

# Building capacities and the knowledge base for regenerative economy stewardship

## CROSS-REIS Barcelona - Agenda

**Where:** EMEA offices- Recinte Modernista de Sant Pau, Carrer de Sant Antoni Maria Claret-167, 08025 Barcelona, Spain

**When:** 28 October – 1 November 2024

### Day 1 - 28 October

**Theme: Building CROSS-REIS network research capacities to foster and support Regenerative Innovation eco-Systems in Europe**

<b>9:30-10:00</b>	<b>Welcome &amp; morning coffee</b>
<b>10:00-10:30</b>	Exploring policy needs: European policies for regenerative economy development (EU Nature Restoration Law). <i>Rym Ayadi PhD, Founder and President of EMEA</i>
<b>10:30-11:00</b>	Regenerative economy principles. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What are regenerative business models?</li> <li>• How do regenerative differ from sustainable or circular business models?</li> </ul> <i>Carlo Sessa, Senior Researcher, EMEA</i>
<b>11:00-11:15</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>
<b>11:15-12:30</b>	CROSS-cutting opportunities to share data, tools and enhance research on REIS (REgenerative Innovation eco-Systems) for the restoration of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Agricultural and forest ecosystems.</li> <li>• Urban ecosystems.</li> </ul> <i>EMEA, OSLOMET, POLIEDRA &amp; All partners</i>
<b>12:30-14:00</b>	<b>Lunch break</b>
<b>14:00-15:30</b>	Familiarization with the research-intensive partners' portfolios of capacities shared in CROSS-REIS: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Euro-Mediterranean Economists Association, <i>EMEA</i></li> <li>• Poliedra Politecnico di Milano, <i>POLIEDRA</i></li> <li>• Oslo Metropolitan University, <i>OSLOMET</i></li> </ul>
<b>15:30-16:00</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>
<b>16:00-17:00</b>	Roundtable: widening partners' research enhancing/capacity building goals and possible synergies with the research-intensive partners' capacities. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• University of Ljubljana, UL, Slovenia</li> <li>• University of Rijeka, EFRI, Croatia</li> <li>• University of Nis, FEUN, Serbia</li> <li>• University of Montenegro, UOM, Montenegro</li> <li>• Institute for Habitat Development, Co-PLAN, Albania</li> <li>• Development Solution Associates, DSA, Albania</li> </ul> <i>Moderated by Carlo Sessa, Senior Researcher, EMEA</i>

**Day 2 - 29 October**

**Theme: Building up synergies between partners' research aims and EMEA capabilities**

<b>9:30-10:00</b>	<b>Welcome &amp; morning coffee</b>
<b>10:00-10:45</b>	EMEA activities and capabilities.  <i>Yeganeh Forouheshfar PhD, Senior Researcher EMEA &amp; EMEA's Team</i>
<b>10:45-11:15</b>	Citizens' empowerment and stewardship of future-oriented policymaking: The Territorial Quality of Life Living Labs approach and practice.  <i>Moderated by Carlo Sessa, Senior Researcher, EMEA</i>
<b>11:15 – 11:30</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>
<b>11:30 – 12:30</b>	Advanced discussion on finding synergies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Between research-intensive partners to better integrate data, tools and regenerative innovation approaches.</li> <li>• With the widening countries partners to facilitate CROSS REIS targeted research in the national contexts.</li> </ul> <i>Moderated by Carlo Sessa, Senior Researcher, EMEA</i>
<b>12:30-14:00</b>	<b>Lunch break</b>
<b>14:00-15:30</b>	Mini course: How to craft policy relevant research messages and impact policy making. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tips on simplifying complex research findings and crafting clear, actionable messages for policymakers.</li> <li>• Engage in interactive discussions and explore concrete examples that demonstrate how research can align with policy impact.</li> </ul> <i>Presented by Magali Outters, Senior International Sustainability Consultant</i>
<b>15:30-16:00</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>
<b>16:00- 17:00</b>	Working Session: Brainstorming and role-playing exercise: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Brainstorm new approaches to increase the policy impact of your research.</li> <li>• Practice pitching your research to a policymaker through a role-playing exercise.</li> </ul> <i>Guided by Magali Outters, Senior International Sustainability Consultant</i>

