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CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

Hybrid Event: Brussels & Online

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Time slot	Room	
12:30	CONFERENCE REGISTRATION	
13:00 – 14:00	WELCOME COFFEE	Riverside
14:00 – 14:30	OPENING	Auditorium
	Keynote Ursula VON DER LEYEN <i>President of the European Commission</i> Opening Remarks Enrico LETTA <i>President of the Jacques Delors Institute</i> Ekaterina ZAHARIEVA <i>Commissioner for Startups, Research and Innovation</i>	
14:30 – 15:30	Freedom of Scientific Research – A European Advantage	Auditorium
15:30 – 16:00	COFFEE BREAK	Riverside
14:40 – 18:00	MEET THE SCIENCE COUNSELLORS (PART I)	R6
16:00 – 17:00	PARALLEL BREAKOUT SESSIONS	
	Removing Regulatory Barriers to Business Scaleup	Auditorium
	Between Openness and Sovereignty – Implementing the European Strategy on Research and Technology	Aquarium
	Public Trust in Science	Studio
17:00 – 18:00	MAIN SESSION	
	Alignment of Public Research Policies	Auditorium
17:00 – 18:00	AWARD CEREMONIES	Studio
	Announcement of Public Engagement with Research Award	Studio
	Prize for Governance Innovations in Energy Communities	Aquarium
18:00 – 19:00	EVENING RECEPTION	Riverside
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8:00	CONFERENCE REGISTRATION	
8:00 – 9:00	WELCOME COFFEE	Riverside
9:00 – 10:00	MAIN SESSION	
	Attractive Research Careers in Europe: Talent, Mobility and the Future of the European Research Area	Auditorium
9:00 – 14:20	MEET THE SCIENCE COUNSELLORS (PART II)	R6
11:00 – 11:30	COFFEE BREAK	Riverside
11:30 – 12:30	PARALLEL BREAKOUT SESSIONS	
	From Research Excellence to Technological Sovereignty: Europe's AI Moment	Auditorium
	Spotlight on Agriculture and Food Systems	Aquarium
	Strengthening Open and Secure International Cooperation and Science Diplomacy	Studio
12:30 – 13:30	LUNCH BREAK	Grand Hall
13:30 – 14:30	PARALLEL BREAKOUT SESSIONS	
	Gender Equality as a Catalyst for Competitiveness	Auditorium
	Values and Principles Under a 'New World Order' and the Role of Association Policy	Studio
14:30 – 15:00	CLOSING	Auditorium
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All sessions will be live streamed on YouTube and R&I Community platform

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