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Foreword of Commissioner Máire Geoghegan-Quinn

Week of Innovative Regions in Europe
WIRE III conference Proceedings
(4–5 June, Krakow, Poland)



The third “*Week of Innovative Regions in Europe*” (WIRE) took place this year on 4 – 5 June in Krakow (Poland), following WIRE I in Granada (Spain) in 2010 and WIRE II in Debrecen (Hungary) in 2011. By now, WIRE has become one of the most important events in the area of regional innovation as it brings together key regional development professionals, experts and policy makers.

The WIRE III conference, supported by the EU’s 7th Framework Programme for research and technological development (FP7), and organised by the Polish National Contact Point for Research Programmes of the European Union, brought together nearly 500 stakeholders from European Member States and FP7 Associated countries. The conference took place at a key moment in the development of EU research and innovation policy as it addressed many issues that are important for the effective implementation of Innovation Union at regional level and for policies and actions in the next programming period 2014-2020. This conference was indeed among the first to take place after the European Commission presented its proposals for the future programmes on research and innovation (Horizon 2020) and Cohesion Policy.

The three main topics of WIRE III were Smart Specialisation strategies and processes, the concept of the “stairway to excellence” to build stronger synergies between Horizon 2020 and Cohesion Policy; and, networking in favour of a strong European Research Area at regional level. WIRE III has provided excellent opportunities for in-depth discussion, creative exchanges and mutual learning.

Lessons learnt from FP7, success stories from current projects and prospects for the future of research and innovation have been extensively discussed during the conference.

This publication compiles the results of the work carried out at the conference. I want to express my thanks to the moderators, rapporteurs, speakers, organisers and everybody that contributed to generating the key messages for research and innovation policies at regional level that have come out of the discussions.

WIRE III has proved to be a very fruitful forum on future policy priorities for regional innovation. The ideas contained in these proceedings will be very useful for everybody involved in making Europe’s regions powerhouses of innovation.

Maire Geoghegan-Quinn



Foreword of Barbara Kudrycka Minister of Science and Higher Education of Poland



The role of innovation, especially at the regional level, has grown rapidly in recent years. Innovation is seen as a new source of growth for many economies all over the world. The *Europe 2020* strategy and the *Innovation Union Communication* underscore the importance of innovation in the EU context. Taking into account these strategic documents, the question is: *how to better design and implement innovation and regional policies and how to take full advantage of the complementarities and synergies between them?*

Horizon 2020 and cohesion policy are strictly connected. *Horizon 2020* supports research and development activities of the highest quality across the EU, while cohesion policy aims at strengthening the foundations on which European regions, especially the less developed ones, can build their innovativeness. *Horizon 2020* should support regional research infrastructure to ensure greater access to excellent research facilities. *Horizon 2020* and cohesion policy need to be fully integrated if Europe's intellectual capital and the potential of its regions are to be fully used to strengthen the European Research Area. Complementarities and synergies should be achieved by the use of support instruments such as: teaming of excellent research institutions and less developed regions, twinning of staff, expert advice and the development of joint strategies for the establishment of centres of excellence, creating links with innovative clusters and recognising excellence in less developed regions. The question is: *do we know any other noteworthy instruments?*

Any discussion on the complementarities and synergies between innovation and regional policies cannot omit issues related to the directions of support, particularly strengthening critical mass and creating so-called smart specialization. It is fully justified that the support, especially in the framework of cohesion policy, is directed towards areas and fields which enable regions to strengthen their competitive advantages and economic specialization. Excellent examples of strengthening regional potential and regional excellence can be found among the investments financed under the cohesion policy framework in Poland over the last few years, especially state of the art research laboratories as well as educational infrastructure (a map of investments is available on the Ministry's website*). The issue of smart specialization is addressed particularly by cohesion policy, however the question is: *how can this process be supported by Horizon 2020?*

The regional dimension of innovation policy has been discussed at many conferences, especially WIRE 2010 and WIRE 2011. It is also an important topic for Trio Presidency: Poland, Denmark and Cyprus. I am convinced that the conference WIRE 2012 will be an excellent platform to further advance the debate about the role of innovation and regional policies and to summarize the discussions which have taken place so far.

Barbara Kudrycka

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* <http://www.nauka.gov.pl/ministerstwo/inwestycje-w-obszarze-nauki-i-szkolnictwa-wyzszego/>

Foreword of Elżbieta Bieńkowska Minister of Regional Development of Poland



The WIRE2012 Conference is an exceptional event. This is proven by the names of its distinguished guests who represent various communities, but also by the number and the scope of the panel discussions. Many of these panels revolve around different aspects of innovation and regional development.

It is very encouraging that the conference is so popular among professionals in the field of the implementation of research and innovation financing programmes, as well as the field of the Cohesion Policy. These two policies, while significantly different as far as their method of implementation is concerned, are more than ever close to each other, as their stretch objectives have become similar. Both are pro-growth oriented and are the key elements of the EUROPE 2020 Strategy. The Horizon 2020 Programme and the Cohesion Policy are to improve the competitiveness of the European Union and its regions through stimulation of the regional innovativeness. These instruments will also provide solutions to the Grand Social Challenges such as the aging society, the climate changes, or effective use of resources.

During the preparation of the Horizon 2020 Programme for the 2014-2020 period, it is often brought up that better complementarity of the two instruments is a must. The strive towards excellence, which is one of the most important characteristics of the Framework Programme, combined with the elements of the Structural Funds that facilitate the improvement of the regional potential, will result in the creation of highly efficient facilities that will empower the growth in developing regions.

Every region, regardless its wealth, has the resources that can stimulate specialization and further development. Because of this, the analysis of strengths and weaknesses of a given region – especially the analysis of its research and development infrastructure, the profile of the entrepreneurial activities, the quality of the human resource as well as many other factors, is the key step towards the preparation of the smart specialization strategy.

The knowledge based development is a means for connecting innovation and regional development policies. Knowledge, intelligent specialization and efficient support instruments are their common elements. I am convinced that the WIRE 2012 Conference will illustrate this.

Elżbieta Bieńkowska

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ORGANISERS

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- propose legislation to Parliament and Council
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- enforce European Law (jointly with the Court of Justice)
- represent the EU outside Europe (negotiating trade agreements between the EU and other countries, etc.) <http://ec.europa.eu>

The Directorate-General for Research and Innovation has been especially involved in organisation of the Conference.

