

SMART REGIONS Conference

Driving Smart Specialisation Investments in Priority Areas for European Growth

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Moderator: Karen Coleman

WEDNESDAY, 01 JUNE 2016

08:00 – 09:30	Registration
09:30 – 11:00	<p>Opening Speech and Opening of the Exhibition: Walter Deffaa, Director-General for Regional and Urban Policy</p> <p><u>PART 1: Implementation of smart specialisation in the region</u></p> <p>Session 1: <u>Smart specialisation: From Theory to Practice</u></p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Continuous Entrepreneurial Discovery – Dominique Foray + Representative of a region• Governance settings – Kevin Morgan + Representative of a region <p>Questions and answers</p>
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee Break and exhibition
11:30 – 13:00	<p>Video message - Digital Agenda – Günther Oettinger, Commissioner Digital Economy & Society</p> <p>Session 2: <u>Smart specialisation: From Design to Implementation</u></p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Selection process and monitoring - Claire Nauwelaers + Representative of a region• Transnational cooperation and value chains – Slavo Radosevic + Representative of a region <p>Questions and answers</p> <p>Closing morning sessions: Vladimír Šucha – Director-General JRC</p>
13:00 – 14:00	Networking Lunch and exhibition
14:00-16:00	<p><u>PART 2: Implementation of smart specialisation through interregional cooperation</u></p> <p>Session 1: Workshops on Thematic Smart Specialisation Platforms</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Energy- Agro-Food- Industrial Modernisation
16:00-17:30	Session 2: Workshops on co-investment challenges

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17:30 – 17:45	Closing speech – Tibor Navracsics, Commissioner Education, Culture, Youth and Sport
17:45-19:00	Networking cocktail
THURSDAY, 02 JUNE 2016	
08:30 – 09:00	Registration and Welcome Coffee
09:00 – 09:30	<p><u>PART 3: Policy Agenda for smart specialisation investments</u></p> <p>Report and conclusions from day 1 – Colin Wolfe, Head of Competence Centre Smart and Sustainable Growth, Directorate General for Regional and Urban Policy</p> <p>Speaker: Joana Valente – Senior Adviser and Strategy Coordinator, Business Europe (TBC)</p>
09:30 – 11:00	<p><u>Session 1: Co-investments for economic transformation</u></p> <p>Introductory Speech - Jyrki Katainen – Vice-President of the European Commission (TBC) -</p> <p>Panel debate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ramón Luis Valcárcel Siso – Vice-President of the European Parliament• Markku Markkula – President of the Committee of Regions• Wim van de Donk – Governor N-Brabant (Chair Vanguard Initiative)
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee Break and exhibition
11:30-13:15	<p><u>Session 2: Synergies in policy support for economic transformation</u></p> <p>Keynote Speaker: Professor Charles Sabel – Governance and Smart Specialisation International Speaker: (TBC)</p> <p>Panel discussion among Commissioners:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Elżbieta Bieńkowska, Commissioner Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs (TBC)• Miguel Arias Cañete, Commissioner Climate Action & Energy (TBC)• Corina Crețu, Commissioner Regional Policy• Carlos Moedas, Commissioner Research, Science and Innovation (TBC)• Karmenu Vella, Commissioner Environment, Maritime Affairs and Fisheries (TBC)
13:15 – 13:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Closing Speech: Corina Crețu, Commissioner Regional Policy
13:30 – 14:30	Networking Lunch and exhibition
14:30 – 16:00	Continuous exhibition and networking



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