



## **JRC Conference**

### **SCIENTIFIC GOVERNANCE: EXCELLENCE AND IMPACT**

**15 October 2013**

**Schuman Room, Berlaymont Building, Brussels**

#### **Draft programme**

*Excellent science is one of the key priorities of Horizon 2020 research programme. To generate more impact of excellence, science cannot be done in isolation; it has to be developed in multidisciplinary environment linked to the real economic world. The key to maximising impact from excellent science is to put in place stimulating science governance.*

*European policymakers and stakeholders are becoming increasingly aware of the importance of scientific governance for underpinning growth in Europe. Scientific governance aims to ensure that research contributes to:*

- *Enhancing the European knowledge base*
- *Developing solutions to global problems and challenges*
- *Boosting economic development and creating new products and services*
- *Contributing to social development, growing and sustaining employment*
- *Underpinning policies with solid scientific basis and evidence*

*Scientific support can contribute to developing appropriate strategies, mechanisms and incentives needed to generate excellence and impact enhancing environment. All actors have to be mobilised and stronger links between research and business have to be created, specifically involving the European SMEs.*

*The objective of the conference is to achieve a wider understanding of how to create impact from excellent research. The participants will look at best practices how to yield more impact from excellence and how to maximise its clear added value. The event will explore the effect of research in terms of economic impact (including technical via standardisation), policy impact and societal impact (including international dimension).*

*The conference will facilitate wider acknowledgement of the need to create a fruitful environment for optimising value of research activities for the society.*

*The conference is expected to influence further promotion of excellence in research, innovation and education.*

## DRAFT PROGRAMME

**09.30 – 10.00**    **Registration and welcome coffee**

**10.00 – 11.15**    **OPENING SESSION**

- Dominique Ristori, Director General, Joint Research Centre, European Commission
- Dainius Pavalkis, Lithuania Minister of Education and Science and Chair of the Competitiveness Council during the Lithuanian Presidency of the EU Council 2013 (tbc)
- Antonio Correia de Campos, Member of the European Parliament and Chairman of Science and Technology Options Assessment (STOA)
- Paul Boyle, Chief Executive, UK Economic and Social Research Council, President, Science Europe
- Mark Ferguson, Director General, Science Foundation Ireland

**11.15 – 12.30**    **Session I**

### **CREATING IMPACT FROM EXCELLENT RESEARCH**

*The session will focus on excellence and its impact on economy. It will discuss how scientific research is in the core of the society and how to enhance its positive influence. The session will draw conclusions on how to spark innovation and industry with cutting edge research initiatives.*

#### **Moderator:**

- Lesley Wilson, Secretary General, European Universities Association (tbc)

#### **Speakers:**

- Eberhard Umbach, President, Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (tbc)
- Claudie Haigneré, President, Universcience, France (tbc)
- Paul Leonard, Head of Innovation & Technology Policy, BASF Group
- Stephen Caddick, Vice-Provost, Enterprise University College London, Chair, LERU Enterprise and Innovation Community"

**12.30 – 13.45**    **Networking lunch**

**13.45 – 15.15**    **SESSION II.**  
**OPTIMISING VALUE OF RESEARCH ACTIVITIES FOR THE SOCIETY**

*The session will focus on how to enhance the impact of technological research through prioritisation of research areas, which promise real term economic and social benefits. It will also draw lessons on the need to focus our capacities and our limited resources on most promising for the region or country areas. The session will highlight: priority setting, smart specialisation and Key Enabling Technologies.*

**Moderator:**

- Vladimir Sucha, Deputy Director General, Joint Research Centre, European Commission

**Speakers:**

- Gabriel Crean, Vice-President for Technology and Director for European Affairs, Atomic Energy Commission (CEA), France
- Robert Jan Smits, Director General, DG Research and Innovation, European Commission (tbc)
- Xavier Goenaga Beldarrain, Head of Unit Knowledge for Growth, Joint Research Centre, European Commission

**15.15 – 16.15**    **Session III**  
**INTERNATIONAL DIMENSION**

*International cooperation will strengthen the Union's excellence and attractiveness in research. The session aims to identify best practices internationally on governing science to enhance its impact. The conference will also emphasise the importance of international cooperation in the area in order to tackle global challenges.*

**Moderator:**

- David Wilkinson, Director Scientific Policy and Stakeholder Relations

**Speakers:**

- Vera Barrouin Machado, Brazilian Ambassador to the EU
- Beryl Blecher, Minister Counsellor for Commercial Affairs, United States Mission to the European Union
- Jean Noël Durvy, Director General of Sophia Antipolis Foundation

**16.15 – 16.30**    **CONCLUSIONS**

Chaired by Dominique Ristori, Director General, Joint Research Centre, European Commission

- Máire Geoghegan-Quinn, European Commissioner for Research, Innovation and Science