It's mission is to develop and implement the European research and innovation policy with a view to achieving the goals of Europe 2020 and the Innovation Union. <http://ec.europa.eu/research>

Polish National Contact Point for Research Programmes of the European Union

It's main goal is to promote the EU R&D programmes throughout Poland in various research and industrial areas. It is being achieved through training, consultancy and coaching, facilitating partner search, encouraging project consortia creation and promoting international co-operation. <http://en.kpk.gov.pl>

About WIRE 2012

The **Week of Innovative Regions WIRE 2012** Conference is a flagship discussion forum dedicated to regional development based on knowledge and innovation addressing main current issues related to the effective implementation of EU headline targets at the regional level. The Conference is dedicated to draw special attention to the regional dimension as the regions are at the core of the Cohesion Policy and create a significant stakeholders of the EU main documents as the Strategy Europe 2020 and the Horizon 2020.

WIRE2012 is focusing on smart regional development based on knowledge and innovation; it is addressing main current issues related to the effective implementation of the Innovation Union at regional level for the next period 2014-2020.

The event is organised in close cooperation with the European Commission and is taking place in **Kraków, Poland on 4-5 June 2012**.

The aim of the **WIRE2012 Conference** is to present both main challenges and barriers concerning the development of innovation in regions and to elaborate recommendations for European and regional innovation policy-makers. The issue to be tackled is **how to implement the Innovation Union at the Regional level**; it is addressing three main thematic pillars:

- **Innovative regions in the Horizon 2020** to investigate the role of regions in smart specialisation, the role of cities as innovation hubs, and regional innovation ecosystems within Horizon 2020;
- **Stairway to Excellence** to focus on the future of research and innovation at the regional level, on synergies between Horizon 2020 and the Cohesion Policy, and on smart specialisation in convergence regions and Centres of Excellence;
- **Networking for ERA at the Regional Level** to discuss the European Territorial Cooperation, networks of clusters, European Groupings of Territorial Cooperation, networks of research infrastructure and Multiregional Knowledge Partnerships (e.g. Danube, Baltic).

Conference website: <http://www.wire2012.eu>

Programme

WIRE2012 Conference

DAY 1: Monday, 4th June 2012

Venue: Krakow Opera, Lubicz 48, Kraków

10:30 – 11:00 Welcome

Plenary hall

Moderator:

Andrzej Siemaszko, Director, National Contact Point for Research Programmes of the EU, Poland

Speakers:

Marek Sowa, Marshall, Małopolskie Voivodship, Poland

Barbara Kudrycka, Minister, Ministry of Science and Higher Education, Poland

Bogusław Sonik, Member of the European Parliament, Poland

Lambert van Nistelrooij, Member of the European Parliament, The Netherlands

11:00 – 12:30 Opening session 1

Delivering the Innovation Union at the regional level

Plenary hall

Moderator:

Andrzej Siemaszko, Director, National Contact Point for Research Programmes of the EU, Poland

Máire Geoghegan-Quinn, Commissioner for Research, Innovation and Science, European Commission – video message

Johannes Hahn, Commissioner for Regional Policy, European Commission – video message

Iwona Wendel, Undersecretary of State, Ministry of Regional Development, Poland

Clara de la Torre, Director, DG Research and Innovation, European Commission

Jerzy Buzek, Member of the European Parliament, Former President of the European Parliament, Poland

Roberto Sanchez Sanchez, Ministry of Economy and Competitiveness, Spain

Gernot Klotz, Director, R&I Department of CEFIC, Germany

12:30 – 14:00 Lunch/Poster session

14:00 – 15:30 Plenary session 2

Challenge of smart specialisation for European regions

Plenary hall

- Can the European policies be tailored to meet the regional innovative specificities?
- How regions see the challenge of smart specialisation?
- Smart specialisation in practice

Moderator:

Clara de la Torre, Director, DG Research and Innovation, European Commission

Rapporteur:

Colombe Warin, DG Research and Innovation, European Commission

Speakers:

Lambert van Nistelrooij, Member of the European Parliament, Rapporteur to General Regulation, The Netherlands

Ales Gnamus, DG Joint Research Centre, European Commission

Christina Diegelmann, Assembly of European Regions, Germany

Philippe Vanrie, European Business & Innovation Centre, BICs Network, Belgium

Sarka Hermanova, Czech Technology Platform, The Czech Republic

15:30 – 16:00 Coffee Break

16:00 – 17:30 Parallel sessions

16:00 – 17:30 Parallel session 3

Cities – innovation hubs

Room: Sala Prób, 4th floor

- Role of cities in regional smart specialisation
- Urban development platforms
- Urban Europe Initiative
- Smart cities

Moderator:

Pia Laurila, DG Research and Innovation, European Commission

Rapporteur:

Ivan Tosics, Metropolitan Research Institute, Hungary

Speakers:

Jan Olbrycht, Member of the European Parliament, Rapporteur to the ERDF, Poland

Christian Svanfeldt, DG Regional Policy, European Commission

Paul Bevan, Secretary-General, EURO CITIES, Belgium

Wim A. Hafkamp, JPI Urban Europe, The Netherlands

Mirosław Miller, President, Wrocław Research Centre EIT+, Poland

16:00 – 17:30 Parallel session 4

Centres of excellence as innovation drivers in less developed regions

Room: Sala Kameralna, 4th floor

- Lesson learnt from the REGPOT Programme
- Centres of Excellence - success stories
- Evaluation, mapping of excellence
- Seal of excellence

Moderator:

Jacek Kuźnicki, Director, International Institute of Molecular and Cell Biology, Poland

Rapporteur:

Stefan Weiers, DG Research and Innovation, European Commission

Speakers:

Goran Stojanovic, APOSTILLE - RegPot project from Serbia

Luis Alvarez Sestelo, LIFTGATE - RegPot project from Spain

Georgos A. Spyroulias, SEE DRUG - RegPot project from Greece

Gaetano Squadrito, ETRERA - RegPot project from Italy

Alexandru Muller, MIMOMENS - RegPot project from Romania

16:00 – 17:30 Parallel session 5

Role of innovative regions and networks in the Innovation Union

Plenary hall

- From triple to quadruple helix – new role of knowledge institutions
- Drivers of the smart specialisation process
- How can regions be effectively integrated with the Innovation Union?
- Lesson learnt from Regions of Knowledge Programme
- European clusters in the Horizon 2020
- Role of KICs in networking of EU regions

Moderator:

Olivier Brunet, EC Official, Gobierno de Aragon, Spain

Rapporteur:

Zoltan Balogh, INNOVA Eszak-Alfold Regional Development and Innovation Agency Nonprofit Ltd., Hungary

