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## EU's Research and Innovation ecosystem

#### what's in it for SMEs?

#### **DOCUMENTATION**

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With the publication of Horizon 2020 the Commission has put forth its research and innovation (R&I) priorities for the coming years, however it is still uncertain what will be in it for SMEs. Finances directly earmarked for SMEs support activities have decreased compared to FP7 however new initiatives such as the SMEs dedicated instrument are being developed but it is not yet clear how it will work in practice. Understanding complementarity between measure under Horizon 2020 and those provided at regional and local level through the Structural Funds is also essential. The aim is to have a better understanding of the existing/planned initiatives so as to develop within both programmes a coherent ecosystem for R&I support to SMEs.

### **Draft programme**

14:30 Registration at the ASP building – entrance place Luxembourg	
15:00 <b>–</b> 15:	30
<b>Introduction</b> 15:00 – 15:05	
Welcome by MEP Philippe Lamberts – Greens' shadow on Horizon 2020 15:05 – 15:25	
Removing barriers for EU SMEs to innovate	
Mr Piet Serrure, Chairman Europe Unlimited	
15:30 <b>-</b>	
16:30	
Session 1 – Support for R&I in SMEs:	
Understanding the EU landscape of initiatives	

Understanding the EU landscape of initiatives Moderator: MEP Reinhard Bütikofer 10 min

Stefanie Kalff-Lena, Policy officer DG Research and Innovation, SME Unit 10 min
Reinhard Buescher,  HoU, DG Entreprise D.2 Support for industrial Innovation 10 min  Katja Reppel,
HoU, DG Regio D.2. Thematic coord. Innovation 30 minutes discussion 16:30 - 17:30
Session 2 - Experience of SME R&I support practitionners: One-size fit all?
Moderator: MEP Nikos Chrysogelos 10 min  André Roos
Dutch Ministry of Economic Affairs  Small Business Innovation Research programme - a precursor for the EU? 10 min  Petra Püchner,
Steinbeis-Europa-Zentrum (Entreprise Europe Network) Engaging SMEs for R&I at local, EU and international level 10 min Jacques Gautray
OSEO innovation SMEs in the driver seat: experiences with innovation vouchers schemes and financial instruments 30 minutes discussion
18:30 Session 3 – Customising support to regional specificities: Greens leaders session Moderator: MEP Philippe Lamberts 15 min Theresia Bauer Minister for Science in Baden-Württemberg (DE) 15 min Marie-Carmen Bex Chief of Cabinet - Research Minister JM Nollet (Wallonia)
30 minutes discussion and final remarks
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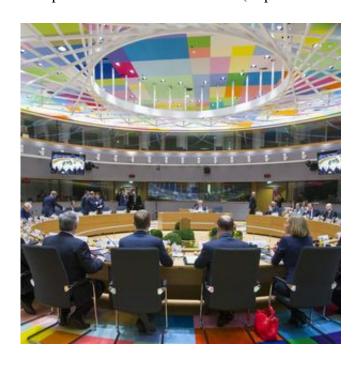


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