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### THE FRAMEWORK PROGRAMME FOR RESEARCH AND INNOVATION

The Miami-Florida Jean Monnet Center of Excellence (MFJMCE) has dedicated a significant amount of energy to ensuring that local researchers and professionals are aware of the Horizon 2020 Programs. These programs, that provide grant and research mon-

ev to U.S researchers and businesses that work with European partner organizations, were the subject of a recent workshop in Brickell Miami Downtown on Tuesday, January 19, 2016 morning. With more than 50 attendees from Miami -Dade community at large, this workshop entitled "EU Research and Innovation Funding Horizon 2020" provided the perfect opportunity to disseminate valuable information. This workshop was organized under the Jean Monnet Project framework, sponsored by the Miami-Florida Jean Monnet Center of Excellence-ERASMUS+, and was co

-sponsored by Gray Robinson, Attorneys at Law, Inc.

This meeting was held at the offices of Gray Robinson, Attorneys at Law, Inc. in Miami Downtown. At an incredibly unique location, this conference room was the ideal place to meet and discuss opportunities available for innovative researchers, SMEs CEOs, European Chambers of Commerce members, and governmental members. Two experts on EU Research & Innovation Funding - Horizon 2020, met Miami-Dade Community members at large and made presentations on Innovation & Research. Viktoria Bodnarova, Regional Representative, EURAXESS Euraxess Links North America. Euraxess Links North America, Ms. Bodnarova informed us, main goal was to "inform scientists of all nationalities based in North America about the job vacancies and funding opportunities available in 40 European



Jean Monnet project Horizon 2020—Gray Robinson—January 19, 2016 From left to right: Matthias Haury, Viktoria Bodnarova, Christine I. Caly-Sanchez, and Glenn Cooper

Links North America made a presentation on Horizon 2020 and EU Research and Innovation Funding; and Dr. Matthias Haury, Chief Operating Officer, The Max Planck Florida Institute for Neuroscience, made a presentation on a success story: The Max Planck Florida Institute for Neuroscience.

MFJMCE had the opportunity to speak with one of the workshop presenter, Viktoria Bodnarova, a regional representative of

countries." Euraxess, as part of the Horizon 2020 funding program, operates as an "information center to spread the word of different funding opportunities" that are available through Horizon 2020. Unlike the EU delegation, Euraxess focuses less on collaborative projects and more on "individuals. individual mobility, individual fellowships." Instead of trying to form consortium. which involves different rules and procedures, Bodnarova makes individuals aware through "а website. social media, a newsletter that is sent to our com-

munity every month where we look through opportunities available in each of these 40 countries."

Bodnarova and her peers at Euraxess Links are busy as getting the word out on "6-8000 job vacancies that are available every day" means they must inform "the research organizations who publish the vacancies on their website." As part of this effort to disseminate information about opportunities available for

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individual researchers, Bodnarova spoke to the assembled companies directors, consuls, and other community members at large, who had gathered at the workshop. The participants were made aware of the many opportunities available for researchers but also for SMEs, societal challenges and how these opportunities could be found.

On the afternoon of April 19th, The Miami-Florida Jean Monnet Center of Excellence organized another workshop on Horizon 2020 for Coral Gables community at large where eMerge Americas Vice-President of International Development Caroline Rendeiro, and eGov José Fuentes, European Consuls, and members of the community at large were in attendance.

On Jan. 21 and 22, MFJMCE organized two more workshops on Horizon 2020 for Universities faculty members, and researchers, one at Barry University and the other one at Florida International University. Both workshops were well attended.

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At Barry University, Viktoria Bodnarova with Faculty members



At Florida International University, Viktoria Bodnarova with FIU Researchers



Viktoria Bodnarova and Dr. Matthias Haury with Coral Gables Community Members