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Tuesday, 7th June

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See all**Registration****07/06/2011 09:30 - 10:30**Registration services will be available each day on the conference venue at [Kőlcsey Convention Centre](#).**Welcome by the conference hosts****07/06/2011 10:30 - 11:00**

Welcome words will be presented by the conference hosts:

[Lejos KÓSA](#), Mayor of Debrecen City Council and[Robert Jan SMITS](#), Director General of DG Research and Innovation.**Opening Session****07/06/2011 11:00 - 12:00**

Participants of the opening session:

[Ana Arana ANTELO](#)

Deputy Head of Cabinet of Commissioner Maire Geoghegan-Quinn, Commissioner for Research, Innovation and Science

[Béla Zs HÍDVEGHI](#)

Deputy Minister of State, Ministry for National Economy, Hungary

**Press conference with the speakers****07/06/2011 12:00 - 12:45****Lunch****07/06/2011 12:00 - 13:30****Experts' view on the knowledge market and competitiveness****07/06/2011 13:30 - 15:00**

Confirmed participants:

[Christian KETELS](#)

Principal Associate, Harvard Business School

[Allan LARSSON](#)

Former Minister of Finance, Sweden

[Qiyu TU](#)

Center For Urban And Regional Studies, Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences, People's Republic of China

[Bozidar DJELIC](#)

Deputy Prime Minister for EU integration of the Republic of Serbia

**Coffee Break**

07/06/2011 15:00 - 15:20

**Round table discussion I: Stimulating economic and social development: Research infrastructure development and clusters**

07/06/2011 15:20 - 17:20

RT1 should set the tone for the conference and will address the questions to be discussed in the round tables. Significant efforts have recently been made to strengthen RDI capabilities and to raise the competitiveness of the European economy both at EU and national level. During the elaboration of the national action plans following the EU2020 strategy it is worth discussing what kinds of obstacles were identified in relation to knowledge generation, access and utilization. In this context, the development of world-class RIs is a key driver of growth, which contributes to create a genuine market for knowledge, research and innovation. It is also worth discussing what kind of possibilities are provided by the deepening of co-operation between research infrastructures (including e-infrastructure) and their users (from academia to industry) and by the strengthening of synergies helping to efficiently realize the objectives laid down in the strategy of the EU. Synergies between the Innovation Union and the Digital Agenda should be investigated.

[Read more](#)**Networking Gala Dinner**

07/06/2011 20:00 - 23:00

**Registration**

08/06/2011 08:45 - 09:30

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**Plenary Session: Areas of synergies**

08/06/2011 09:30 - 11:20

Presentations on the first conclusions drawn by the Expert Groups on synergies between Framework Programme, Structural Funds and Competitiveness and Innovation Programme; Impact Assessment on Research Potential and the Cohesion HLG Group.

[Read more](#)**Coffee Break**

08/06/2011 11:20 - 11:40

**Round table discussion II: Synergies among European, national and regional policies in the field of Research Infrastructures**

08/06/2011 11:40 - 13:25

Parallel Session

RT2 discusses the role of RIs in the EU, regional and national RTD policies and policy tools for facilitating and coordinating better the access to and the development, establishment and operating of RIs. Europe suffers from fragmentation, therefore networking and integration is a way forward for Europe.

[Read more](#)**Round table discussion III: Future of cluster policies**

08/06/2011 11:40 - 13:25

Parallel Session

This round table aims at discussing the future of cluster policies at EU and national level seen as useful tools in favor of innovation. It will examine what can be learnt from the national and regional authorities in this field. It will explore where the EU heading is considering the need to mainstream diverse programmes and initiatives within one common research and innovation frame. Lessons will be drawn from the last years in order to discuss which type of support should be proposed to clusters in the future. The speakers will give their opinion on the balance which should be given to excellence and regional development, the way how we could better involve education in research intensive clusters, the impact of "smart specialization" for clusters. They will focus in particular on the ways we could better connect the EU and national cluster development policies so that both can contribute to innovation from a regional perspective. This round table will also take the frame of the conference into account, in order to examine how far the cluster policies could be linked with research infrastructure policies.