Speakers:

Richard Tuffs, Director, ERRIN

Reza M. Zadeh, Executive Director, Foundation Clusters and Competitiveness

Claire Nauwelaers, STI policy expert, Member of the EU Smart Specialisation Platform Mirror Group, Belgium

Daria Gołębiowska-Tataj, Executive Board Member, EIT, Poland

Cedric Virciglio, Upper Rhein Region, France

18:30

*Transfer to the Gala Dinner in the Wieliczka Salt Mine
Sightseeing tour in the Wieliczka Salt Mine*

20:00 – 23:00 Gala Dinner

DAY 2: Tuesday, 5th June 2012

Venue: Krakow Opera, Lubicz 48, Kraków

9:30 – 11:00 Plenary session 6

Actors and instruments in regional innovation ecosystems

Plenary hall

- Role of actors and instruments in regional innovation ecosystems
- Success stories within triangle of knowledge
- Financing of innovation
 - Role of industry in smart specialisation of regions
 - Building the effective regional innovation ecosystem
 - How to effectively tackle the main barriers?
 - SME dimension

Moderator:

Roland Strauss, Knowledge4Innovation, Belgium

Rapporteur:

Richard Granger, Technology Partners Foundation, Belgium

Speakers:

Martin Koch, DG Research and Innovation, European Commission

Edgar Van Leest, Brainport Eindhoven, The Netherlands

Sandor Erdo, EUREKA, Hungary

Helena L Nilsson, Director RTD, Region of Västra Götaland, Sweden
Atila Toth, President, Novitech a.s., Slovakia

11:00 – 11:30 *Coffee break*

11:30 – 13:00 *Parallel sessions*

11:30 – 13:00 *Parallel session 7*

Tackling grand societal challenges at the regional level

Room: Sala Prób, 4th floor

- How the regions can tackle the grand societal challenges related to the climate change, food, energy?
- How the bio-economy concept can be translated into regional activities
- Smart cities and communities

Moderator:

Jan Krzysztof Frąckowiak, Director, PolSCA, Poland

Rapporteur:

Lucas Janssen, DG Research and Innovation, European Commission

Speakers:

Antonio Di Giulio, DG Research and Innovation, European Commission

Stanisław Bielecki, Rector, Łódź University of Technology, Poland

Zlatusa Novotna, Central European Institute of Technology, Masaryk University, The Czech Republic

Christina Jonang, Vice Chair, Region of Vastra Gotaland, Sweden

Piotr Lassota, Gdańsk Science & Technology Park, Polpharma Biologics Laboratory, Poland

11:30 – 13:00 *Parallel session 8*

Synergies between Cohesion Policy and Horizon 2020

Plenary hall

- Synergies between Cohesion Policy and Horizon 2020
- New approach towards regional dimension of excellence in Horizon 2020 and Cohesion Policy
- Synergies between ERDF and Horizon 2020 in supporting excellence
- Smart specialisation in less developed regions
- Synergies between national and EU finds in Turkey for Turkish clusters

Moderator:

Andrzej Siemaszko, Director, National Contact Point for Research Programmes of the EU, Poland

Rapporteur:

Manfred Horvat, Vienna University of Technology, Austria

Speakers:

Dimitri Corpakis, DG Research and Innovation, European Commission

Katja Reppel, DG Regional Policy, European Commission

Mateusz Gaczyński, Strategy Department, Ministry of Science and Higher Education, Poland

Erkan Erdil, Middle East Technical University Department of Economics, Turkey

Nicolas van Geelen, Province Zuid-Holland, The Netherlands

11:30 – 13:00 **Parallel session 9**

Innovative partnerships of European regions

Room: Sala Kameralna, 4th floor

- Success stories on regional partnerships
- New possibilities for cross-border initiatives and transnational cooperation in the Horizon 2020 and Cohesion Policy
- Future shape of Joint Programming Initiatives, Art. 185
- European Territorial Cooperation, INTERREG

Moderator:

Grzegorz Gorzelak, University of Warsaw, Poland

Rapporteur:

Ciaran Dearle, DG Research and Innovation, European Commission

Speakers:

Zsuzsanna Koenig, DG Research and Innovation, European Commission

Jacek Walendowski, Technopolis Brussels, Belgium

Andere Goirigolzarri, Innobasque, Spain

Niklas Wahlberg, CEO, Lindholmen Science Park, Sweden

Metin Turkey, Koc University LOG4Green Project, Turkey

Elżbieta Książek, KNOW-HUB, INTERREG IVC, Poland

13:00 – 13:30 Coffee break

13:30 – 14:30 **Closing session**

Future of innovative regions

Plenary hall

- Key messages from the WIRE 2012

Moderator:

Manfred Horvat, Vienna University of Technology, Austria

Rapporteurs of the WIRE 2012 Conference sessions

- Concluding remarks and farewell

Moderator:

Andrzej Siemaszko, Director, National Contact Point for Research Programmes of the EU, Poland

Speakers:

Jacek Guliński, Undersecretary of State, Ministry of Science and Higher Education, Poland

Markku Markkula, Rapporteur on HORIZON 2020, Committee of the Regions, Finland

Imelda Lambkin, National Director for FP7, Enterprise Ireland, Ireland

14:30 – 15:30 Lunch

Speakers



BARBARA KUDRYCKA is a professor of the Administrative Law and Public Administration Science (2003). In 1978 she graduated in Law from the University of Warsaw, Poland. In 1985 she obtained a PhD Degree in Law and in 1995 became assistant professor at the Department of Law and Administration at University of Warsaw. From March 1998 to August 2007, for three consecutive terms, she was the Chancellor of Białystok School of Public Administration. Since October 2003 she is Chair in Administrative Law at the Law Department at the University of Białystok. From 2004 through 2007 she was a Member of European Parliament. She sat on the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs as well as she was a member of the Delegation for relations with Belarus. From 2001 to 2009 she was a member of the United Nations Committee of Experts on Public Administration (ECOSOC), 2002-2009 she was a member of the board of the European Group for Public Administration (EGPA), and the president of the Network of Institutes and Schools of Public Administration in Central and Eastern Europe (NISPACEE). She is a member of Transparency International Polska and Amnesty International. In March 2006 Prof. Kudrycka received "International Socrates Award" from St. John's College, University of Cambridge, for "individual contribution to intellectual development of today's society". In November 2007 she was appointed Polish Minister for Science and Higher Education. During her office she carried out important systemic reforms and took up many initiatives supporting the development of research and higher education in Poland.



