

ERA CONFERENCE 2012: FOSTERING EFFICIENCY, EXCELLENCE AND GROWTH
From the Public Consultation towards the Completion of ERA

30 January 2012, 9:00-18:00, Charlemagne building, Brussels

8:30 **Registration**

8:45 – 9:00 **Welcome Coffee**

9:00 – 9:45 **Opening session** (*Room: Alcide de Gasperi*)

Welcome by: Robert-Jan Smits, Director-General Research and Innovation, European Commission (chair)

- Keynote address by Máire Geoghegan-Quinn, Commissioner for Research, Innovation and Science
- Address by Danish Presidency, Higher Education and Research Minister Morten Østergaard
- Address by Claudie Haigneré, President Universcience, Paris
- Address by Torsten Wiesel, President Emeritus Rockefeller University, New York; Nobel Laureate in Physiology or Medicine, 1981

9:45 – 11:00 **The ERA partnership : progress to date and next steps** (*Room: Alcide de Gasperi*)

Chair: Robert-Jan Smits, Director-General Research and Innovation, European Commission

Speakers:

- Volker Rieke, Federal Ministry of Education and Research, DG for European and International cooperation in Education and Research
- Keith O'Nions, Rector of Imperial College London
- Paul Boyle, Science Europe President
- Anna Sjöström Douagi, Director of Swedish Young Academy
- Luiza Bara, Director of Policy and Strategy, European Public Health Alliance (EPHA)
- Bjarne Kirsebom, vice-chair European Research Area Committee (ERAC)

Discussion

11:00-11:15 Coffee Break

11:15 – 12:15 **Panel Discussion : Relevance of ERA for innovation and growth**
(*Room: Alcide de Gasperi*)

Moderator: Achilleas Mitsos, chair of the Economists groups assessing the socio-economic impact of ERA

Panellists:

- Andrea Bonaccorsi, Professor of Economics and Management at the University of Pisa, National Agency for the Evaluation of Universities and Research Institutes (ANVUR) member of the board
- Mariana Mazzucato, Economist and RM Phillips Professor in Science and Technology Policy, University of Sussex (SPRU)
- Daria Tataj, member of EIT Executive Committee, Founder EMF Consultancy and Professor at Warsaw University of Technology Business School
- Jan van den Biesen, Vice President & Director Public R&D Programs at PHILIPS, representing BusinessEurope

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Parallel sessions

12:15-13:15 Cross-border operation of research actors (Room: Alcide de Gasperi)	12:15– 13:15 Research Infrastructures (Room: Jean Durieux)
<u>Moderator:</u> Hans Müller Pedersen, GPC Chair	<u>Moderator:</u> Beatrix Vierkorn-Rudolph, ESFRI chair
<u>Speakers:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Octavi Quintana Trias, Director European Research Area, European Commission: outcome of the consultation / key messages• Wolfgang Marquardt, chair of the German Council of Science and Humanities (The Wissenschaftsrat)• Tatjana Volkova, former Rector BA School of Business and Finance, former President of Rector's Conference of Latvia	<u>Speakers:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ruxandra Draghia-Akli, Director Health, European Commission : outcome of the consultation/ key messages• Rolf-Dieter Heuer, Director General of CERN• Gudmund Host, e-Infrastructures Reflection Group (e-IRG) chair
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13:15-14:30 Lunch (hot and cold buffet)

14:30-15:45 Researchers – Why the European Research Area? (Room: Alcide de Gasperi)	14:30-15:45 Knowledge circulation : Knowledge Transfer (Room: Jean Durieux)
<u>Moderator:</u> Martin Hynes, CEO of ESF	<u>Moderator:</u> Georg Buchtela, Austrian Research Institute for Chemistry and Technology
<u>Speakers:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Stefaan Hermans, Head of Unit Skills, European Commission: outcome of the consultation / key messages• Vanessa Diaz Zuccarini, University College London, Department for Mechanical Engineering• Marisa Alonso Nunez, EURODOC• EURAXESS Ambassadors :<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Karin KASE (EE)➤ Neven DUIC (HR)	<u>Speakers:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kirsi Haavisto, deputy head of Unit Innovation policy, European Commission: outcome of the consultation / key messages• Pat Frain, ProTon member of the board• Helena Malmqvist, Head of external research collaborations, ABB Corporate Research Center• Lena Tsipouri, University of Athens, member of Innovation for Growth group (I4G)
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15:45-16:00 Coffee Break

16: 00 – 17: 00 International dimension of ERA : need to tackle jointly the societal challenges? (Room: Alcide de Gasperi)

Moderator: Riitta Mustonen, Chair of SFIC

Speakers:

- Sigi Gruber, Head Of Unit Relations with third countries, European Commission: outcome of the consultation / key messages
- Charles Mgone, Executive Director, European & Developing Countries Clinical Trials Partnership (EDCTP)
- Sylvia Schwaag Serger, Executive Director International Strategy & Networks, Swedish Agency for Innovation Systems (VINNOVA)

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16: 00 – 17: 00 Knowledge circulation : Open access (Room: Jean Durieux)

Moderator: Sijbolt Noorda, President of the Association of Universities in the Netherlands

Speakers:

- Gilles Laroche, Head of Unit Ethics and Gender, European Commission: outcome of the consultation / key messages
- Ilaria Capua, Director of Virology Department and of International Reference Laboratories, Istituto Zooprofilattico Sperimentale delle Venezie
- Alma Swan, Director Key Perspectives Ltd.

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17:00 – 18:00 Concluding session (Room: Alcide de Gasperi)

Moderator: Anneli Pauli, Deputy Director General Research and Innovation, Innovation and ERA, European Commission

Speakers:

- Olli Rehn, Vice-President of the European Commission, Commissioner for Economic and monetary affairs and the Euro
- Anne Glover, EU Chief Scientific Adviser
- **Maria Da Graça Carvalho, European Parliament, member of ITRE**
- Craig Mundie, Microsoft Chief Research and Strategy Officer
- Costas Iacovou, Director of Planning at Planning Bureau, Cyprus

18:00 Networking cocktail