[Read more](#)**Lunch**

08/06/2011 13:25 - 14:40





Round table discussion IV : Regional dimension of the Innovation Union

08/06/2011 14:10 - 16:25

RT4 will present the regional dimension of the Innovation Union through concrete examples and success stories of regional authorities and regional networks at EU level. The institutional EU framework of the Lisbon Treaty gives new opportunities for the regions, not only for the implementation of EU policies but also for the drafting of EU policies. "Are Regions the driving forces for EU success of the Innovation Union" will be the key issue.

Topics for discussion :

- Europe 2020 from regional perspective
- Link between EU regional Policy and the 2020 Strategy
- Multigovernance and Territorial Pacts
- Role of ICT in regional integration and European cohesion
- Smart Specialization Platform and strategies to regional success

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Coffee Break

08/06/2011 16:25 - 16:45



Round table discussion V: Smart specialization at regional level: How good practices of synergies between clusters, cluster initiatives and research infrastructures can support that?

08/06/2011 16:45 - 18:45

Parallel Session

Smart specialisation strategies are focussed on a limited number of priorities based on regional competitive advantages, on the potential cooperation between EU regions and on the need for coherence between the priorities defined at the different levels of governance. Designing and implementing these strategies require a close co-operation between relevant partners and synergies in using the different EU, national and regional policy instruments. The purpose of this round table is to present good examples of regional partnership built on clusters and enabling an efficient use of research infrastructures for turning the results of research into innovative processes, products and services. Indeed, in the context of innovation strategies, synergies within clusters involving closely research infrastructures act as important drivers leading to the development of a knowledge based society throughout all European regions.

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Round table discussion VI: Financial and legal challenges related to Research Infrastructures

08/06/2011 16:45 - 18:45

Parallel Session

Research Infrastructures (RIs) and Regional Partner Centers (RPC) of EU interest, are a strategic part in the construction of ERA and their financing must be approached in a comprehensive way. The funding perspective must cover all phases: design (including technical, financial and socioeconomic aspects), definition and selection of the site (developing its surrounding infrastructure, and smart specialization choices: e.g. technology transfer and industrial areas, University, etc.), construction (possibly involving widely different Countries and Instruments, e.g. in kind contributions, Structural Funds, EIB/RSFF, public-private partnerships, etc), operation (the most critical aspect for sustainability, where EU funding of open access is critical), and decommissioning or modification when competitive lifetime is over (the most unpopular aspect). Structural Funds can play a central role in each of these phases.

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Cocktail reception

08/06/2011 19:00 - 00:00



Registration

09/06/2011 09:30 - 10:00

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Key message of WIRE2011 and Debrecen Declaration

09/06/2011 10:00 - 11:45

Participants:

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**Final Closing****09/06/2011 11:45 - 12:30**

Participants of the closing:

József PÁLINKÁS

President of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences

Lejos KÓSA

Mayor of Debrecen, Hungary

**Closing reception - Lunch****09/06/2011 12:30 - 14:00****Side Event - RESPOTNET Workshop****09/06/2011 13:30 - 17:30**

Workshop on "Assessment and new challenges of Research Potential. Gathering of Coordinators, PC Members and NCPs of Regional and RIs programmes", that will be organized by the RESPOTNET.

[read more](#)**Site Visit I. to ATOMKI, the Institute for Nuclear Research of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences****09/06/2011 14:00 - 16:00**

The mission of the ATOMKI Institute (www.atomki.hu) is to perform fundamental research in experimental and theoretical atomic, nuclear and particle physics, and to apply the physical methods and knowledge in other fields of science like materials research, environmental and earth sciences, biological and medical research etc.

[read more](#)**Site Visit II. to the Research Centre for Molecular Medicine****09/06/2011 14:00 - 16:00**

RCMM (Research Centre for Molecular Medicine) is a research institute of the Medical and Health Science Center of the University of Debrecen, dedicated to clinically oriented and basic cutting edge biomedical research.

[read more](#)**Site Visit III. to the Pharmatom Hungaria Ltd. laboratories****09/06/2011 14:00 - 16:00**

The Pharmatom Hungaria Ltd was established in 2010 by the members of the Pharmapolis Innovative Pharmaceutical Cluster (<http://www.pharmapolis-hungary.eu/introduction>) in order to mutually exploit their core technologies.

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