

Horizon 2020 – New Commission, new Agenda

The 2015 Science|Business Horizon 2020 Conference

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Preliminary programme

09:30 Introduction

Tibor Navracsics, EU Commissioner for Education, Culture, Youth and Sport

09:45 Innovation: who cares?

We all know research is important – to regional clusters, to the European economy, to evidence-based policy-making, to our lives. But what's the best way to get those benefits?

Alfons Sauquet, Global Dean, ESADE

Sergio Bertolucci, Director for Research and Computing, CERN

Moderated by **Richard L. Hudson**, CEO & Editor, Science|Business

10:15 Mobilising investments: JTIs, PPPs and XYZs

An alphabet-soup of new initiatives is being launched, in an effort to attract private capital to innovation. There's the Bioeconomy JTI, President Juncker's new Investment Plan, and more. How will they work? Can they work?

John Bell, Director for Bioeconomy, DG Research and Innovation, European Commission

Gunnar Muent, Director, EIB (tbc)

Anne Glover, CEO and Co-Founder, Amadeus Capital Partners (tbc)

11:00 Coffee

11:25 Defining Impact under Horizon 2020

With Horizon2020, the Commission made 'delivering impact' one of the three main criteria for getting a grant. What does it mean?

12:10 Breakout sessions

Parallel sessions on:

- **Horizon 2020: How has it been for you?**

Workshop for Horizon 2020 recipients and applicants to share their experience in responding to the 2014 calls. Two-stage application process, success rates, ethics review, evaluators feedback, what are your takeaways?

- **Disease prevention & healthy ageing. Dementia, Cardiovascular disease, Oncology**

The Commission has set 'enabling a healthy, ageing society' as one of its 'Grand Challenges' under Horizon 2020 – but what, exactly, does that require? A forward-looking discussion on an emerging issue that EU healthcare R&D will need to address from 2016 onwards.

- **Horizon 2020 : A programme with global ambitions**

Horizon 2020 is unique by its openness and the opportunities it offers in terms of international cooperation. What are the EU's objectives? What are the concrete outcomes? What has been the interest of non-EU researchers so far?

13:00 Lunch

14:00 Video interview with Carlos Moedas, EU Commissioner for Research and Innovation

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14:30 Horizon 2020: Lessons learned from the launch

A year on, how is Horizon 2020 going – on a practical level? Evaluation, success rates, cash flow... The view from the Commission, plus the strategic outlook for 2016 and beyond.

Jack Metthey, Director, Policy Development and Coordination, DG Research and Innovation, European Commission

Rik Torfs, Rector, KU Leuven

Charlotte Brogren, Director General, VINNOVA (tbc)

Moderated by **Richard L. Hudson**, CEO & Editor, Science|Business

15:15 Coffee

15:45 Horizon2020: Taking stock of the programmes

Horizon2020 is a collection of programmes that include the ERC grants, Marie Skłodowska-Curie, the SME instrument, the EIT and Future and Emerging Technologies. A detailed discussion of their progress with programme leaders.

Xavier Prats Monné, Director-General, DG Education and Culture, European Commission

Jean-David Malo, Head of Unit for SMEs, Financial instruments and State Aid, DG Research and Innovation, European Commission

Thierry Van der Pyl, Director, Excellence in Science, DG Communications Networks, Content and Technology, European Commission

Clara de la Torre, Director for Key Enabling Technologies, DG Research and Innovation, European Commission

16:45 Foresight 2030: Future Challenges for Europe

Innovation megatrends that will transform society and economy: The result of a Science|Business Network foresight exercise.

Matthew W. Ganz, President, Boeing Germany and Northern Europe; Vice-President, European Technology Strategy, The Boeing Company

Maya Said, Vice President - Head of Strategy, Science Policy & External Innovation, Sanofi Global R&D

David Wilkinson, Director, Policy Support Coordination, JRC (tbc)

Moderated by **Daria Golebiowska-Tataj**, Founder & CEO, Tataj Innovation