

EPP GROUP HEARING ON HORIZON 2020: "THE FUTURE OF RESEARCH IN THE EU"

Wednesday 6 June 2012
15:00-18:30 hrs
Room JAN 6Q2
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Interpretation: DE, EN, FR

- 15:00-15:05** Welcoming words by Ms **Amalia Sartori**
Chair of the Parliamentary Committee for Industry, Research and Energy
- 15:05-15:20** Key-note Speech by Prof **Jacek Gulinski**
Polish Undersecretary of State for Science and Education
- 15:20-16:00** **Panel 1: How to best fund innovation?**
Moderator: Ms Pilar Del Castillo - EPP ITRE Coordinator
- Current challenges and shifting trends in funding innovation: comparison analysis between Europe and other international partners
Dr. Georg Rosenfeld, Director of the Division Corporate Development at the Fraunhofer Society
 - Assessing new instruments and funding bodies: PPPs, P2Ps, Pre-commercial Procurement, Procurement of Innovative Solutions, Prizes
Dr. Patries Boekholt, CEO Technopolis
 - EIT - challenges in addressing the knowledge triangle
Prof. José Manuel Leceta, Director of the European Institute of Technology
 - Q&A
- 16:00-17:00** **Panel 2: Striking the right balance of simplification for the benefit of all**
Moderator: Mr. Christian Ehler - Rapporteur for the rules for the participation and dissemination in 'Horizon 2020'
- How to best increase industry participation? How to best involve innovative SMEs?
 - Dr. Detlef Müller-Wiesner, EADS Chief Operating Officer Innovation, Representative for the EADS Chief Technical Officer and Senator of the Helmholtz Community
 - Mr Tillmann Stenger, Head of Unit, Brandenburg Investment Bank

- Towards more sustainable financing of Europe's higher education

Dr John Smith, Deputy Secretary General of the European University Association

- Decreasing the error rate and improving accountability: contribution of the Court of Auditors

Mr Ladislav Balko, Member of the European Court of Auditors

- Q&A

17:00-18:00 **Panel 3: How to efficiently implement the Horizon 2020 priorities?**

Moderator: Ms. Maria da Graça Carvalho - Rapporteur on the Specific Programme of the Horizon 2020

- Excellence as a major driver for Horizon 2020

Prof. Anna Tramontano, ERC Scientific Council and Chair Professor of Biochemistry in the "Sapienza" University in Rome

- Stairway to excellence: laying the grounds for the participation of the first sprouts of excellence

Mr Louis Bellemin, Advisor to the President of the Romanian National Authority for Scientific Research

- Bridges and synergies with regional development

Mr Francisco Sousa Soares, Member of the Cabinet of the Secretary of State for Science, Ministry for Science and Education

- The role of the European industry in Industrial Leadership and Societal Challenges pillars

Dr. Simon Godwin, Director of EUCAR (European Council for Automotive R&D)

- Q&A

18:00-18:15 Conclusions by Mr **Robert-Jan Smits**

Director-General of DG Research and Innovation, European Commission

18:15-18:30 Closing remarks by Ms **Carvalho** and Mr **Ehler**