

KNOWLEDGE FOR REGIONAL INNOVATION

Towards Regions for Economic Change

DAY 1 - 10 May 2007
THEMATIC WORKSHOPS

PLENARY SESSION - 0900 - 0945

Introduction and Welcome – Olivier Baudelet, *Innovative Actions Unit, DG REGIO*
Conference Content and Aims – Jessica Huntingford, *ERIK Network*

PARALLEL SESSIONS 1000 - 1300

Industry Science Relations

Rapporteur – Lucio Poma, *Faculty of Economy, Ferrara University*

Welcome and introduction: ERIK activities on ISR – Giorgia Valli, *ASTER, Emilia-Romagna (TWG coordinator)*

Industry-Science Relations as the Foundation of the Knowledge Economy – Margaret McGarry, *Senior Director of Technology Collaboration, Scottish Enterprises*

OPTOMED - Innovative Technologies in Ophthalmology – Francesca Rossi, *Institute of Applied Physics, Tuscany*

SIDEUM - Clusters and Innovation in Southern Småland – Per Schöldbberg, *Sideum Process coordinator, Videum Science Park, Småland med öarna*

1130 - Coffee Break

Innovating through tradition: OTTAGONO and OLIOTEC in RPIA "Innovazione Sicilia" – Angelo Strano and Giuseppe Spartà, *PRAI Sicilia – Regione Siciliana*

Firm Support Scheme for Research and Development in the Health Sector – Silvano Bertini, *Ministry for Productive Activities, Emilia-Romagna Region*

Policy recommendations and Lessons Learned – Lucio Poma

Support for Start Ups and Spin-Offs

Rapporteur – Hans-Christian Jäger, *IDEUM, Lower Austria*

Welcome and Introduction: theme and the ERIK Network – Irma Priedl, *Amt der NÖ Landesregierung / Hans-Christian Jäger (TWG coordinators)*

Importance of regional start-up policy in the Knowledge Based Economy: illustrated by the Austrian AplusB Program – Wolfgang Tüchler, *accent Gründerservice GmbH, Lower Austria*

COMEÇAR - Entrepreneurship Support Offices, Ana Luisa Brejo, *ADRAL, Alentejo*

Pre Seed Acceleration of Technology-Based Firms – Doris Agneter, *Tecnet capital Technologiemanagement GmbH, Lower Austria*

1130 - Coffee Break

Start-up Experiences – a Lower Austrian case – Rouven Haas, *Blue Elph Research & Marketing corp, Lower Austria*

IDEEN / GRÜNDERFONDS – Helmut Thamer, *TuTech Innovation, Hamburg*
Vinnof – Muriel Uytterhaegen, *PMV-kmo, Flanders*

Policy recommendations and Lessons Learned – Irma Priedl

PARALLEL SESSIONS - 1430 - 1730

Clusters and Business Networks

Rapporteur – Alex Hicks, *Innovation specialist, Coventry University*

Clusters and Business Network in the ERIK Network – Clive Winters, *Programmes Director, Creativity and Enterprise Division, Coventry University Technology Park (TWG coordinator)*

Clusters and Business Networks Internationalisation: Experience from Estonia – Rene Tönnisson, *IRC Estonia*

KNOWLEDGE ALLIANCE – Knowledge to the Market – Peter Van Essen, *Province of South Holland*

AZIONE 7.1 E-CLUSTER – Matteo Ametis, *Assistant Director, Veneto Innovazione*

1600 Coffee Break

Industrial Clusters and Regional Development: the case of Timisoara and Montebelluna – George Marian Isbasoiu, *Transylvania University of Brasov, Romania*

The international development of Walloon competitiveness clusters – Philippe Suinen, *Managing director AWEX, Walloon Region*

Policy recommendations and Lessons Learned – Alex Hicks

Innovation Finance

Rapporteur – Christian Saublens, *Director, Eurada*

Innovation Finance in the ERIK Network – Erik Bunis, *Managing Director, LTC Länsteknikcentrum Sweden, Småland med öarna (TWG coordinator)*

Policies for Innovation Finance in the context of the Knowledge Based Economy – Christian Saublens

TRENTI, Beatrice Einarsson, *Mellersta Norrland, Sweden*

Campus Project – José Antonio Cano, *Innovation and Development Agency, Andalusia, Spain*

1600 Coffee Break

Mittelstandsoffensive (Initiative for SMEs) – Telse Jochims, *Innovation Manager, BIG Bremen Investment Agency, Bremen, Germany*

Tekniklots – Conny Gustavsson, *SWECAS, Småland med öarna, Sweden*

Policy recommendations and Lessons Learned – Erik Bunis

PLENARY SESSION - 1745 - 1830

Chairperson – Paolo Frosini, *ERIK Network*
Conclusions of First Day – Working Group Rapporteurs

Evening Event

1830 – 2030 Cocktails in the Good Practice Exhibition Area

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DAY 2 - 11 May 2007
PLENARY SESSION

ERIK AND THE EUROPEAN CONTEXT – 900 – 1100

Welcome and Opening – **Regional Minister Duccio Campagnoli**, Emilia Romagna Regional Government

Chairperson: **Simone Sorbi**, Head of Sector for Innovation and Research, Department of Economic Development, Tuscan Regional Government

Key-Note Speech: The future of Innovation Policy and Regions for Economic Change – **Dirk Ahner**, General Director, DG Regional Policy, European Commission

ERIK Network: activities, results and future perspectives – **Silvano Bertini**, ERIK Network

ERIK Network policy recommendations – **Stratos Pistikopoulos**, Director, Centre for Process Systems Engineering, Department Chemical Engineering, Imperial College London

Key-Note Speech: The role of the Regions in Promoting European Innovation and Knowledge – **Gerhard Stahl**, Secretary General, Committee of the Regions

Innovation and Knowledge for Economic Change - **Regional Minister Ambrogio Brenna**, Tuscan Regional Government

1100 – 1120 Coffee Break

ACADEMIC WORLD IN REGIONAL INNOVATION – 1120 – 1220

Chairperson: **Mikel Landabaso**, Deputy Head of Unit F1 – Spain, European Commission DG Regional Policy

Jeremy Howells - University of Manchester

Edward Chlebus - Manufacture Technology Platform – Wroclaw University of Technology

Luciana Lazzeretti - University of Florence

ENTREPRENEURIAL WORLD IN REGIONAL INNOVATION – 1220 – 1320

Chairperson: **Olivier Baudalet**, Innovative Actions Unit, DG Regio, European Commission

Fabio Rangoni – Mortara Rangoni Europe

Lars Johansson - Profilgruppen AB

Mariana Chabrillon - Centro Mediterráneo de Fotobiología

1320 – 1420 Buffet Lunch

Presentation of the ERIK Award for Good Practice and Poster

ROUND TABLE: THE ERIK NETWORK POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS – TOWARDS “REGIONS FOR ECONOMIC CHANGE” - 1420 – 1645

Moderator – **Yiannis Bakouros**, University of Western Macedonia

Wladyslaw Piskorz, Head of Unit Innovative actions, DG Regional Policy, European Commission

Reinhard Büscher, Head of Unit Innovation Policy Development, DG Enterprise, European Commission

Philippe Vanrie, Managing Director, EBN -European Business and Innovation Centre Network

Glynis Whiting, West Midlands in Europe

Irma Friedl, Lower Austrian Federal Government

Luminita Mihailov, South East Romania Development Agency

Morena Diazzi, Emilia Romagna Region

Albino Caporale, Tuscan Regional Government