

Eastern Partnership Panel on Research & Innovation

Conference “EU4Innovation: Fostering Research-Industry Links”

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Draft Agenda

09:00 - 09:30	Registration and welcome coffee
09:30 - 09:50	Conference Opening Mikheil Batiashvili , Minister of Education, Science, Culture & Research (tbc) Carl Hartzell , EU Ambassador to Georgia (tbc) Andrea Carignani di Novoli , Head of Unit Africa, Neighbourhood and the Gulf - European Commission, DG Research and Innovation
Session I: Framework Conditions for Research & Innovation	
09:50 - 10:05	Keynote Speech: Framework Conditions for Research & Innovation Luca Polizzi , European Commission (Directorate-General for Research and Innovation)
10:05 - 11:00	Panel discussion: Framework Conditions for Research & Innovation - national context Participants: representatives of the EaP countries and the EaP Civil Society Forum <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – public bodies (national, regional) responsible for science policy and support of business and innovation – funding agencies and organisations providing financial support to start-ups, spin-offs and other innovative businesses Moderator: Tomas Matraia , Director, The Advisers <i>Advisers is a global consultancy group specialised in internationalisation, innovation and adaptive leadership</i>
11:00 - 11:30	<i>Coffee Break</i>
Session II: Smart Specialisation Strategies	
11:30 - 13:00	Keynote Speech: Smart Specialisation Strategies Alessandro Rainoldi , Head of Unit B.3 Territorial Development European Commission (Joint Research Centre)
	Smart Specialisation Experience – Poland - Beata Lubos , Vice-Director, Ministry of Entrepreneurship and Technology (tbc)
	Smart Specialisation Experience – Ukraine - Nino Damenia , National Smart Specialisation Team, Ministry of Economic Development and Trade

	Smart Specialisation Experience – Moldova , Olga Duhlicher , National Smart Specialisation Team, Ministry of Education, Culture and Research
	Panel discussion Moderator: Monika Matusiak , Enlargement and Integration Action, Unit B.3 Territorial Development, European Commission (Joint Research Centre)
13:00 - 14:00	<i>Networking lunch (standing)</i>

Session III: Technology Transfer	
14:00 - 15:45	<p>Keynote Speech: Establishing Technology Transfer Offices - Challenges and Opportunities Giancarlo Caratti di Lanzacco - Head of Unit, Intellectual Property & Technology Transfer European Commission (Joint Research Centre)</p> <p>Smart Specialisation and Technology Transfer – Nikos Giannoulidis, Euroconsultants (Thessaloniki)</p> <p>Technology Transfer: Tumo Center – Vanessa Boas, Tumo Center (Yerevan)</p> <p>Georgian example – Dr. Mzia Kutateladze, Director of George Eliava Institute of Bacteriophages, Microbiology and Virology</p> <p>Successful Technology Transfer in Azerbaijan – Zaur Akhmedzadeh, Head of Technology Transfer and Business Incubation Department manager, High Technological Park of Azerbaijan National Academy of Sciences</p> <p>Overview of Technology Transfer in Belarus – Yury Nechepurenko, Head of Innovation Division, Research Institute for Physical and Chemical Problems, Belarusian State University</p> <p>Panel discussion</p>
15:45 - 16.15	<i>Coffee Break</i>
Session IV: EU Support to the Eastern Partnership	
16:15 - 17:15	<p>Keynote Speech: PSF Report - Specific Support to Georgia Michael Schlicht, Krzysztof Gulda (co-chairs of the expert panel)</p> <p>Actions to implement Smart Specialisation Moderator: George Bonas, CeRISS</p> <p><i>The goal of the discussion is to inform the representatives of each EaP country on the actions needed to improve research-industry partnership, implement smart specialisation and enhance technology transfer.</i></p> <p><i>Participants:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Mixed panel of experts from the EaP/EU countries (authorities, intermediary organisations, beneficiaries) and Commission representatives; short interventions followed by discussions with the participants
17:15 – 17:30	Wrap-up and closure

