

Conference at the BluePoint, Brussels

DAY 1: Wednesday, 18 September

12:00 – 13:30 Lunch, including registration

Plenary sessions moderated by Katrina Sichel

13:30 – 14:00 Conference opening

Janez Potočnik, *former Commissioner for Science and Research 2004 - 2010*
Marc Lemaître, *Director-General at DG Research and Innovation*

14:00 – 14:45 ERA revamped: four years later

Anna Panagopoulou, *Director for ERA & Innovation at DG Research and Innovation*
Anneke Kastelein, *PhD candidate at Leiden University Medical Centre and part of the advisory board of the PhD Network Netherlands (PNN)*
Nuno Maulide, *Professor of organic chemistry at the University of Vienna*
Sergej Možina, *Slovenian science attaché at the EU and Co-Chair of the ERA Forum*
Stéphane Berghmans, *Director of Research and Innovation at European University Association (EUA), Belgium*

14:45 – 15:15 Inclusive gender equality: shaping the future

Gemma Irvine, *Vice-President of Equality and Diversity in Maynooth University, Ireland*
Irene Norstedt, *Director for People: Health & Society at DG Research and Innovation*
Marcela Linková, *ERA Action 5 subgroup Member States' co-chair, Czechia*
Mathieu Arbogast, *Project manager at Centre national de la recherche scientifique (CNRS), France*

15:15 – 16:00 Scientific freedom & research security

Christian Ehler, *MEP, Germany (tbc)*
Denise Roche, *Advocacy Manager at Scholars at Risk Europe, Ireland*
Jan Palmowski, *Secretary-General of The Guild, Belgium*
Susanne Caarls, *Head of Department Europe and International & Societal Impact and Open Science, at the Ministry of Education, Culture and Science, The Netherlands*
Representative of the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (tbd)

16:00 – 16:10 Official opening of the project exhibition: Marc Tachelet, *Director of European Research Executive Agency (REA)*

16:10 – 16:30 Coffee break and networking

16:30 – 18:00 Parallel thematic sessions:

rooms

Archimedes

Challenges and opportunities with the reforms of research assessment

Speakers:

- Stéphane Berghmans
- Emmanuelle Gardan

Darwin

Why now an ERA action on non-animal approaches in biomedical research and testing of pharmaceuticals?

Speakers:

- Bas de Waard
- Marta Dias Agostinho
- Maurice Whelan
- Orla Moriarty
- Philippe Hubert
- Sonja Beken
- Winfried Neuhaus

Vesalius

Enhancing trust in science via citizen engagement

Speaker:

- Cissi Billgren Askwall

Newton BC

An ERA for energy: hydrogen and solar

Speakers:

- Bernd Biervert
- Nadine May
- Christoph Hünnekes

Einstein ABC

A global policy perspective: AI in science in the world

Speakers:

- Alison Noble
- Dureen Samandar Eweis
- Peter Sørensen
- Wendy J. Nilsen

Edison

Improving visibility of intergovernmental and national funding opportunities

Speakers:

- Marko Piirso
- Peter Härtwich

18:00 – 21:00 Reception and dinner

European Research Area Fostering Greater Integration. Advancing Competitiveness.

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9:00 – 9:30	Welcome coffee					
9:30 – 10:00	Conference opening by Katrina Sichel Keynote speech by Iliana Ivanova, <i>Commissioner for Innovation, Research, Culture, Education and Youth</i> Signature of funding agreement on Research and Innovation Careers Observatory (ReICO) between the Commission and OECD , represented by Anna Panagopoulou, <i>Director for ERA & Innovation at DG Research and Innovation</i> , and Jerry Sheehan, <i>Director of the Directorate for Science, Technology, and Innovation at OECD</i>					
Panel discussion						
10:00 – 10:45	Boosting R&I investments and reforms to secure Europe’s long-term competitiveness moderated by Marc Lemaître, <i>Director-General at DG Research and Innovation</i> Balázs Hankó, <i>Minister of Culture and Innovation, Hungary</i> Elisa Rivera Mendoza, <i>Director General for Planning, Coordination and Knowledge Transfer at the Spanish Ministry of Science, Innovation and Universities</i> Tuomas Saarenheimo, <i>President of the Euro Working Group (EWG)</i>					
10:45 – 11:00	Coffee break and networking					
11:00 – 12:00	Parallel thematic sessions:					
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	Empowering research infrastructures and technology infrastructures as strategic assets and knowledge hubs in Europe - <i>Speakers:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Britta Redlich• Edith Heard• François Jacq• Johan Hanssens• Michael Ryan• Pia Sandvik	Breaking boundaries: how EIC is supporting startups and scaleups to secure long-term competitiveness and growth from ERA - <i>Speakers:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Katuska Cruz• Keith Sequeira• Michiel Scheffer• Nicklas Bergman• Rana Sanyal	Driving competitive sustainability through bioeconomy solutions - <i>Speaker:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Arttu Luukanen• Claire Skentelbery• Lena Grimm• Michael O’Donohue	An ERA for climate and circular economy - <i>Speakers:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Janez Potočnik• Adel el Gammal• Timo Ritonummi	Develop skilled researchers and innovators and attract talents in Europe - <i>Speakers:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Emmanuelle Gardan• Jerry Sheehan• Luisa Henriques• Martin Paidar• Peter Rasmussen• Sebastian Dahle	R&I policy to leverage industrial transformation and competitiveness - <i>Speakers:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dorota Pawlucka• Marta Lima Basto• Nathalie Errard• Nathalie Martin-Hübner• Niklas Blomberg
12:00 – 12:45	Closing session Barbara Weitgruber, <i>Director-General for Scientific Research and International Relations at Austrian Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research</i> Marc Lemaître, <i>Director-General at DG Research and Innovation</i>					
12:45 – 14:00	Closing lunch					

List of Speakers:

DAY 1

Parallel thematic sessions

Challenges and opportunities with the reforms of research assessment

Stéphane Berghmans, *Director of Research and Innovation at European University Association (EUA), Belgium*

Emmanuelle Gardan, *Director of Coimbra Group office and co-lead of ERA Action 4, Belgium*

Why now an ERA action on non-animal approaches in biomedical research and testing of pharmaceuticals?