**Day 3 - 30 October**

**Theme: Nature capital and nature-based solutions**

<b>9:30-10:00</b>	<b>Welcome &amp; morning coffee</b>
	Nature Capital & Nature Based Solutions.
<b>10:00-10:20</b>	<i>Nathalie Hilmi PhD, Section Head of Environmental Economics, Centre Scientifique de Monaco</i>
<b>10:20-10:30</b>	REFOREST research outcomes, agroforestry practice and green financing schemes.  <i>Tiago Zibecchi, Junior Researcher EMEA</i>
<b>10:30-10:40</b>	Landscape development and renewable energy in the context of Regenerative Economy.  <i>Ivan Hajdukovic PhD, Senior Researcher, École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne</i>
<b>10:40-11:00</b>	Regenerative Economy based on Natural Capital and Nature-Based Solutions.  <i>Enrique Doblas PhD, Transfer Officer, Centre for Ecological Research and Forestry Applications</i>
<b>11:00-11:15</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>
<b>11:15-12:30</b>	Discussion: how regenerative practices/nature-based solutions would fit in the widening partners' business and policy contexts?  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• University of Ljubljana, UL, Slovenia</li> <li>• University of Rijeka, EFRI, Croatia</li> <li>• University of Nis, FEUN, Serbia</li> <li>• University of Montenegro, UOM, Montenegro</li> <li>• Institute for Habitat Development, Co-PLAN, Albania</li> <li>• Development Solution Associates, DSA, Albania</li> </ul> <i>Moderated by Carlo Sessa, Senior Researcher, EMEA</i>
<b>12:30-14:00</b>	<b>Lunch break</b>
<b>14:00-16:00</b>	Training session: Strategic foresight capacity building.  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Three Horizons approach and practice.</li> <li>• The TRIS (Transparent, Responsible, Inclusive, Sustainable) model of transition to a regenerative economy system and dashboard of indicators.</li> <li>• Discussion: How can strategic foresight influence local policy?</li> </ul> <i>Moderated by Carlo Sessa, Senior Researcher, EMEA</i>

**Day 4 - 31 October**

**Theme: Workshop: Regenerative innovation ecosystem of Catalunya: challenges, practices and Regenerative Future research directions**

<b>9:30-10:00</b>	<b>Welcome &amp; morning coffee</b>
<b>10:00-11:00</b>	<p>Barcelona's and Catalonia's transformative actions as an example of urban regeneration (Urban biodiversity/ circular Economy/ waste management) show practices.</p> <p><i>Bàrbara Pons PhD, CEO, Barcelona Regional, Urban Development Agency</i></p>
<b>11:00-11:15</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>
<b>11:15-12:30</b>	<p>Post presentation Discussion &amp; Question.</p> <p><i>All Partners</i></p>
<b>12:30-14:00</b>	<b>Lunch break</b>
<b>14:00-15:30</b>	<p>Roundtable Discussion: Addressing Key Challenges hindering the Transition to a Regenerative Economy.</p> <p><i>Carlos Alberto Torres Guerrero PhD, Postdoctoral Researcher in Sustainability and Soil Sciences, BETA Tech Center</i>  <i>Matilda van den Bosch PhD, Senior Researcher, Barcelona Institute for Global Health</i>  <i>Tiago Zibecchi, Junior Researcher, EMEA</i>  <i>Renato Casagrandi, Full Professor of Ecology, POLIMI</i>  <i>Moderated by Carlo Sessa, Senior Researcher, EMEA</i></p>
<b>15:30-16:00</b>	Concluding remarks & closing.
<b>16:00-17:30</b>	Time slot reserved for project leader activities.

**Day 5 1<sup>st</sup> November**

**Visit in the morning 22@ district visit**

Barcelona's 22@ district, known as the 22@ or the Innovation District, is an area of nearly 200 hectares built to transform the old industrial land of Poblenou (Sant Martí district) into a strategic concentration of knowledge-intensive activities. It is part of one of Europe's biggest urban regeneration schemes, begun during the 2000s.