



# Framework and the Innovation Union

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The International Auditorium, Brussels, Belgium



# PROGRAMME



## INTRODUCTION

09.30 Registration

10.00 Welcome & Introduction

*William Cullerne Bown, Founder, Research*

## PLENARY SESSION ONE: Policy Context – The Innovation Union

*Chair: Dr John Smith, Deputy Secretary General, European Universities Association*

10.10 Keynote address: The Innovation Union – paving the road towards a competitive Europe

*Robert-Jan Smits, Director General, DG Research & Innovation, European Commission*

10.30 Frontier Research in the Innovation Chain

- Why we still need frontier research
- How the ERC brings out excellence

*Theodore Papazoglou, Chief Adviser to the European Research Council*

10.50 Re-thinking our approach to innovation

- Can innovation be government-led?
- Who holds the key to competitiveness – SMEs vs. multinationals?
- IP – how much knowledge can you share in Europe?

*Dr Jan van den Biesen, Vice President Public R&D Programmes, Philips Research*

11.10 Panel Q&A

11.30 Networking break & coffee

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## PLENARY SESSION TWO: Carving up the Pie

*Chair: Colin Macilwain, Associate Editor, Research Europe*

### 11.55 The EU's role in building Europe's research universities

- Marie Curie & movement of knowledge – how to stem brain-drain
- Pockets of excellence vs. creating a knowledge base
- Research without teaching – can universities focus on science?

*Geoff Boulton, Regius Professor of Geology and Vice-Principal, University of Edinburgh*

### 12.15 A Framework that serves industries needs

- Why we need a simpler Framework
- Funding speed – is the Framework Programme fast enough?
- What the Framework Programme has to offer

*Arnaldo Abruzzini, Secretary General, EUROCHAMBRES*

### 12.35 Slow evolution: is Framework changing for the better

- Promoting regional cooperation
- Two-speed Europe – the frontrunners and also-rans
- Input and output – who really gains from the Framework Programme

*Professor Jerzy Langer, Foreign Secretary, Academia Europaea, Member of EURAB and former Science Vice-Minister in Poland*

### 12.55 Panel Q&A

### 13.15 Networking lunch

## PARALLEL SESSIONS: The 8th Framework Programme & Addressing the Needs of Key Sectors

*Parallel sessions will cover: Health, Energy and the Environment, ICT*

### 14.30 Opening remarks & presentations

### 14.45 Round table discussion

### 15.15 Group Q&A & session round-up

### 15.40 Networking break & tea

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## PLENARY SESSION THREE: Making Framework Work

*Chair: Luke Georghiou, Professor of Science and Technology Policy, Vice-President, Research and Innovation, University of Manchester*

### 16.05 Holding research programmes to account

- Trust of the taxpayer vs. trust in researchers
- The case for (or against) ex-post audits
- How much is too much? The necessity of bureaucracy

*Associate Professor Ladislav Balko, Member, European Court of Auditors*

### 16.25 Innovation across the board

- The service industry as Europe's innovation driver
- Out of the box – is the Framework prepared for true innovations?
- Making money from innovation – harder than you think

*Dr Piotr Swiatek, FP7 National Contact Point, Research Centre Juelich*

### 16.45 Why Europe isn't innovating

- Impact or free thinking – what really drives innovation
- Are governments too slow to steer innovation?
- Young, able and willing – the 5 components of the innovative society

*Bruno Van Pottelsberghe, Professor of Technological Innovation, Solvay Brussels School of Economics and Management*

### 17.05 Panel Q&A

### 17.30 End of Conference



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