Bas de Waard, *Policy Officer of the Transition Programme towards Animal-free Innovation at the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries, Food Security and Nature, The Netherlands*

Marta Dias Agostinho, *Executive Director of EU-LIFE Alliance Of Independent Research Institutes*

Maurice Whelan, *Head of Unit Systems Toxicology at the Joint Research Center (JRC) of the European Commission, Italy*

Orla Moriarty, *Scientific Officer in Translational Sciences at the European Medicines Agency (EMA), The Netherlands*

Philippe Hubert, *Director of the French platform for the validation of methods for the characterization of endocrine disruptors (PEPPER)*

Sonja Beken, *Coordinator of the Unit of non-clinical assessors at the Belgian Federal Agency for Medicines and Health Products (FAMHP)*

Winfried Neuhaus, *Principal Scientist in the Competence Unit Molecular Diagnostics of the Austrian Institute of Technology*

Enhancing trust in science via citizen engagement

Cissi Billgren Askwall, *Coordinator at Swedish Research Council*

An ERA for energy: hydrogen and solar

Bernd Biervert, *Head of the Clean Energy Transition Unit at DG Research and Innovation*

Nadine May, *Chair of the SET Plan Temporary Working Group on Hydrogen, Germany*

Christoph Hünnekes, *Chair Set Plan Implementation Working Group on Solar PVs, Germany*

A global policy perspective: AI in science in the world

Alison Noble, *Professor with a Fellowship of the Royal Society (FRS), United Kingdom*

Dureen Samandar Eweis, *Science Officer at International Science Council (ISC), France*

Peter Sørensen, *Principal Adviser, Digital Diplomacy at European External Action Service (EEAS)*

Wendy J. Nilsen, *Deputy Division Director, Directorate for Computer and Information Science and Engineering (CISE) at National Science Foundation, United States*

R&I policy to leverage industrial transformation and competitiveness

Marko Piirso, *Head of Department of Strategic Analysis, Estonian Research Council*

Peter Härtwich, *Head of the Commown Service for Business Processes Unit at DG Research and Innovation*

DAY 2

Parallel thematic sessions

Empowering research infrastructures and technology infrastructures as strategic assets and knowledge hubs in Europe

Britta Redlich, *Director of the FELIX Laboratory, Vice-Chair of League of European Accelerator-based Photon Sources (LEAPS), Germany*

Edith Heard, *Director General at European Molecular Biology Laboratory (EMBL), United Kingdom*

François Jacq, *President of European Association of Research and*

Technology Organisations, France

Johan Hanssens, *Secretary-General, Department Economy, Science & Innovation (EWI) of Flanders, Belgium*

Michael Ryan, *Research Ireland*

Pia Sandvik, *CEO at Teknikfoeretagen, Sweden*

Breaking boundaries: how EIC is supporting startups and scaleups to secure long-term competitiveness and growth from ERA

Katiuska Cruz, *Networks and Technological Valorisation Coordinator at Agência Nacional de Inovação (ANI), Portugal*

Keith Sequeira, *Head of the European Innovation Council Unit at DG Research and Innovation*

Michiel Scheffer, *President of the European Innovation Council Board*

Nicklas Bergman, *Deep tech angel investor and member of EIC Fund Investment committee, Sweden*

Rana Sanyal, *CSO and Co-Founder of RS Research, Winner of EIC Women Innovators Prize 2024, Türkiye*

Driving competitive sustainability through bioeconomy solutions

Arttu Luukanen, *Senior Vice President Solar Foods, Finland*

Claire Skentelberg, *Director General at European Association for Bioindustries (EUROPABIO), Belgium*

Lena Grimm, *Researcher at Fraunhofer Institut, Germany*

Michael O'Donohue, *Director of IBISBA, Head of Division TRANSFORM, INRAE, France*

An ERA for climate and circular economy

Janez Potočnik, *former Commissioner for Science and Research 2004 - 2010*

Adel el Gammal, *Secretary-General at European Energy Research Alliance, Belgium*

Timo Ritonummi, *Deputy Director General at Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment, Finland*

Develop skilled researchers and innovators and attract talents in Europe

Emmanuelle Gardan, *Director of the Brussels office at Coimbra Group, Belgium*

Jerry Sheehan, *Director of the Directorate for Science, Technology, and Innovation at OECD, France*

Luisa Henriques, *Senior Policy Analyst and Advisor to the Board of Directors at FCT, Portugal*

Martin Páidar, *Assoc. Prof. at University of Chemistry and Technology Prague, Czechia*

Peter Rasmussen, *Head of the Technology Transfer Office at Aalborg University, Denmark*

Sebastian Dahle, *Assist. Prof. at University of Ljubljana & Advisory Board member at Eurodoc, Slovenia*

R&I policy to leverage industrial transformation and competitiveness

Dorota Pawlucka, *Global Alliances Manager at COVESTRO AG Hubs4Circularity, Germany*

Marta Lima Basto, *Subdirector-General of Directorate-General for Economic Activities, Portugal*

Nathalie Errard, *Senior Vice President, Head of EU affairs at Airbus, France*

Nathalie Martin-Hübner, *Head of Governmental Relations at Robert Bosch GmbH, Germany*

Niklas Blomberg, *Executive Director at Innovative Health Initiative, Sweden*