ELŻBIETA BIEŃKOWSKA From January 1999 to November 2007 she worked in the Silesian Voivodship Marshall Office. As a Director of the Regional Development Department she was responsible for programming and implementation of regional development instruments funded from EU pre-accession programmes as well as Structural Funds in the framework of the National Development Plan (NPR) 2004-2006 and the National Cohesion Strategy 2007-2013. She was a coordinator and negotiator of the team which created the Silesian Voivodship Regional Operational Programme 2007-2013 and a member of the Monitoring Committee of the Silesian Voivodship Regional Operational Programme. From 2002 to 2007 she held the post of the President of the Board of Supervisors of the Upper Silesian Regional Development Agency.

From 1996 through 1998 she worked for the Silesian Voivodship Office in Katowice. As an elder voivodship inspector in the Economy Department of the Voivodship Office, she contributed to the preparation of the regional contract for the Katowice voivodship and the preparation of the PHARE INRED programme. In 1999 she served as a proxy of the Katowice voivode on the Voivodeship Regional Strategy. At that time she was leading a working group preparing the Strategy, as well as coordinating work on implementation of the regional contract for the Katowice voivodship. She was also the head of the PHARE INRED secretariat. She was coordinating the team that prepared the Regional Innovation Strategy for the Silesian Voivodship and she was a director of the team working on actualization of the Silesian Voivodship Development Strategy 2000-2010.

In 1989 she received a master's degree in oriental philology at Jagiellonian University in Cracow. In 1996 she graduated from Polish National School of Public Administration and in 1998 she completed the MBA postgraduate studies at Warsaw School of Economics.

As an expert in international projects, she lectured at postgraduate studies at Silesian University and Warsaw School of Economics.



MAREK SOWA Since December 2010 Marshal of Małopolska. In 2007-2010 Member of the Regional Board. Associated with local government for several years, including from 1999 with the Marshal Office the Malopolska Region.

Member of the Committee of the Regions and Provinces representative of the Association of Polish Republic in the Joint Government and Local Government. Chairman of Commission for Public Finance ZWRP.



BOGUSŁAW SONIK (born on 3 December 1953 in Kraków) is a Polish politician and Member of the European Parliament for the MP & SW with the Platforma Obywatelska, part of the European People's Party and sits on the European Parliament's Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety.



LAMBERT VAN NISTELROOIJ Member of European Parliament. Group of the European people's party

"All European regions need to participate in Europe 2020 strategy in order for a coherent regional development in the EU".

Since 2004: Member of the European Parliament (member of the Bureau of the Group of the European People's Party). Lambert was member of the local community council and member of the 'Provinciale en Gedeputeerde Staten' in the region of Noord-Brabant.

Activities Member of the Committee on Regional Development

- July 2011** First rapporteur on EP and Council Regulation on the General regulation.
- January 2011** OPINION on the proposal for a decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on the European Year for Active Ageing (2012).
- May 2010** REPORT Report on the implementation of the synergies of research and innovation earmarked Funds in Regulation (EC) No 1080/2006 concerning the European Fund of Regional Development and the Seventh Framework Programme for Research and Development in cities and regions as well as in the Member States and the Union.
- November 2009** REPORT Report on the proposal for a regulation (EC) No .../2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 1080/2006 on the European Regional Development Fund as regards the eligibility of housing interventions in favour of marginalised communities.
- February 2009** REPORT Report on Green Paper on Territorial cohesion and the state for the debate on the future reform of Cohesion policy.
- April 2005** OPINION Proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the European Regional Development Fund.

Lambert van Nistelrooij is:

- Vice-president and treasurer of the Dutch EPP delegation;
- Member, EPP Coordinator and EPP Speaker in the Committee on Regional Development;
- Substitute member of the Committee on Industry, Telecoms, Research and Energy;
- Substitute member of the Delegation for relations with the Maghreb countries;
- Member of the Delegation for relations with South Asia;
- Substitute member of the Delegation in the Euro-Latin American Parliamentary Assembly;

- Co-president of the AGE and URBAN-intergroups;
- President of the Knowledge for Innovation (K4I) Forum in the European Parliament;
- Member of the Bureau of the European Internet Foundation (EIF) and the European Energy Forum (EEF).

Other experiences:

- Member of the Advisory Boards of 'Netcarity' (A NETWORKED multisensor system for elderly people: health CARE, safety and securITY in the home environment) and 'Soprano' (Service-Oriented Programmable Smart Environments for Older Europeans);
- President of the Supervisory Board 'Smart Homes' (Dutch Centre for Domotics and Innovation).



ANDRZEJ SIEMASZKO Director of the National Contact Point for Research Programmes of the EU specializing in the area of research, technology development and innovation as well as the EU cohesion and regional policies. He is responsible for management of NCP Poland (umbrella organisation, hosting all NCP coordinators) as well as of regional network with 200 nodes at universities and industry.

Since 1990 he has successfully prepared, coordinated and participated in more than 50 projects in FP3 - FP7. In FP5, FP6 and FP7 he has been the delegate and expert for the Framework Programme Committees (Growth, Structuring ERA, Integrating and Strengthening ERA, Cooperation, Regions of Knowledge, NCP Coordinators). Moreover he has taken an active part in the preparation of the 6th and 7th Framework Programmes of the EU. In 2006/7 he worked as an expert to Jerzy Buzek, MEP – rapporteur to FP7.

In 2003-2006 he was the Science Minister advisor. He participated in the creation, programming and implementation of structural funds in Poland. In 2003-2004 he participated in programming the Operational Programme "Development of Industry Competitiveness" (SPO WKP). He participated in creation of National Development Plan for 2007-2013 (a basis for current structural funds, the Operational Programme "Innovative Economy"). He was responsible for development of governmental strategies, e.g. "Knowledge-Information Technologies-Competitiveness (WIK)". He has been actively participating within the field of creating Polish economy infrastructure based on knowledge – Centers of Excellence, Centers of Advanced Technologies and technological clusters. Dr Siemaszko was an initiator for the creation of Polish Technology Platforms (PTP). Today he is the Secretary General of Coordination Committee of PTP. He is a Polish delegate to the Government Group of the European Technology Platform for Zero Emission Fossil Fuel Power Plants. He has organised several international conferences on Clean Coal Technologies.

He has actively participated in developing the Regional Innovation Strategies for 16 Polish regions as well as in building Regions of Knowledge and regional clusters. He is a co-author of manual "How to Become a Region of Knowledge" (ed. Jerzy Buzek).

