Programme

10:00  Moderator: Jan-Martin Wiarda

Welcome and opening
Prof. Dr. Johanna Wanka
Federal Minister of Education and Research

Carlos Moedas
Commissioner for Research, Science and Innovation, European Commission

Panel discussion
The European Research Area – Quo vadis?

Prof. Dr. Wolfgang Ertmer
Vice President of the German Research Foundation

Prof. Dr.-Ing. Matthias Kleiner
President of the Leibniz Association

Prof. Dr.-Ing. Dr. Sabine Kunst
President of Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin

Prof. Dr.-Ing. habil. Reimund Neugebauer
President of the Fraunhofer-Gesellschaft

Herbert Reul
Member of the European Parliament

Dr. Georg Schütte
State Secretary at the Federal Ministry of Education and Research

Introduction to the workshops

MinDir Volker Rieke
Director General European and International Cooperation in Education and Research,
Federal Ministry of Education and Research

12:00  Lunch break
13:30 Parallel workshops on special topics of the European Research Area:

**Workshop 1: Open Science and Digitalisation of the ERA**
- Where can additional measures at EU level or stronger European coordination be expected to generate substantial value added in the various areas of action in Open Science?
- What does this mean for the relationship between European and national measures?
- What conclusions can be drawn for developments in Germany?

**Workshop 2: Open Innovation and Internationalisation of SMEs**
- What role do research and innovation play in the internationalisation of SMEs and how can the latter be supported in their efforts?
- What role does Open Innovation play in the innovation processes of SMEs and to what extent does it interact with internationalisation?
- What are SMEs’ expectations regarding European innovation policy, e.g. regarding the idea of a European Innovation Council (EIC)?

**Workshop 3: Horizon 2020 and the Way Ahead**
- What is the European added value of the Framework Programmes and what are suitable instruments to generate European added value in future? What role does collaborative research play in creating a European Research Area?
- What can and must the next Framework Programme deliver? What will it not be able to deliver? How can Horizon 2020 and the 9th Framework Programme also remain attractive to German researchers?
- What role should innovation funding play in the 9th Framework Programme?

**Workshop 4: The ERA and the European Higher Education Area**
- How can links be strengthened between the European Research Area and the European Higher Education Area?
- How can European and national programmes be combined in the areas of research and education?
- What would be a smart approach towards contributing to high quality in the national and European research systems?
**Workshop 5: Joint Programming by the Member States – How Can Its Effectiveness be Improved?**
- What role should the Member States and the European Commission play in an advanced Joint Programming process and Public-to-Public approach?
- How can the role of the various players (European Commission, Member States, GPC) possibly be redefined in view of the debate about the European added value?
- What instruments can and should be used to support JPIs and P2P in the long term at national and European level?

**Workshop 6: Widening Participation – A Challenge for an Efficient Research Area**
- What key factors are responsible for the research and innovation gap in Europe and how can this gap be reduced?
- What contribution does the "Spreading Excellence and Widening Participation" programme section make to reducing the research and innovation gap? How should new measures in the next Framework Programme be designed to increase opportunities for participation by thus far disadvantaged regions?
- What contribution can the EU Member States make through bilateral or multilateral cooperation in addition to their cooperation under the Framework Programme?

**Workshop 7: Open to the World and International Research Cooperation**
- What are the goals and topics of research and innovation cooperation between EU and third countries in the further development of the ERA?
- What structures, instruments and measures can contribute to the success of international cooperation in research and innovation?
- How can national, international and European approaches to cooperation between EU and third countries be linked?

15:15 Coffee break
16:00 Presentation of workshop results
Panel discussion

The European Research Area: New Topics – New Policy?

Sabine Brünger-Weilandt
President and Chief Executive Officer FIZ Karlsruhe – Leibniz Institute for Information Infrastructure

Dr. Christian Ehler
Member of the European Parliament

Prof. Dr. Horst Hippler
President of the German Rectors' Conference

Dr. Stefan Kaufmann
Member of the German Bundestag

MinDir Volker Rieke
Director General European and International Cooperation in Education and Research, Federal Ministry of Education and Research

Robert-Jan Smits
Director-General of the Directorate-General for Research & Innovation, European Commission

Prof. Dr. Otmar D. Wiestler
President of the Helmholtz Association

Conclusion

Susanne Burger
Deputy Director-General Europe, Federal Ministry of Education and Research

18:00 Evening programme

20:00 End of the conference