highlighting the essential role of R&I in driving competitiveness, environmental sustainability and improved quality of life, the report offers data-rich analysis coupled with in-depth exploration of topical policy issues.

Key findings of the report will be presented and discussed during this launch event.
AGENDA

14h30 Registration and welcome coffee

15h00 Welcome by Deputy Director-General Joanna Drake, Directorate-General for Research & Innovation, European Commission

15h10 Key findings of the report by Alexandr Hobza, Chief Economist, Directorate-General for Research & Innovation, European Commission

15h30 Panel discussion

Chair: Julien Ravet, Coordinator of the Science, Research and Innovation Performance of the EU report and Team Leader for Economic Analysis, Directorate-General for Research & Innovation, European Commission

Panelists:

Hanna Hottenrott, Professor of Economics of Innovation at TUM School of Management & Head of Economics of Innovation & Industrial Dynamics at ZEW Leibniz Centre for European Economic Research.
Laurent Maurin, Head of Division at European Investment Bank
Rudy Verlhac, Economist at OECD - Directorate for Science, Technology, and Innovation
Reinhilde Veugelers, Professor at KU Leuven, Department of Management, Strategy and Innovation
Erik Canton, Deputy Chief Economist, Directorate-General for Research & Innovation, European Commission

16h30 Q&A

16h45 Closing by Alexandr Hobza, Chief Economist, Directorate-General for Research & Innovation, European Commission

17h00 Networking drinks