

**The German Rectors' Conference's
EU Strategy Day for German University Leaders
24 January 2017**

**Venue: Representation of the State of North-Rhine-Westphalia,
Rue Montoyer 47, 1000 Brussels**

**The knowledge triangle in action? Universities and the EU policies of
research, innovation and education**

Conference to be held in German and English (with simultaneous interpretation)

11:45 Registration and snack

12:45 **Towards the 9th Framework Programme for Research and Innovation**
Joint debate of HRK and KoWi

Welcome and introduction

Professor Ulrich Rüdiger, Rector University of Konstanz, HRK Vice-President for
Research and Early Career Researchers

Dr. Claudia Eggert, Director of KOWI

Joint meeting of HRK and alumni of the KoWi Mentoring Programme

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

Panel: **Dr. Wolfgang Burtscher**, Deputy Director-General of Research
and Innovation, European Commission
Dr. Christian Ehler, MEP, member of the ITRE Committee in the
European Parliament
Dr. Heike Gernns, Deputy Spokeswoman of the Federal Working
Group of EU Liaison Officers at German Universities, EU university
office of Hannover/Hildesheim
Dr. Erik Hansalek, Head of Unit for EU Research Policy and
Programmes, ERA, ERC, EIT, at the Federal Ministry for Education
and Research (BMBF)

14:25 Coffee break

14:45 **Universities in the centre of the knowledge triangle – How can the EU strengthen the links between education, research and innovation?**

Moderator: **Professor Horst Hippler**, President of the HRK

Panel: **Professor Nicola Dandridge**, Chief Executive of Universities UK
Fabienne Gautier, Head of Unit for Open Science and European Research Area (ERA) Policies, Directorate-General of Research and Innovation, European Commission
Patricia Reilly, Expert for higher education policy at the cabinet of Tibor Navracsics, European Commissioner for Education, Culture, Youth and Sport
Professor Rolf Tarrach, President of the European University Association (EUA)
Professor Lucyna A. Woźniak, Vice-Rector for Science and International Relations, Medical University of Łódź, member of the EU High Level Group „Maximising impact of EU Research and Innovation Programmes“

16:10 Coffee break

16:20 **ERC and EIC: How to successfully promote research and innovation excellence?**

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

Panel: **Professor Peter Haring Bolívar**, Prorector for Research and Young Researchers of the University of Siegen, Chair of the EUA Expert Group for Structural Funds, member of the European Commission „Structured Dialogue Group“
Professor Jean-Pierre Bourguignon, President of the European Research Council (ERC)
Professor Jean Chambaz, President of the Pierre et Marie Curie University (UPMC) Paris, member of the EUA board
Professor António Cunha, Rector of the University of Minho, President of the Portuguese University Association (CRUP)
Professor Karl Dittrich, President of the Dutch University Association (VSNU)
Keith Sequeira, Senior Advisor for Research and Science in the cabinet of Carlos Moedas, European Commissioner for Research and Innovation

17:45 Coffee break

- 18:15 Public debate: **Learn, discover, invent! A strong Europe needs a European education, research and innovation community**
- Welcome: **Professor Horst Hippler**, President of the HRK
- Statements: **Professor Jerzy Buzek, MEP**, Chair of the ITRE committee in the European Parliament, video message:
The EU priorities for research and innovation
- Dr. Helga Trüpel, MEP**, Vice-Chair of the CULT committee in the European Parliament: **The EU priorities for education**
- Moderator: **Professor Horst Hippler**, President of the HRK
- Podium: **Professor Paul Indelicato**, Vice Head of the Office of State Secretary Thierry Mandon, French Ministry of Education, Higher Education and Research
Professor Milena Žic Fuchs, former Croatian Minister of Science and Technology, University of Zagreb, member of the EU High Level Group „Maximising impact of EU Research and Innovation Programmes“
René Röspe, member of the German Bundestag, Committee on Education, Research and Technology Assessment,
Professor Rolf Tarrach, President of the EUA
Dr. Helga Trüpel, MEP, Vice-Chair of the CULT committee in the European Parliament
- 20:15 End of the public event and reception