



Research Connection 2009

A major event on EU research initiatives
Prague, 7-8 May 2009

Programme outline (as of 31 March 2009)

7 May morning							
9:30	Opening session. Keynote speeches by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ondřej Liška, Minister of Education, Youth and Sports, Czech Republic • Janez Potočnik, Commissioner for science and research • Jeremy Rifkin, President, Foundation on Economic Trends 						
11:00	Press conference						
Rooms							
11:00	European Research Council	Industrial opportunities in the new era of the nuclear research	Building the ERA	Cohesion Policy and Research (Structural Funds)	Forum 1 The "MCFA Scientific Café": meeting Marie Curie fellows Forum 2 ITKnet: Innovative and Traditional Knowledge network for the proper use of natural resources	How to participate in FP7	
12:45	Lunch						
7 May afternoon							
14:15	Press briefing						
Rooms							
14:30	EU-funded Health research collaboration in FP7	Marie Curie actions	Regional dimensions of FP7	Competitiveness and Innovation Framework Programme (CIP)	Scientific support to EU Policies: Joint Research Centre Forum 3 Creating the 2-ways communication Forum 4 Maximizing synergies of FP7, Structural Funds and Collaboration of Academia and Industry for Central European Biotech Research	Research and innovation for SMEs (FP7, CIP and Structural Funds)	
16:10	Coffee break						
16:30	Food, Agriculture and Biotechnology	Information and Communication Technologies - The EU12 can ICT RTD	Research infrastructures	Let's embrace space	Ethics review and the FP7 ethics framework Forum 5 Bring research to the media: hints and tips from successful projects Forum 6 Managing finances and reporting in grant funded projects - Main issues and best practice	How to participate in CIP	
18.30	Networking cocktail						

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9:00	Nanosciences, Nanotechnologies, Materials and Production	Socio-economic sciences and humanities	Synergies between research and regional development	Marie Curie actions	Forum 13 ITER - Opportunities for industry in EU and new EU Member States	Forum 7 Full costing and FP7 Forum 8 EU RTDI Programmes for New Member States: A practical insight to opportunities for participation	Research and innovation for SMEs (FP7, CIP and Structural Funds)
10:40	Coffee break						
11:00	Get involved! Your guide to going places with EU transport research projects	Science in society	Innovation: from research to the market	European Research Council	Forum 14 Quality in the communication of research Forum 10 Your Support Network - Health National Contact Points (NCPs) for 7th Framework Programme (FP7)	Forum 9 Participate in the forthcoming European R&D&I program for biotech SMEs	How to participate in FP7
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14:30	Challenges and opportunities for environmental research in a low carbon economy	Energy	Security research	International co-operation	Forum 15 International cooperation among clusters under FP 7 Forum 12 The value of culture and creativity. How to build a successful and competitive European community.	Forum 11 ERRIN regions bridging the gap: involving regional stakeholders in European research and innovation programmes	Opportunities for individual researchers
16.30	Closing session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Zoran Stančić, Deputy Director-General, European Commission 						