

MNE HOUR WITH EUR MPE

EU-Africa collaboration opportunities in R&I

With Piero Venturi - European Commission, EU Science Counsellor to the African Union

> Friday 28th of January 10:00 - 11:00

Africa is a unique partner for the EU for historical and geographical reasons. Africa and Europe have developed a long-term, broad and evolving partnership across various policy areas. This is implemented at political level through the High Level Policy Dialogue (HLPD) in R&I where the long-term priorities to strengthen cooperation are decided. In 2020, the European Commission and the EEAS put forward a proposal "Towards a Comprehensive Strategy with Africa" to further cooperate together on five global trends. These are; the Green transition and energy access, Digital transformation, Sustainable growth and jobs, Peace, security and governance, and Migration and mobility. This has been followed in 2021 by the Global Approach to Cooperation in R&I, Europe's strategy for international cooperation in a changing world. With this, the EU aims to take a leading role in supporting international research and innovation partnerships, and to deliver innovative solutions to make our societies green, digital and healthy.

Based on this background, a comprehensive list of tools for cooperation with Africa will be discussed starting from the Horizon Europe's Africa Initiative, which includes 36 topics with around 350 million euros invested for Proposals focused on collaboration with African players.

In this One Hour with Europe we will have the privilege to host **Piero Venturi** - European Commission, EU Science Counsellor to the African Union that will provide an overview of the current status of the EU-Africa relations and the opportunity for cooperation on research and Innovation (R&I).

10:00 Opening and rules for the meeting

Massimo Busuoli, Head of NTNU Brussels Office

10:05 EU-Africa collaboration opportunities in R&I
Piero Venturi - European Commission, EU Science Counsellor to
the African Union

10.40 Q&A session with participants

11.00 End of the meeting

Register here before the 26th of January 12:00 to receive the link to the webinar room!

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