

# European Research Area Fostering Greater Integration. Advancing Competitiveness.

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*  
Silvia Gomez Recio, *Secretary General of Young European Research Universities Network (YERUN), 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

Alexander Grablowitz, *Head of Unit at the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research*  
Denise Roche, *Advocacy Manager at Scholars at Risk Europe, Ireland*  
Gosse Simon Vuijk, *Parliamentary Assistant at European Parliament, The Netherlands*  
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*

**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:

- Vinciane Gaillard
- Emmanuelle Gardan

Table hosts:

- Ágota Dávid
- Elizabeth Gadd
- Mattias Björmalm
- Monica Dietl
- Silvia Gomez Recio

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
- Nicolas Dudoignon

Vesalius

Enhancing trust in science via citizen engagement

Speakers:

- Cissi Billgren Askwall

Table hosts:

- Anna Maria Fleetwood
- Agata Gurzawska
- Angela Simone
- Anette Klinkert
- Helen Garrison
- Jason Pridmore
- Maria Hagardt

Newton BC

An ERA for energy: hydrogen and solar

Speakers:

- Bernd Biervert
- Nadine May
- Christoph Hünnekes
- Luisa Revilla Trujillo

Einstein ABC

A global policy perspective: AI in science in the world

Speakers:

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

Edison

Improving visibility of intergovernmental and national funding opportunities

Speakers:

- Marko Piirsoo
- Peter Härtwich

**18:00 – 21:00** Reception and dinner

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## DAY 2: Thursday, 19 September

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

## List of Speakers:

### DAY 1

#### Parallel thematic sessions

##### Challenges and opportunities with the reforms of research assessment

Vinciane Gaillard, Deputy-Director of Research & Innovation at European University Association (EUA), Belgium

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

Ágota Dávid, Science and Technology Attaché at Permanent Representation of Hungary to the EU

Elizabeth Gadd, Head of Research Culture and Assessment at Loughborough University and Vice-Chair of CoARA Steering Board, UK

Mattias Björnmalm, Secretary General of the university association CESAER, Belgium

Monica Dietl, Executive Coordinator of the Initiative for Science in Europe (ISE), France

Silvia Gomez Recio, Secretary General of the Young European Research Universities Network (YERUN), 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

Nicolas Dudoignon, Chief Veterinary Officer at Sanofi, France

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

Anna Maria Fleetwood, Senior Advisor External relations the Swedish Research Council

Agata Gurzawska, Coordinator Project VERITY

Angela Simone, Coordinator Project REINFORCING, Italy

Anette Klinkert, Executive Director EUSEA, Germany

Helen Garrison, Communications Manager Public and Science Sweden

Jason Pridmore, Coordinator of Project COALESCE, The Netherlands

Maria Hagardt, International Relations Manager at Public and Science Sweden

##### 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

Luisa Revilla Trujillo, Programme Manager, Spanish Center for Technological Development & Innovation (CDTI)

##### 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

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

##### Improving visibility of intergovernmental and national funding opportunities

Marko Piirsoo, 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, Head of International Division at Research Ireland and ESFRI Executive Board Member

Pia Sandvik, CEO at Teknikfoerretagen, 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 Pawluczka, 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



