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Informal Meeting of Competitiveness Council 2-3 May 2013 - Dublin, Ireland

Programme

“Innovative Pathways to Jobs and Growth”

Thursday 2 May (Part 1: Research and Innovation)

13.00-14.30 Working Lunch

TOPIC: Optimising the Innovation Ecosystem

Keynote Speakers

- Introduction by **Mr Jacek Gulinski**, Head of Polish Delegation
- Presentation by **Professor Stefan Schepers**, Secretary General, High Level Group on Innovation Policy Management

Exchange of views

14.30 Family Photo

14.45-15.45 Plenary Session

THEME: How to optimise the benefits of research investment for European jobs, growth and society

Presidency Introduction Minister of State Seán Sherlock

Keynote Speakers

Máire Geoghegan-Quinn, European Commissioner for Research, Innovation and Science

Research perspective

Professor Fergus Shanahan, University College Cork

Industry perspective

Dr. Martin Curley, Director, Intel Labs Europe

SME perspective

Dr. Kai Engel, Partner, A.T. Kearney, GmbH

15.45-16.45 Breakout Sessions (Heads of Delegations and Commissioner Only)

TOPIC(S):

Research perspective

Optimising the role and contribution of basic research to European competitiveness and societal wellbeing

Industry perspective

Ensuring the global competitiveness of European Industry, including through the development and deployment of KETS

SME perspective

Helping SMEs to become more innovative

16.45 Return to Plenary Session and Feedback from Workshops

17.20 Closing Remarks by Minister Seán Sherlock

17.30 Press Conference

Minister Seán Sherlock and Commissioner Máire Geoghegan-Quinn

Friday 3 May (Part 2: Industry, Internal Market and Enterprise)

08.30-10.00 Exchange of Views
Ministers (Heads of Delegation) and Commissioners only - **Restricted Session**

TOPIC: Mutually Agreed Contracts for Competitiveness and Growth (MACCG)

10.30-11.45 Plenary Session

THEME: SMEs as a driver of European Growth

Presidency Introduction Minister Richard Bruton

Keynote Speakers

Antonio Tajani, Vice President and European Commissioner for Industry and Entrepreneurship

Access to Finance

Professor Josh Lerner, Jacob H. Schiff Professor of Investment Banking at Harvard Business School

Cities and Regions as the drivers of entrepreneurship, innovation, growth and jobs

Professor Thomas Cooney, College of Business, Dublin Institute of Technology

Internationalisation of SMEs

Mr. Liam Shanahan, Managing Director, Peachseed Limited

11.45-13.00 Breakout Sessions (Heads of Delegations and Commissioners Only)

TOPIC(S):

Access to Finance

Innovative and alternative forms of finance, including venture capital and its use in growing internationally trading global companies

Internationalisation of SMEs

Potential opportunities for EU enterprises in global markets

Entrepreneurship

Cities and regions as hubs for innovation, growth and jobs

13.00 Family Photo

13.15 Working Lunch and Feedback Session (Heads of Delegation and Commissioners Only)

13.15 TOPIC: Challenges for Copyright in the Digital era - Copyright for 2020

Exchange of views

14.45 Feedback Session from Workshops and Closing Remarks by Minister Richard Bruton

15.15

Press Conference

Minister Richard Bruton and Mr. Pierre Delsaux, Internal Market and Services Directorate General, EU Commission