He has got PhD in mechanical engineering. He is an author and co-author of more than 50 scientific papers.



MÁIRE GEOGHEGAN-QUINN

Máire Geoghegan-Quinn was born in September 5, 1950 in Galway, Ireland. From 2000 to 2010 she was a Member of the European Court of Auditors. From 1997 to 2000 she was a columnist with "The Irish Times" newspaper; TV presenter; Part-time business consultant; Non-executive director Aer Lingus; and Non-executive director Ryan Hotels. From 1994 to 1997 she was a Member of Dáil Éireann and Opposition Spokesperson on Health and from 1993 -1994 Minister

for Justice and Member of the Irish Government team which negotiated the Joint Declaration of December 1993, by the British and Irish Governments, on Peace and Reconciliation in Ireland. In 1992 she was Minister for Tourism, Transport and Communications.



JOHANNES HAHN EU Commissioner for Regional Policy Graduated with a Doctorate in philosophy from the University of Vienna, Johannes Hahn was sworn in as Austrian Federal Minister for Science and Research on 11 January 2007 (and acting Federal Minister for Justice from December 2008 to January 2009). In November 2009 he was nominated by the Austrian Federal Government as member of the European Commission. President Barroso appointed him European Commissioner for Regional Policy.



IWONA WENDEL Undersecretary of State in the Ministry of Regional Development of Poland

She received her MA degree at the Faculty of Humanities of Wyższa Szkoła Pedagogiczna in (1989). She also graduated from Wyższa Szkoła Zarządzania i Bankowości (2003) in Kraków.

She gained most of her professional experience through working at different positions in the self government of Kraków. Before she was appointed for her current position, she was the Director of the IT Office in the City Hall of Kraków. For many years she has been working in the field of development of information society and ICT. She participates in the legislative work, as well as the planning and implementation of different ICT related strategies and programmes, this includes wide scale ICT projects and EU's projects.



CLARA DE LA TORRE is the Director responsible for "Research and Innovation" in the European Commission. In this capacity, she is in charge of the Innovation Union in its different dimensions, including SMEs, access to finance and regional aspects of R&I.

Before that, she was Director responsible for "Inter-institutional and legal matters related to the Framework Programme" in DG Research also at the European Commission.

Her professional career has mainly focussed on research policy where she started her activities at the European Commission in 1987. She covered a wide variety of fields ranging from programme evaluation to energy research or socio-economic analysis.

In the late 90's, she dealt with "National Research Policies & Intergovernmental Cooperation" where she was involved in the preparation of actions that are now crystallised as ERA-NETs and the so-called "article 185" initiatives in the Framework Programme. She also represented the European Union in non-EU initiatives such as EUREKA as she does now.

She also worked at the EU Joint Research Centre both in Brussels and Sevilla, where she was advisor to the Director of the Institute for Prospective Technological Studies. She contributed to the re-launch of the Institute's activities after its relocation in Spain.

Clara de la Torre has a degree in Economics and Business Administration (Quantitative Economics) at the Universidad Autónoma of Madrid.



JERZY BUZEK, professor in technical science of the Silesian University of Technology (1979). A chemical engineer by formation, he joined the Solidarność movement from its early days, becoming the Chair of the Works Committee, and later Chairman of the fourth, fifth and sixth national Congresses. From 1997 to 2001, Jerzy Buzek was Prime Minister of Poland, introducing sweeping reforms in pensions, healthcare, local and regional administration, education and the mining sectors. During his government Poland acceded to NATO and made key-steps towards the EU membership. On 14 July 2009 he was elected President of the European Parliament, with the biggest majority of any EP President since the first direct elections in 1979. He is the first EP President from one of the EU's 2004 enlargement Member States. During his mandate, he has presided over the transition from the Nice to the Lisbon Treaty, playing a key-role in the finalisation of the ratification process.



ROBERTO SÁNCHEZ SÁNCHEZ Telecommunication Engineer for the Universidad Politécnica de Madrid

Civil Servant in the Spanish Administration, currently is the ViceDirector for Competitiveness and Enterprises Development in the R&D&I Secretary of the Ministry of Economy and Competitiveness.

He works previously in the Secretary of Innovation and in the General Directorate for Telecommunications and Information Technologies.

He also works previously in several industrial companies in technical research, applications and engineering in different sectors: electronics, health, aeronautical (flight simulators), telecom, environment (water and wastewater engineering).



GERNOT KLOTZ studied Biology and Microbiology at the University of Aachen (Germany). After having worked for the US based pharmaceutical company Armour he joined Bayer in various business sections (pharmaceutical, animal health and crop protection/product development)

Since February 2007 G. Klotz is the Executive Director for Research and Innovation for the European Chemical Industry (CEFIC). He is member of the CEFIC Leadership Team, which has the overall responsibility for coordinating and steering the activities of the organisation. Specific key areas of responsibility are innovation (technology development, innovation policies, societal acceptance of new technologies and products), emerging science-policy issues (Health and Environment) and the CEFIC Long Range Research Initiative (LRI) as well as managing the CEFIC Research and Innovation Board. He is also responsible for the EU Technology Platform for Sustainable Chemistry.



Dr **ALES GNAMUS** is a scientific policy officer at JRC-IPTS since March 2008. He has been working for the European Commission (DG RTD and DG REGIO) since 2004. He has long-standing analytical experience with European and international S&T cooperation. His interests include policy analysis, benchmarking, qualitative and quantitative assessment of policies and on modern internet-based communication/dissemination information platforms. He holds a PhD in natural sciences and had been previously working as researcher dealing with different research topics at universities and research institutes in various countries.



CHRISTINA DIEGELMANN is an economist by education and started her professional career in a regional development agency in Baden-Württemberg, Germany in 1996. From 2002 on she worked as policy officer for "SME and Crafts Policy" and deputy head of unit for "Start-ups and Business Transfer" in Baden-Württemberg's Ministry of Economics. In 2006, after returning from a secondment as National Expert to the European Commission, DG Enterprise and Industry she became head of unit "Coordination European Social Fund".

Since February 2009 Christina is seconded to the Assembly of European Regions as Senior Policy Coordinator "Economy and Regional Development", where she is responsible for analysing issues of political relevance to AER members, facilitating AER's influence on European policy decisions and the promotion of exchange of experience and knowledge between regions.



