# Invitation: Policy workshop in Košice

*Join us for a day of debate about how to advance responsible ICT research and innovation*

**Date:** 4th of June 2019 at 09:30-16:00
**Venue:** Pavol Jozef Šafárik University in Košice, Slovakia

Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) have great potential to transform society significantly. Therefore, there is a need to engage wider stakeholder communities and incorporate different kinds of knowledge in ICT research and innovation to ensure that both process and outcomes are socially desirable and acceptable. But what kind of policy initiatives could advance this approach?

This is the main starting point for this policy workshop which is organized by the Slovak Centre of Scientific and Technical Information and is part of the HubIT project. The workshop will take place on:

**4th of June 2019 at 09:30-16:00**
*Registration and breakfast from 09:00*
Pavol Jozef Šafárik University in Košice
Šrobárova 2, 041 80 Košice, Slovakia

The aim of the workshop is to gather a group of participants who will bring diverse perspectives and expertise to the table in order to spark inspiring and multi-faceted discussions. The participants work with research and innovation policy, ICT, technology assessment, responsible research and innovation (RRI), social sciences and humanities (SSH) impact and/or interdisciplinary cooperation – and you are being invited because of the specific expertise you possess and your professional affiliation. In a nutshell this event is therefore also a great opportunity to meet, exchange experiences with and learn from actors working in other fields and sectors. For instance, public administrations (national as well as European), public and private research councils, interest groups and networks, research institutions, professional organizations and industry.

The workshop program will be a mix of presentations and group discussions where the participants will generate suggestions for policy initiatives for how to advance responsible ICT research and innovation. This outcome will be a main source for developing the HubIT policy recommendations which will be presented and discussed with representatives from the European Commission and other stakeholders at a final policy workshop next year. Furthermore, we will produce a policy brief presenting the key messages of the Košice policy workshop which will be widely disseminated.

Please let us know whether you accept this invitation **by the 15th of May** by sending an email to Gabriela Mezeiová. Your travel expenses will be covered by us (please carefully read the information provided on page 2). If you are not able to participate you are more than welcome to forward the invitation to another representative from your organisation.

We look forward to hearing from you and hope to see you in Košice.

Best regards,

**Gabriela Mezeiová**
Project Manager

**The HubIT project and its mission**

The HubIT project is a result of the European Commission's strategy to mainstream RRI and SSH in the ICT-related topics of the Horizon 2020 Work Programme 2016-17. In practice the project aims at fostering the implementation of RRI principles in ICT research and innovation and enhancing the collaboration between ICT and SSH.

HubIT is a three-year project which was kicked-off in September 2017. It will run until August 2020. For more information on the project please visit its website: https://www.hubit-project.eu/

**HubIT policy workshops**

If you – or a colleague of yours – are not able to attend the policy workshop in Košice you might be able to participate in:

- The policy workshop organized by the National Research Council of Italy on the 25th of June 2019 – *place TBC*.

Please contact Gabriela Mezeiová for more information.

**Practical information**

The workshop venue is located in Pavol Jozef Šafárik University in Košice and can be reached in approx. 20 minutes by public transportation from the airport. You are requested to arrange your own travel to Košice, but we will reimburse your travel costs. Please let us confirm expenditures for transport exceeding €400. Detailed information about reimbursement of travel costs and the information about the accommodation organized by our side will be provided after confirming your participation.

Approx. a week prior to the workshop participants will receive an info package consisting of background materials, the final workshop program and a travel guide.

**Contact details**

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact project manager Gabriela Mezeiová (gabriela.mezeiova@cvtisr.sk / +421917733514).

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