

European Research Excellence – Impact and Value for Society

Estonian Presidency Research Policy Conference
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Moderator of the Conference is **Brian Cox**, University of Manchester

PROGRAMME

09.00-09.30	Registration
09.30-10.00	Welcome and opening addresses Mailis Reps , Estonian Minister of Education and Research Carlos Moedas , Commissioner for Research, Science and Innovation (video message)
10.00-10.30	Keynote speech: Mark Ferguson , member of the High-Level Group on maximising the impact of EU Research and Innovation Programmes
10.30	Coffee break

PLENARY SESSION I

Expecting the unexpected: frontier research brings the future closer

11.00-11.15	Showcase: Valeria Nicolosi , Professor of Nanomaterials and Advanced Microscopy, Trinity College Dublin
11.15-12.15	Panel discussion Panellists: Jaak Aaviksoo , Rector of Tallinn University of Technology, former Minister of Education and Research Birgitte Nauntofte , Director, Novo Nordisk Foundation Valeria Nicolosi , Professor of Nanomaterials and Advanced Microscopy Pim Tuyls , CEO, Intrinsic ID
12.15	Lunch

PLENARY SESSION II

From impact to value of research: providing the rationale for investing in research

13.30-14.45	Panel discussion Panellists: Jean-Pierre Bourguignon , President, European Research Council (ERC) Ola Erstad , Chair of the Science Europe Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) Luc Soete , Rector Magnificus, Maastricht University, Chair of the HLG RISE Günter Stock , Chair of the Board of SAPEA (Science Advice for Policy by European Academies), President, All-European Academies (ALLEA) Vladimir Šucha , Director-General, Joint Research Centre (JRC)
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14.45 **Coffee break**

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PLENARY SESSION III

Form and function: design of European research and innovation policies for the benefit of society

15.15-15.25 **Showcase:** **Nicole Grobert**, Professor of Nanomaterials, University of Oxford

15.25-15.35 **Presentation:** **Dominique Guellec**, Head of the Science and Technology Policy Division of the Directorate for Science, Technology and Innovation, OECD

15.35-16.30 **Panel discussion**

Panellists:

Gemma Galdon Clavell, Founder and Director, Eticas Research & Consulting

Ciara Judge, Co-Founder and Co-Director, Germinaid Innovations, grand prize-winner at the Google Science Fair 2014

Martin Kern, Interim Director, European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT)

Siim Sikkut, Deputy Secretary General for Communications and State Information Systems, Estonian Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications

PLENARY SESSION IV

Tallinn Call for Action: next steps in promoting European research excellence

16.30-16.45 **Handing over of the Tallinn Call for Action**

16.45-17.30 **Concluding panel discussion**

Panellists:

Janusz Bujnicki, Member of the High Level Group of Scientific Advisors of the EC Scientific Advice Mechanism

Stefan Deix, Director, European Council for Automotive R&D – EUCAR

Marina Huzvarova, Vice-President of the European Union of Science Journalists' Associations (EUSJA)

Robert-Jan Smits, Director-General for Research and Innovation, European Commission

Sven Stafström, Director-General, Swedish Research Council



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