PHILIPPE VANRIE (Belgian) is an engineer who started his career at the University of Brussels (ULB) and then joined the first European EC-BIC in Liège (Socran). After leaving Socran, he entered the private sector where he held senior Marketing and Business Development responsibilities within several SMEs leaders in their markets, most notably in the Agro and Food Industry. Philippe joined EBN in 1992 and became responsible for technical assistance to the EC- BIC programme. He worked closely with the European Commission and directly for more than 50 BICs, Incubators and other Business Support Centres. Philippe also initiated and conducted pilot-schemes in the field of academic and industrial spin-offs, clustering, business cooperation, local development and technology transfer. He was appointed EBN CEO in the summer of 1999. He is committed to ensuring the performance, relevance, efficiency, positioning, impact and the reputation of EBN and their Network Members are of the highest standards.

SARKA HERMANOVA

Graduation:

- Bachelor degree in the sphere of Human resources management and Adult education (2011), Olomouc, CR
- Master degree in the sphere of Linguistics and Literature (2003), Opava, CR

Further education:

- University studies of Pedagogy (2004), Ostrava, CR

Work experience:

Czech Technology Platform on Industrial Safety (since 2012), Ostrava, CR

- HR manager and Project Coordinator (core coordinator of Safety AGENT project)

MITA THOR INTERNATIONAL (2005 – 2010): agency for education, counselling and recruitment, Ostrava, CR

- Manager for Adult Education and ESF projects, Branch manager

Independent Living Alternatives (2003 – 2004): charity organisation, London, UK

- Volunteer in the position of personal assistant dealing with disabled people

Vita (2001–2003): agency for environmental education and community development

- Regional coordinator of „Make a Connection“ programme
- Regional coordinator of „European volunteer service“
- Manager of community endowment fund „VIA VITAE“



COLOMBE WARIN Graduated from 'Sciences-Po Paris', the College of Europe (Bruges) and the MBA of Solvay Business School (Brussels), Colombe Warin has more than twelve years of experience in coordinating projects and organising European events. Her career in various Brussels-based organisations has led her to an excellent command of communications tools and the management of multicultural projects. She is today Research Programme Officer at the European Commission in the unit dealing with the regional dimension of innovation.



PIA LAURILA is Policy Officer at the Directorate-General for Research and Innovation of the European Commission in Unit Regional Dimension of Innovation. Her present responsibilities include:

Contribution to the development of the research Joint Programming Initiative “Urban Europe – Global Urban Challenges, Joint European Solutions” on side of the Commission. The JPI Urban Europe is a Member State led initiative that coordinates the urban-related research programmes of the participating countries in order to exploit synergies between the national research programmes and European ones.

Support to policy developments in the area of regional dimension of innovation.

Management of projects funded under the Regions of Knowledge and Research Potential Programmes of the Seventh Framework Programme for Research and Technological Development (FP7).

Before assuming her present responsibilities in spring 2011, she worked several years for the FP7 Socio-economic Sciences and Humanities (SSH) Theme, where her tasks included, among other things, development and management of the research focused on regional economies.



IVÁN TOSICS PhD, Managing Director, Metropolitan Research Institute, Budapest, Hungary

Iván Tosics (1952) is one of the principals of Metropolitan Research Institute (MRI), Budapest. He is mathematician and sociologist (PhD) with long experience in urban sociology, strategic development, housing policy and EU regional policy issues. He is vice chair of the European Network of Housing Research (ENHR), executive committee member of the European Urban Research Association (EURA) and member of the HS-NET Advisory Board to UN-HABITAT. He is the Policy Editor of the journal ‘Urban Research and Practice’, member of the Editorial Advisory Board for the ‘Journal of Housing and the Built Environment’ and for ‘Housing Studies’.

He was invited as expert to the European Parliament public hearing on ‘The place of Europe’s towns and cities in Cohesion policy’. He was working for DG Regio in the Cities of Tomorrow programme, preparing issue paper on ‘Governance challenges and models for the cities of tomorrow’. He was one of the organizers of the high-level conference on Demographic changes during the Hungarian EU Presidency. He was Lead Expert of two URBACT programmes. He represented the Municipality of Budapest in EUROCITIES, as chair of the Economic Development Forum in 2007-2008 and as member of the Executive Committee in 2009-2010. He participated in the preparation of the Rehabilitation Strategy of Budapest, and he was the leader of a consortium working on the medium and long term Urban Development Strategy of Budapest. Currently he is one of the three Thematic Pole Managers of the URBACT programme.



Dr **JAN OLBRYCHT** PhD in Sociology. Lecturer, expert, politician and social activist. Former mayor and president of one of the Polish regions, active in many European local and regional government organisations. Regional policy and urban development expert. Speaker at international conferences on urban related issues. Member of the European Parliament since 2004, Vice-Chairman of its Committee on Regional Development in the years 2004-2009, Vice-Chairman of its Special Committee on Policy Challenges and Budgetary Resources for a Sustainable European Union after 2013 in the years 2010-2011. Vice-president of the European Peoples Party Group at the European Parliament responsible for intercultural and interreligious dialogue. Founder member and Chair of the European Parliament’s Intergroup URBAN - a cross-

parties and cross-committees grouping with a horizontal approach to discuss urban related issues.



PAUL BEVAN was appointed Secretary General of EUROCITIES in November 2008, bringing over 25 years' experience of UK local and regional government and a wealth of expertise in economic development, regeneration and public service management.

Directly before joining EUROCITIES, Paul was Chief Executive of the South East England Regional Assembly, the regional policy body for planning, housing and transport, which Paul founded and developed over nine years.

At European level during his career Paul managed regional representations and won project funding under URBAN and INTERREG amongst other EU programmes. He was a founding member of the Eurotowns network and its Secretary General from 1997 to 1999.

Having started his career in the IT industry, Paul became a planner by profession after achieving a Masters in Politics and a postgraduate diploma in Town Planning.



Professor **WIM HAFKAMP** (1953) is an environmental economist, with 25+ years of experience in research, policy and practice, on issues ranging from transport and environment, urban development and spatial policy, environmental management in industry, waste management and safety to sustainable development.

Presently he is on the Management Board of the Joint Programming Initiative Urban Europe. Until recently he was scientific director of Nicis Institute, an institute that generates innovative knowledge on persistent urban problems. For Nicis Institute his involvement in the European Metropolitan network Institute contuse, as well as his involvement in 'Knowledge for Strong Cities', a research program, in which he uses a new framework for collaboration between practice and research. Simultaneously, he continues as professor of environmental sciences at Erasmus University, where he participates in the International PhD Program on Sustainable Development, Cleaner Production and Industrial Ecology. He is affiliated with IHS, the International Institute for urban development of his university.



