



Programme of the German Presidency Conference

“COORDINATING FRAMEWORK PROGRAMME AND STRUCTURAL FUNDS

TO SUPPORT R&D”

3 May 2007, Brussels

9:00 – 9.30	Welcome coffee
9:30 - 9:50	<p>Welcome and opening:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welcome by the Chair, <i>Walter Mönig</i>, Commissioner for EU Affairs, German Federal Ministry for Education and Research• Opening by Secretary of State <i>Michael Thielen</i>, German Federal Ministry for Education and Research
9:50– 10:15	<p>Key note Speeches</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Key note speech by <i>Janez Potocnik</i>, European Commissioner for Research• Key note speech by <i>Danuta Hübner</i>, European Commissioner for Regional Policy.





SESSION 1

10:15–11:15

Research and innovation as drivers of faster growth and more jobs: challenges and opportunities for regions

- *Key speaker:*

Esko Aho, former Prime Minister of Finland, Chairman of the high-level group for the "Innovative Europe"

- *Panel:*

Gert Jan Koopman, Director, European Commission, Directorate General for Enterprise, Directorate B "Industrial policy and economic reforms"

Norbert Kroó, Member of the European Research Advisory Board (EURAB), Chairman of the EURAB Working Group on Structural Funds for Research

David Morrall, Director, European Unit, Government Office for the East of England (GO-East)

Lars Wikman, Luleå University of Technology, EU Framework programme cooperation and industrial & commercial liaison, Sweden

- *Moderator:*

Gonzalo León, Vice rector of Research of the Polytechnic University in Madrid





SESSION 2

11:15 – 12:30	<p>Strengthening the governance of the Research and Innovation policies and systems</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Key Speaker:</i> Valeria Bandini, ASTER Italia, Region Emilia-Romagna• <i>Panel:</i> Ilona Vass, Acting President of the National Office for Research and Technology in Hungary Eddy Hartog, European Commission, Directorate General for Regional Policy, Head of Unit C1 "Thematic Development and impact" Matti Pennanen, Mayor of Oulu, Oulu Region Lambert van Nistelrooij, Member of the Committee on Regional Development (REGI) and Substitute Member of the Committee on Industry, Research and Energy (ITRE) of the European Parliament.• <i>Moderator:</i> Ashley Ibbett, Director, Office of Science and Innovation, International Directorate, Department of Trade and Industry, United Kingdom
12:30 - 14:00	Lunch break





SESSION 3

14:00–15:15

Strengthening the basis and the excellence of the Research and Innovation policies and systems

- *Key Speaker*

Oliver Schwab, IfS Institut für Stadtforschung und Strukturpolitik GmbH

- *Panel:*

Jerzy Buzek, Member of the European Parliament Committee on Industry, Research and Energy (ITRE)

Jacek Gulinski, Deputy Director of the Poznan Science and Technology Park and Head of TTO of Adam Mickiewicz University, Region of Wielkopolska, Poland

Robert-Jan Smits, Director, European Commission, Directorate General for Research, Directorate B "European Research Area: research programmes and capacity"

David Coyne, Director, European Commission, Directorate General for Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities, Directorate A, "ESF, Monitoring of Corresponding National Policies I, Coordination".

- *Moderator:*

Indrek Reimand, Head of the Research Policy Department, Ministry of Education and Research in Estonia



SESSION 4

<p>15:15 – 16:15</p>	<p>Maximising the economic impact of research and the benefits of internationalisation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Key Speaker:</i> José M. Leceta, Director, Center for the Development of Industrial Technology in Spain• <i>Panel:</i> Dominique Foray, Professor at Ecole Polytechnique Federale de Lausanne, Chair of Economics of Innovation, member of the Expert Group "Knowledge for Growth", group of economists created by European Commissioner J. Potocnik, Agnes Spilioti, Director, Ministry of Development in Greece Ralf Raue, Head of Strategy and Information at Philips Research Europe Gerry Finn, Director of the Regional Assembly of the Border, Midland, and Western region in Ireland.• <i>Moderator:</i> Reinhilde Veugelers, member of the Bureau of the European Policy Advisers (BEPA)
<p>16.15 – 16.45</p>	<p>Coffee break</p>

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SESSION 5

16:45 – 17:00

Session 5: Concluding remarks

Key speakers:

- **Walter Mönig**, Commissioner for EU Affairs, German Federal Ministry for Education and Research.
- **Isi Saragossi**, Director, European Commission, Directorate General for Research, Directorate C "European Research Area: Knowledge-based economy"
- **Thilo Streit**, Chair of the CREST Working Group on "How to make better coordinated use of Structural Funds and Framework Programme", Ministry of Culture, Science and Technology of the Land Mecklenburg-Vorpommern region.