**GEA one-pager**

* **What is EIT InfraBooster Government Executive Academy (GEA /Academy)?**
  + GEAis an executive-level training program delivered by the University of Warsaw for public sector representatives from Central-Eastern and Southern European countries and Western Balkans, deepening their knowledge of research innovations and sectoral regulation, and helping address societal challenges across Europe.
* **Why is the Academy worth participating?**
  + Academy is a special capability-building advisory program that offers insights into challenges related to innovations, Research and Innovation Smart Specialization Strategies and regulations and offers capacity building and support in understanding infrastructure-based services that could be offered as regional government support for science-industry cooperation.
  + Participants will become part of a cohort including public sector representatives, involved in designing, implementing and/or monitoring Research & Innovation Smart Specialization Strategies (RIS3) or defining regulatory policies using the knowledge of the innovation eco-systems in their countries, and increase the internationalization of regional research infrastructures.
* **What is the purpose of the GEA?**
  + Participation ensures that participants gain an understanding of research infrastructures "sleeping beauties" discovery processes, standards of national cooperation and examples of commercialization spin-offs. Participants after completion will receive the closer ability of science-industry cooperation, increasing the collaboration, international exposure and innovativeness of regional institutions, and how to support and establish a new source of regional RIs revenues.
* **What are the benefits of the GEA?**
  + Academy delivers expert knowledge on challenges the local/global industry faces, state-of-the-art technologies and best practices in innovation management. Brings together public sector representatives from Central-Eastern and Southern Europe countries and Western Balkans with experts working in innovations from industry, academia and European institutions.
* **Why should I get involved?**
  + During the Academy, participants will meet government executives, directors, managers, scientists and other experts working in the industry, non-governmental sector, and European institutions.
  + Attendees can achieve knowledge about differentials of the innovation ecosystems in RIS countries, letting increase the internationalization of their regional research infrastructures and science-industry cooperation.
  + Participants will be able to understand the existing commercially relevant assets, skills, knowledge of research infrastructures and their market potential.
* **How to apply?**
  + To find details about the program, when the Academy is delivered, and how to join, please check out how to apply on our website: [www.eitfood.eu/projects/infrabooster](http://www.eitfood.eu/projects/infrabooster)/gea.

Note: Academy is dedicated for applicants based in one of the countries eligible to take part in [the EIT RIS](https://eit.europa.eu/our-activities/eit-regional-innovation-scheme): Bulgaria, Croatia, Czechia, Cyprus, Estonia, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Serbia, Slovenia, Slovakia, Spain, Türkiye, Ukraine.