CHRISTIAN SVANFELDT is a senior policy analyst at the European Commission's Directorate General for Regional Policy in the 'urban development, territorial cohesion' policy unit. He holds an MSc in Systems Engineering from the Royal Institute of Technology (Stockholm), an MBa in industrial economics and innovation management from the Ecole Centrale Paris and a PhD in management and sociology of innovation from the Paris-Dauphine University.

Christian Svanfeldt has worked as policy analyst for national and European administrations in the field of innovation, research and regional policy for almost two decades, working especially with human resources indicators, firm demography, regional foresight and ex-ante impact assessment. He joined the European Commission's Directorate-General for Research in 2001 and moved to the Directorate General for Regional Policy in 2009. His current focus is on urban development in a futures perspective and on territorial cohesion issues.



JACEK KUZNICKI, PhD, Professor. b.1952; MSc in biochemistry, University of Warsaw 1976; PhD in biochemistry, Nencki Institute 1980; Visiting Fellow – postdoc, Laboratory of Cell Biology, NIH, Bethesda, USA 1981-1984; Head of the Laboratory of Calcium Binding Proteins, Nencki Institute 1986-2002; Scientific Director of the Nencki Institute 1990-1992; Full Professor of Republic of Poland

1993; Visiting Professor, Laboratory of Clinical Science, National Institute of Mental Health, Bethesda 1992-1995; Acting Director of International Institute of Molecular and Cell Biology in Warsaw (IIMCB) 1999-2001; Organizer and director of the Polish Centenarians Program 1999-2001; Director of IIMCB and Head of the Laboratory of Neurodegeneration 2002-present; Head of the Program Board of the Centre for Innovative Bioscience Education since 2002; Corresponding Member of the Polish Academy of Sciences since 2004; Member of the Advisory Group of FP7 for Health, EC 2006-2011; Member of Prime Minister Award Committee 2007-2009; Board member of the European Calcium Society since 2008; Member of the Scientific Council of Polish Alzheimer's Society since 2009; Member of the Scientific Policy Committee in the Ministry of Science and Higher Education since 2011; Member of the International Expert Council at the Research and Education Center "State Key Laboratory of Molecular and Cellular Biology" in Ukraine since 2011; Supervisor of 10 PhD theses; Author of over 100 publications in PubMed. Director of Centre of Excellence in FP5 in Molecular Biomedicine and of "HealthProt" project in FP7 RegPot.

Dr **STEFAN WEIERS** is the programme co-ordinator for Regions of Knowledge and Research Potential with the Directorate General for Research and Innovation in charge of managing the whole programme cycle from work programme design, evaluation exercises and overseeing the project portfolio etc. Furthermore, he is involved as a policy officer in developing the regional dimension of innovation and enhancing the synergies between the FP7/Horizon2020 and the activities carried out under the Cohesion Policy (e.g. Structural Funds) and Innovation Policy. In his previous position in the Commission as a scientific officer he was involved in the management of the research programme at the benefit of SMEs within FP6. Before joining the Commission in 2003 he was a senior research scientist with the German Aerospace Center (DLR).



GORAN STOJANOVIĆ, PhD is an associate professor at the Faculty of Technical Sciences (FTS), University of Novi Sad, Novi Sad, Republic of Serbia. He received a BSc from FTS in 1996, an MSc from the FTS in 2003, and a PhD degree from FTS in 2005, all in electrical engineering. Currently, Prof. Stojanović is a leader of the Laboratory for Microelectronics. He is an author or co-author of 99 scientific papers including 22 articles in leading international peer-reviewed journals (with impact factors). His research interest includes organic/flexible electronics, nanoelectronics and application of advanced nano structured materials. He is a member of Jury at the biggest regional festival of innovation and patents "Tesla Fest", which is annually held in Novi Sad, Serbia. His charge is also an organization of the Festivals of Science, held in Novi Sad every year. Prof. Stojanović is a reviewer of 6 leading international journals. He has experience in participation and management in several international (FP7, EUREKA, bilateral collaborative projects) and national projects. Currently, he is coordinator of two FP7 projects (APOSTILLE and SENSEIVER) and one EUREKA project (E!4570).



LUIS ALVAREZ was born in Gondomar in 1974. He studied Telecommunications Engineering at University of Vigo and the Advanced Management Program at Instituto de Empresa. In 1999 he joined the Informational Systems team of the new telecommunications operator Comunitel. He play different management roles at Comunitel for 10 years until the company was bought by Vodafone Group. At the same time he was the co-founder of different consultancy companies and participate in different training sessions on strategy, innovation management and entrepreneurship as speaker. On may of 2008 he joined Gradient project as COO, with responsibilities on organization, operations and finances. His main interests are in the areas of innovation management, finances and entrepreneurship promotion.

SPYROULIAS GEORGE

Current Focus of Research

- Design/Simulation of bioactive molecules of pharmaceutical interest and Conformational Analysis of biomolecules through Nuclear Magnetic Resonance Spectroscopy (NMR).
- Structural Bioinformatics applied in homology modeling of unknown structures of biomolecules, protein-protein/peptide/substrate interaction through molecular dynamics simulation, docking simulation protocols.
- In silico design and development of combinatorial libraries of compounds and virtual screening process towards the quest of lead-molecules with biological activity towards protein/enzyme targets, etc.



GAETANO SQUADRINO is a CNR researcher at the Institute for Advanced Energy Technologies studying Fuel Cells, hydrogen and related systems since 1995. He had previous experiences in matter physics and high school teaching.

His 17 years of work in fuel cell and hydrogen technologies have been centered on components and systems development and characterization. He has a deep experience in fuel cell testing procedures and is an active member of the TC105 of IEC (International Electro technical Committee). He has been also involved in teaching (university level) and dissemination activities related to fuel cell and hydrogen technologies at national and international level.

He has been involved in FP7 projects and he is currently the coordinator of ETRERA, a project addressed to research collaboration between Europe and Mediterranean Partner Countries.



