CONFERENCE

TOWARDS AN OPEN AND COMPETITIVE ECONOMY:
EXAMINING THE ROOTS OF INNOVATION

5 April 2011

Draft Programme

Venue: Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Roosevelt tér 9, Budapest, Hungary

08h30 09h00 *Registration*

09h00 09h30 **Opening session**

Zoltán CSÉFALVAY, Minister of State for Strategy, Ministry for National Economy

Dominique RISTORI, Director General, Joint Research Centre, European Commission

09h30 10h30 **Setting the Scene: the European Dimension**

Trying to make it happen: the JRC contributions towards a competitive economy, John BENSTED-SMITH, Director, Institute for Prospective Technological Studies, Joint Research Centre, European Commission

Ronald de BRUIN, Acting Director, European Institute of Innovation and Technology

R&D priorities during the Hungarian EU Presidency, Sándor ERDŐ, Vice- President of the National Innovation Office, Hungary

Discussion

10h30 11h00 *Coffee break*

11h00 12h10 **Setting the Scene: The Member State's View**

The Spanish Experience, Carlos MARTÍNEZ RIERA, Director General, Ministry for Science and Innovation

The Belgian Experience, Joost VERLINDEN, Head of Department, Belgian Federal Planning Bureau

The Polish Experience, Paweł BOCHNIARZ, Advisor to the Ministry of Science and Higher Education on intellectual capital and knowledge management

The Danish Experience, Karin KJÆR MADSEN, Senior Adviser, Ministry for Science, Technology, and Innovation

Discussion

12h10 13h30 Understanding Innovation as the Base of a Competitive Economy

Building a Digital Economy through Knowledge Creation in ICT, Geomina TURLEA, Joint Research Centre, European Commission

Digital Agenda for Europe, Lucilla SIOLI, Directorate General Information Society

Renata Anna JAKSA, Director, International Center for Economic Growth, Hungary

Kristóf SZATMÁRY, Director, Budapest Chamber of Commerce and Industry (tbc)

Industrial dynamics and the growth of innovative firms, Xabier GOENAGA, Head of Unit, Joint Research Centre, European Commission

Discussion

13h30 14h30 Lunch

14h30 16h00 Understanding Innovation at a Regional Level

Innovation of regions, Mihály LADOS, Director, West-Hungary Research Institute, Centre for Regional Studies, Hungarian Academy of Sciences

Regional dynamics resulting from investments in knowledge and infrastructure, Andries BRANDSMA, Joint Research Centre, European Commission

Policy view, Luisa SANCHES, Innovation Policy Analyst, Directorate General Regional Policy

Innovation and Competitiveness Indicators, Andrea SALTELLI, Head of Unit, Joint Research Centre, European Commission

Hungarian example: Challenges in the subcontracting industry (transport) with special attention to the human relation issues, László PALKOVICS, Strategy Vice-Rector, Kecskemét College and Member of the Hungarian Academy Of Sciences

Discussion

16h00 16h30 Conclusions and the Way Forward

Dominique RISTORI, Director General, Joint Research Centre, European Commission

Hungarian EU Presidency

The working language of the conference is English.