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Shaping the social impact of European research: policies, strategies, funding

PROGRAMME

Brussels, 6 November 2017

Venue: Wielkopolska Region Brussels Office

Rue Montoyer 21, 1000 Brussels

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08:00-09:00

Registration, welcome coffee and tea

09:00-09:30

Welcome addresses

- Professor Tomasz Łodygowski, President of Rector's Collegium of the City of Poznań on behalf of Wielkopolska Region
- Welcome on behalf of the 3 university networks by professor Luciano SASO, President, UNICA - Network of Universities from the Capitals of Europe

09:30-11:00

KEYNOTE DEBATE: EUROPEAN RESEARCH: FACING THE CHALLENGES AND BUILDING THE FUTURE

To be addressed during the session:

- H2020: halfway to reaching the objective - EU policy conclusions from the interim evaluation, identified areas for improvement and the recommendations of the High Level Group maximising the impact of EU Research and Innovation Programmes
- Looking ahead: FP9 foresight study and the possible pathways for the next European framework programme
- Closing the research excellence gap & broadening the participation of new EU countries in H2020/FP9

Moderated by: Jacek WITKOŚ, President of SGroup Network of European Universities, Full Professor and former Vice-President of Research and International Cooperation, Adam Mickiewicz University of Poznań

Targeted speakers:

- Professor Jerzy BUZEK, Chair of the EP Committee - Industry, Research and Energy, European Parliament (video message)
- Paul BOYLE, EUA Vice-President
- Karel DE GUCHT, President, Institute for European Studies, Vrije Universiteit Brussel, former European Commissioner for Trade
- François BUSSY, Vice-Rector Research and International Relations, University of Lausanne

11:00-11:30

Coffee and tea, networking

11:30-13:00

SOCIAL IMPACT OF RESEARCH THROUGH REGIONAL ENGAGEMENT OF UNIVERSITIES

To be addressed during the session:

- Links between FP9 and the EU cohesion policy
- Globalisation of universities and the social dimension of university research
- Social Sciences and Humanities research for regional development and inclusiveness
- Diversifying research income streams through university-region collaboration

Moderated by: Richard TUFFS, Advisor, ERRIN - European Regions Research and Innovation Network

Targeted speakers:

- Christophe CLERGEAU, Member of the Pays-de-la-Loire Regional Council, European Committee of the Regions
- Rudolf NIESSLER, Director, Smart and Sustainable Growth, DG REGIO, European Commission
- Josep Manel RICART PLA, Vice-Rector for Research, Universitat Rovira i Virgili
- *Thinking Smart Toolkit – self-assessment online tool for evaluation of innovation potential with regional stakeholders* by Francesco MOLINARI, Professor, University of Milan

13:00-14:00

Lunch

14:00-15:30

SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY OF UNIVERSITIES IN SHARING KNOWLEDGE

To be addressed during the session:

- Open data, open access, open science
- How university libraries support university research

Targeted speakers:

- António M. CUNHA, Rector, University of Minho
- Anna GIZA-POLESZCZUK, Vice-Rector for Development, University of Warsaw
- Branka KALENIČ RAMŠAK, Professor, University of Ljubljana
- Daniel SPICHTINGER, Open Access Policy Officer, DG Research & Innovation, European Commission

15:30-15:45

Short coffee break

15:45-17:00

PERSPECTIVES ON FUTURE RESEARCH COOPERATION WITH THE UNITED KINGDOM

To be addressed during the session:

- State of play of Brexit negotiations, especially with regard to UK's participation in European research programmes
- Outlook and possible scenarios for maintaining and furthering UK-European research cooperation

Moderated by: Philippe DE WILDE, Pro-Vice-Chancellor Research & Innovation, Kent University

Targeted speakers:

- Klemens H. FISCHER, Minister Plenipotentiary and Head of Department at the Permanent Representation of Austria to the European Union, Professor for International Relations at University of Cologne
- Brigitta SCHÜTT, Vice-President Research, Freie Universität Berlin
- Reza RAZAVI, Vice-President & Vice-Principal (Research), King's College London, Director of Research at King's Health Partners

- Drew SCOTT, Co-Director Europa Institute, Dean International (Europe), School of Law, University of Edinburgh
- Anne-May JANSSEN, Head of European Engagement, Universities UK International

17:00-17:30

Conclusions

- Professor Luciano SASO, President, UNICA - Network of Universities from the Capitals of Europe

17:30-19:00

Reception