

Agenda - Lunch Session Cluster/Idea League on Horizon 2020

Horizon 2020: Towards an ambitious agenda for growth

Opportunities for technical universities

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Preface

Horizon 2020 is the new EU programme for research and innovation, presented by the Commission as part of its EU budget proposal for 2014 to 2020. In order to give a boost to research and innovation as a driver of growth and jobs, the Commission has proposed an €80 billion budget, up from the €55 billion of the current programme (Framework Programme 7). Horizon 2020 stimulates excellence in research and innovation in order to tackle societal challenges and to create industrial leadership. The European Council and European Parliament are currently negotiating on the EU-budget and on the proposal for Horizon 2020.

During the lunch session we will discuss the opportunities that Horizon 2020 will bring for technical universities to gain excellence, to collaborate with counterparts and to build strong industry-academia partnerships within Europe. In order to realize these opportunities a dedicated and ambitious budget is needed.

Objectives of the lunch meeting

- Emphasizing the need for an EU-budget aimed at growth
- Making effective use of Horizon 2020 as a programme to stimulate growth
- Discussing the measures in Horizon 2020 to stimulate innovation, to tackle societal challenges and to bring forward the regional dimension of research and innovation.
- Discussing the ambitions and opportunities for technical universities in Horizon 2020

Invitees

Board Members of Technical Universities from Cluster and Idea League, Members of the European Parliament (mainly ITRE Committee), Permanent Representation of different countries, European Commission (Robert Jan Smits and John Bell) and Industry

Host

Lambert Van Nistelrooij, Member of European Parliament

Dirk Jan van den Berg, President Technical University of Delft

Programme of the lunch session

- 13.00 -13.05 **Welcome by Dirk Jan vd Berg, President Technical University of Delft, and MEP Lambert van Nistelrooij**
- 13.05 uur-13.30 **Innovation in Horizon 2020: Introduction by MEP Judith Merkies**
- How can technical universities stimulate knowledge transfer and the uptake of ideas by the market?
 - How to build strong industry-academia partnerships?
 - How can technical universities help in achieving the goal of 20% SME-participation?
- 13.30-14.15 **Tackling societal challenges through research and innovation: introduction by MEP Maria da Graça Carvalho**
- What is the role of engineering and design in tackling societal challenges?
 - How do technical universities stimulate interdisciplinary research cooperation?
 - How to build new partnerships to tackle the societal challenges?
 - The role of international cooperation in tackling societal challenges
- 14.15- 14-55 **EIT and regional innovation clusters: Introduction by MEP van Nistelrooij**
- How to stimulate strong regional clusters?
 - How to enhance the crossborder cooperation of strong clusters?
 - What are the opportunities for synergies between structural funds and Horizon 2020?
- 14.55-15.00 **Closing remarks by Dirk Jan vd Berg, President Technical University of Delft, and MEP Lambert van Nistelrooij**