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Workshop Programme

Strategies for Widening Excellence and Closing the Knowledge Divide in Europe

Hosted by the Annual Meeting of the V4 Academies in Budapest

When **About the Workshop**

26 and 27 October 2016
Wednesday 12.00–18.45
Thursday 09.00–10.30

Significant disparities exist within Europe in terms of research and innovation performance, further exacerbated by the recent financial crisis and its impact on public research and innovation budgets.

In the Seventh EU Framework Programme (FP7), 4.21% of the funding went to EU-13 countries. Whilst it is still too early to draw conclusions on the EU Member States' performance under Horizon 2020, the first data provided by the European Commission suggest that the situation remains very similar to FP7. Some may even observe that the share of Horizon 2020 budget going to 'less-performing regions' in Europe is decreasing.

Where

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Science Europe, in its last General Assembly meeting in May 2016, identified the gap between EU-13 countries and EU-15 countries as a major issue to be further addressed and suggested further activities to obtain a proper understanding of the complexity of the issue.

The aim of this workshop is to engage in high-level political discussion and exchange of views to identify key issues and proposed solutions to the existing gap in Europe, during two sessions: one focusing on the actions at EU level, and the other on the role of national actors within the European Research Area (ERA).

Aim of the Workshop

The aim of the workshop is to produce a set of key messages by Science Europe on the issue, which will be further discussed by the Science Europe General Assembly and to share these at the Conference of the Slovak Presidency of the Council of the EU 'Spreading Excellence and Crossing the Innovation Divide' of 23 November 2016 in Brussels.



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Programme

Wednesday 26 October 2016

Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Budapest

12.00–13.00 Registration and Lunch

13.00–13.45 Opening

- **László Lovász**, President of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences
- **Michael Matlosz**, President of Science Europe and President and CEO of the French National Research Agency

Update from the Slovak Presidency of the Council of the European Union

Daniel Straka, Head of Slovak Liaison Office for Research and Development

13.45–15.45 **Session 1: Widening Participation in EU Framework Programmes: What Can Be Done at European Level?**

Keynote Speech

Zbigniew Błocki, Director of the National Science Centre, Poland

Short Presentations

- **Emilio Lora-Tamayo**, President of the Spanish National Research Council
- **Martin Kern**, European Institute of Innovation and Technology
- Representatives of other Science Europe Member Organisations

Panel Discussion

Moderator: **Jiří Drahoš**, President of the Czech Academy of Sciences

15.45–16.15 Coffee Break

16.15–18.15 **Session 2: Closing the Knowledge Gap in the ERA: The Role of National Actors**

Keynote Speech

Philippe Laredo, Manchester Business School, University of Manchester

Short Presentations

- **Gyula Szigeti**, Vice-President for Research and Development at the Hungarian National Research, Development and Innovation Office
- **Elisabeth Schenker**, Swiss National Science Foundation
- **József Györkös**, Director of the Slovenian Research Agency
- **Jan Šafanda**, Vice President of the Czech Academy of Sciences

Discussion Panel

Moderator: **Jerzy Duszyński**, President of the Polish Academy of Sciences

18.15–18.45 Expert Summary Panel

19.30–21.30 Drinks and Dinner

Krúdy Hall, Academy Club, Hungarian Academy of Sciences

Thursday 27 October 2016

Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Budapest

09.00–10.25

Wrap-up Session to Produce Key Conclusions and Messages

Moderator: **Martin Müller**, Chair of the Science Europe Working Group on Horizon 2020

- **Michael Matlosz**
- **László Lovász**
- **Zbigniew Błocki**
- **Jiří Drahoš**
- **Michael Bright**, Research Councils UK

10.25–10.30 Closing

10.30 **End of Workshop**

11.00–11.30

Tour of the Art Collection of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences

List of Participants

Anaya-Carlsson, Karla	Analyst at the Swedish Research Council for Environment, Agricultural Science and Spatial Planning	FORMAS	Sweden
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