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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

# PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

as of 13/07/2017

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08:00 - 09:00

Registration, welcome coffee and tea

09:00 - 09:30

Welcome addresses

- Welcome by Marek WOŹNIAK, President of Wielkopolska Region (**confirmed**)
- Welcome on behalf of the 3 university networks by Luciano SASO, President, UNICA - Network of Universities from the Capitals of Europe (**confirmed**)

09:30 - 11:00

## SOCIAL IMPACT OF RESEARCH THROUGH REGIONAL ENGAGEMENT OF UNIVERSITIES

### To be addressed during the session:

- Links between FP9 and the EU cohesion policy
- Glocalisation 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 (**confirmed**)

### Targeted speakers:

- Markku MARKKULA, President of the European Committee of the Regions
- Rudolf NIESSLER, Director, Smart and Sustainable Growth, DG REGIO, European Commission
- *Thinking Smart Toolkit – self-assessment online tool for evaluation of innovation potential with regional stakeholders* by Francesco MOLINARI, Professor, University of Milan (**confirmed**)
- Josep Anton FERRÉ VIDAL, Rector, Universitat Rovira i Virgili

11:00-11:30

Coffee and tea, networking

11:30-13:00

## 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:**

- Carlos MOEDAS, EU Commissioner for Research and Innovation
- Jerzy BUZEK, former President of the European Parliament, MEP, Chair of the EP Committee - Industry, Research and Energy (**confirmed**)
- Paul BOYLE, EUA Vice-President
- Pascal LAMY, Chair of the High Level Group on Maximising the Impact of EU Research and Innovation Programmes, President Emeritus of the Jacques Delors Institute, former Head of the World Trade Organization, former European Commissioner for Trade
- Maia-Liisa ANTON, Ministry of Education and Research / Counsellor for Scientific Affairs, Permanent Representation of Estonia to the EU
- Jean CHAMBAZ, President, Université Pierre et Marie Curie

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:**

- Daniel SPICHTINGER, Open Access Policy Officer, DG Research & Innovation, European Commission
- Igor PAPIĆ, Rector-Elect, University of Ljubljana
- *Representatives of universities from 3 clusters according to the level of implementation (implemented, halfway, not implemented)*

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

**Targeted speakers:**

- Klemens H. FISCHER, Minister Plenipotentiary and Head of Department at the Permanent Representation of Austria to the European Union
- Reza RAZAVI, Vice-President & Vice-Principal (Research), King's College

London, Director of Research at King's Health Partners

- Jonathan SECKL, Vice-Principal Planning, Resources and Research Policy, University of Edinburgh
- François BUSSY, Vice Rector "Research and International Relations", University of Lausanne

17:00-17:30

Conclusions

17:30-19:00

Reception