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Government of Catalonia. Delegation to the EU
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Programme

14:00 Registration

14:30 Event opening
Amadeu Altafaj, Representative to the EU, Government of Catalonia
Lluis 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 Lluis 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
Lluis 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)
Closing remarks:
Arcadi Navarro, Secretary for Universities and Research, Government of Catalonia

18:00 Networking Reception
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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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