

HRK German Rectors' Conference

The Voice of the Universities



EU Strategy Day of the German Rectors' Conference (HRK) for German university leaders and invited experts 22/23 January 2018

Venue: Representation of the Free State of Bavaria to the EU, Rue Wiertz 77,1000
Brussels

The forthcoming programme period of EU funding - an opportunity to strengthen the role of universities and the knowledge triangle

Trends on the way towards the future Research Framework Programme,
innovation support from EU Structural Funds and the EU-Commission's
higher education agenda

Day 1 (22 January 2018)

- 12:30 Registration
- 13:00 **The Bavarian concept on the future European Framework
Programme for Research and Innovation**

Dr. Ludwig Spaenle, Bavarian Minister of Education and Culture, Science
and the Arts
- 13:15 **The Knowledge Triangle, Universities, and EU Policies**

Prof. Dr. Horst Hippler, President of the German Rectors' Conference
- 13:30 **Beyond Horizon 2020 - Prospects for FP9**

Carlos Moedas, European Commissioner for Research, Science and
Innovation
- 13:50 **Questions from the audience** to the speakers
- 14:00 Break
- 14:30 **Future trends for the EU Framework Programme for Research and
Innovation (FP9) and the universities**

Panel Discussion

Susanne Burger, Head of Division "Europe", Federal Ministry of Education and Research

Constanze Krehl, MEP, Member of the Committee for Regional Development (REGI) in the European Parliament (tbc)

Prof. Dr. Gerhard Sagerer, Member of the HRK's Standing Committee for Research in Germany and Europe, President of the Rectors' Conference of the state North Rhine-Westphalia, President of the Bielefeld University

Kurt Vandenberghe, Director of the Policy Development and Coordination Directorate, Directorate-General of Research and Innovation, European Commission

Moderator: **Prof. Dr. Ulrich Rüdiger**, HRK Vice-President for Research and Early Career Researchers, Rector of the University of Konstanz

16:00 Coffee break

16:30 **Disruptive and incremental innovations for industry and society as a political goal - What is the role of universities?**

Panel Discussion

Prof. Dr.-Ing. Manfred Curbach, Director of the Institute of Concrete Structures, Technical University of Dresden

Pieter Duisenberg, President of the Dutch Rectors' Conference (VSNU)

Prof. Dr. Volli Kalm, President of the University Tartu, Estonia, Member of the Expert Group for Structural Funds of the European University Association (EUA)

Katja Reppel, Deputy Head of Unit, Smart and Sustainable Growth, Directorate-General for Regional and Urban Policy, European Commission

Prof. Dr. Günther Schuh, Chair of Production Engineering at the RWTH Aachen, Founder of Streetscooter

Representative of a university of applied sciences, N.N.

Moderator: **Prof. Dr. Peter Haring Bolívar**, Chair of the EUA-Expert Group on Research and Innovation Strategies for Smart Specialisation (RIS3), Vice President for Research, University of Siegen

18:00 End of the panel discussion

18:20 Bus transfer to the Museum Autoworld, Parc du Cinquantaire 11, 1000 Brussels

19:00 Dinner

Bus transfer to the hotels

Day 2 (23 January 2018)

08:30 Coffee and breakfast snack

09:00 Three parallel workshops with short presentation and discussion

- **Human Resources Strategy for Researchers (HRSfR)**

Introduction by **Prof. Dr. Johanna E. Weber**, HRK Vice-President for University Medicine and Health Sciences, President of the University of Greifswald

- **ERC strategies of the universities**
- **The future of Strategic Partnerships in ERASMUS+**
- **Entry opportunities for universities to join the Research Framework Programme**

09:50 Break

10:00 **How relevant is the EU's renewed higher education agenda for universities and their role in the knowledge triangle?**

Panel Discussion in German

Prof. Dr. Jean Chambaz, President of the University Pierre et Marie Curie Paris, Member of the EUA-Presidium

Petra Kammerevert, MEP, Chair of the Committee for Culture and Education (CULT) in the European Parliament

Martine Reicherts, Director-General of Education, Youth, Sport and Culture, European Commission

Lesley Wilson, Secretary General of the European University Association

Prof. Dr. Birgitta Wolff, President of the Goethe University Frankfurt (tbc)

Moderator: **Dr. Jens-Peter Gaul**, Secretary-General of the HRK

11:15 **Short presentation of the workshop results**

11:30 End of the Strategy Day

Public Lunchtime Debate: Distributed Excellence – A Rationale for European Research and Innovation Funding?

- 11:45 Welcome aperitif
- 12:00 Reception
Barbara Schretter, Director of the Representation of the Free State of Bavaria to the EU
- 12:05 Introductory speech
Prof. Dr. Horst Hippler, President of the HRK
- Keynote speech
Vladimír Šucha, Director-General of the Joint Research Centre (JRC), European Commission
- 12:20 Panel discussion in English
- Vladimír Šucha**, Director-General of the Joint Research Centre (JRC), European Commission
Prof. Dr. Luc Soete, Former Chair of the „Research, Innovation and Science Policy Experts“ (RISE) high level group (HLG), European Commission
Dr. Christian Ehler, MEP, Member of the Committee for Industry, Research and Energy (ITRE) in the European Parliament
Prof. Jean-Pierre Bourguignon, President of the European Research Council
- Moderator: **Prof. Dr. Horst Hippler**, President of the HRK
- 13:20 Light lunch and end of the event