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
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Wednesday, 31 May 2017

Government of Catalonia. Delegation to the EU
227, Rue de la Loi – Wetstraat
1040 Bruxelles – Brussel

Programme

14:00 Registration

14:30 Event opening

Amadeu Altafaj, Representative to the EU.
Government of Catalonia

Lluís Rovira, Director of CERCA

Mr. Jordi Baiget, Minister for Business and
Knowledge. Government of Catalonia.

15:00 The role of the European Innovation Council. New instruments for innovation.

KEYNOTE SPEECH

Jean-David Malo, Director of the Directorate
B 'Open Innovation and Open Science'.
Directorate-general for Research and
Innovation. European Commission.

From the center to the market. Definition of the EIC, future calls and its connection with R&D institutions

PANEL DISCUSSION:

Jean-David Malo, Director of the Directorate B
'Open Innovation and Open Science'

Josep Samitier, Director of the IBEC Institute
and President of the Catalan Association of
Research Institutions

Josep Paradells, Director of the Internet
Research Center (i2cat)

Jana Kolar, CEO of CERIC-ERIC and governing
board member of the European Institute for
Innovation and Technology (EIT). Member of the
EIC High Level Group of Innovators

Moderated by **Lluís Rovira**

16:30 Coffee break

17:00 ERC Stories: The performance of Catalonia in the ERC Grants. International benchmarking and expectations

PANEL DISCUSSION:

Jo Bury, director of the VIB Institute

Lluís Torner, Director of the Institute of
Photonic Sciences (ICFO)

Theo Papazoglou, Head of the Support to
the Scientific Council. European Research
Council (ERC)

Hans Willems, Secretary General Fonds
Wetenschappelijk Onderzoek (FWO)

Moderated by:

Francesc Subirada, Director General for
Research. Government of Catalonia.

Closing remarks:

Arcadi Navarro, Secretary for Universities and
Research. Government of Catalonia

18:00 Networking Reception

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
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Bilateral meetings

30 May 2017

**14:00 Meet the Institute for
Agricultural and Fisheries
Research (ILVO)**

Burgemeester Van
Gansberghelaan 92 box 1,
9820 Merelbeke.

16.00 Meet the VIB Institute

Rijvisschestraat 120,
9052 Gent

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10:00 HRS4R. Meeting with Rosa
Rodríguez on Open Science
and ERA Policy

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11.30 RESAVER. Meeting with
Veronica Cesco, EC Policy
Officer, Thierry Verkest and Filip
Hemeryck from Aon Hewitt.

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