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This new instrument, open to different entities, will help to boost innovation and increase private sector participation under Horizon 2020. Contribute to the set-up of the pilot program by participating in our workshop on December 16!

Horizon 2020, the EU's new Framework Programme for Research and Innovation, will provide new and extended funding opportunities for excellent researchers and innovators across Europe. Running from 2014 to 2020 Horizon 2020 is part of the drive to create new growth and jobs in Europe.

One of the novelties will be the launch of a full-scale pilot to test a 'Fast Track to Innovation' instrument aiming to speed up the time from idea to market and to increase the participation of industry, SMEs and first time applicants. The pilot will be set up in 2015 and assessed as part of the interim evaluation of Horizon 2020.

DG Research and Innovation is organising a dedicated workshop with experts and stakeholders to prepare the setting up the 'Fast Track to Innovation' pilot with the aim to test this approach in a fully open and transparent way and in line with the potential beneficiaries' needs.

DRAFT SCHEDULE OF THE EVENT

10:30

Welcome

Clara de la Torre, Director, DG Research and Innovation

10:40

FTI: Policy Rationale and Implementation Challenges

Christian Ehler, Member of the European Parliament

11:00

'Fast Track to Innovation Pilot' – legal frame

Bernd Reichert, Head of Unit, DG Research and Innovation

11:10

Objectives and target groups: what is the ideal consortium for a 'Fast Track to Innovation' project?
o Representative industry:

- **Markus J. Beyrer**, Director General, Business Europe (tbc)
- **Arnaldo Abruzzini**, Secretary General, Eurochambres
- o **Philippe Vanrie**, CEO, European Business & Innovation Centre Network
- o **John Smith**, Deputy Secretary General, European University Association - EUA
- o **Muriel Attané**, Secretary General, European Association of Research and Technology Organisations - EARTO
- o Discussion

12:30

Lunch

13:30

Implementation: how to manage an efficient innovation-oriented scheme?

Examples from Member States:

- o **Wolfgang Crasemann**, Federal Ministry of Economics and Technology, Germany
- o **Milena Jozwik**, Ministry of Economy, Poland (tbc)
- o **David Golding**, Technology Strategy Board (TSB), United Kingdom
- o **Luis J. Guerra Casanova**, CDTI - Ministry of Economy and Competitiveness, Spain
- o Discussion

15:00

Closing

Clara de la Torre, Director, DG Research and Innovations

15:15

End

Speaker

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