ALEXANDRU MÜLLER was born in Bucharest, Romania in 1949. He received his PhD in Semiconductor Physics from the Bucharest University. He is the head of the RF MEMS Laboratory from IMT-Bucharest

Competences:

- Silicon, GaAs and GaN micromachining and nanoprocessing, manufacturing of RF MEMS components and circuits, manufacturing of microwave passive membrane supported circuits, micromachined inductors, filters and antennae, monolithically as well as hybrid integrated receiver modules.
- In the last years Dr Muller was involved in developing acoustic devices (SAWs and FBARs) based on micromachining and nanoprocessing of wide bandgap semiconductors (GaN, AlN). The performances of the SAW and FBAR structures on GaN represent the actual state of the art in the topics. Results were published in IEEE El Dev. Lett. in 2009 and 2010. Dr Muller is now involved in developing of temperature



OLIVIER BRUNET is working for the “regional dimension of innovation” in DG Research and Innovation, European Commission. He coordinated the “Regions of Knowledge” programme. He also teaches at the Institute of Political Sciences in Lille on “regions, cities and European policies”. He has been working for the EC for more than twenty years in various fields including regional policy, education and social policy. He initially worked in France as factory inspector, after studying law.



ZOLTÁN BALOGH, working currently as an international project manager, previously was heading the Brussels Office of INNOVA Észak-Alföld Regional Innovation Agency from 2008 to 2012. Holding his Masters degree in Business Administration at the Corvinus University of Budapest, Hungary, he has been following his PhD studies on regional management. Being involved in several EU funded INTERREG, FP and CIP projects, he is also the Hungarian Member of the Programme Committee “Regions of Knowledge, Research Potential and

Coherent Development of Policies” and vice-chair of “ERRIN - European Regions Research and Innovation Network”.



RICHARD TUFFS is Director of ERRIN. Founded in 2001, ERRIN is a unique platform of more than 90 dynamic EU regions and their Brussels representation offices. ERRIN considers that the regional dimension of research and innovation is key to the future competitiveness of the EU.

ERRIN promotes knowledge exchange, joint actions and project partnerships between its members in order to strengthen regional research and innovation capacities. Formerly, European Policy Manager at the West Midlands in Europe office, Richard has a background in teaching and training at higher education and management level and coordinated the UK’s Open University’s activities in Belgium. He is an expert in European policy issues linked to RTD, innovation, Europe 2020 Strategy, and cohesion policy and is a member of the Smart Specialisation Mirror Group. Richard is a frequent speaker and moderator in seminars.



REZA ZADEH is the Executive Director of the Foundation Clusters and Competitiveness, an independent foundation dedicated to improving the European competitiveness by promoting and improving cluster management as a discipline. For the past two decades he has been engaged in the European regional innovation and competitiveness policies. He combines this with over 10 years of international technology and innovation management in aerospace and telecommunications industries.

Since 2009 he has also operated as an independent expert, focusing on European regional development and competitiveness through innovation systems. His recent assignments include those for the European Commission as well as other governmental bodies.



CLAIRE NAUWELAERS is an independent Policy Analyst and Governmental Adviser, specialised in research and innovation policy, working in an international environment. She has 30 years of experience in this field and a wide network of contacts with experts, academics and policy-makers. Until 2011 she was working on innovation as a policy analyst in the Regional Development Policy Division at OECD. Previously, she was Research Director at UNU-MERIT, the University of Maastricht and United Nations University, in charge of the research team: “Governance of Science, Technology and Innovation”. She started her career as researcher within two academic teams (the Interdisciplinary Centre in Regional Development, and the Interdisciplinary Centre Law-Economics) at the University of Louvain in Belgium, where she was in charge of research projects dealing with economic development and innovation.



DARIA GOŁĘBIOWSKA-TATAJ is a professor/researcher at the Warsaw University of Technology Business School. Her research covers creativity, innovation, and global entrepreneurship. Since 2008 she is a Governing Board member of the European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT), a daring innovation policy experiment of the European Union. Dr Gołębiewska-Tataj has a background in design and business. She holds a PhD from the Polish Academy of Sciences. In her academic career, she was a scholar of the French Government at Sorbonne, of the Central European University, and a Dekaban Fellow at the University of Michigan in the US. Daria has had an entrepreneurial business career in the emerging markets of Central and Eastern Europe. She worked in investment banking and venture capital in media, telecom and ICT sectors. She held supervisory board positions in technology start-ups and was a founder and a managing partner of EMF Enterprise Management and Finance, a consulting practice. In 2006, the US Department of State and Fortune Magazine recognized her activity as

social entrepreneur supporting women leaders. She became a member of the Vital Voices Global Partnership initiated by Mmes Hilary Clinton and Madeleine Albright, and the first President of its Chapter in Poland.



CÉDRIC VIRCIGLIO

Professional career

- Since September 2010: Head of office at Bureau Alsace, the representation of Alsatian public bodies and consular chambers to the EU.
- September 2008 - September 2010: Policy Officer for Competitiveness and Innovation at Bureau Alsace the representation of Alsatian public bodies and consular chambers to the EU.
- Mai - August 2008: ERDF Policy Officer at the French ministry of Ecology.
- October 2007 - January 2008: Project Manager at FEFA (Fondation Entente Franco-Allemande).

Other activities

- Since January 2009: OSEO Trainer (The OSEO network of regional trainer's aims to train regional public actors to improve the level of French participation, and in particular of SMEs in transnational projects of Research, Development and Innovation).



Dr **ROLAND STRAUSS** has an industrial background and over 20 years of experience in the environment of the EU Institutions. He served during 10 years as a VP for Siemens Government Relations in Brussels. Roland Strauss is well known for his expertise regarding the special needs and benefits of the high-technology industry particularly in the fields of research and innovation. Inspired by the environment of Sophia Antipolis where he worked regularly between 1996 and 2002 and a series of visits to Silicon Valley, he developed a strong interest and expertise in innovation. In 2003 he engaged with a Franco- German Venture Capital Fund, and advised a French innovation platform, which brings together major actors from the French national innovation ecosystem. It was this model that motivated him to co-found in 2009 the Knowledge4Innovation (K4I) association, established as a non-profit association with members from the public, private and academic sectors. Since the creation of Strauss & Partners in 2004, Roland is advising public and private organisations in the areas of technology and innovation. In September 2009 he has been appointed Director of the Brussels BITKOM office.



RICHARD GRANGER is president of the Brussels office of the Technology Partners Foundation, the association of Poland's leading applied R&D institutes. He is also an independent consultant with over 40 years' experience in research, development, and the management of technology and innovation. His chief interests are in technology strategy; the management and commercial exploitation of R&D; and the organisational and cultural issues involved in technology transfer and in stimulating innovation. He has worked in these areas for regional and national governments, universities and other public sector bodies in many parts of the world, and for leading corporations in many industries.

He also teaches technology and innovation management on business school MBA, MSc and executive development programmes. Earlier in his career, he was a director of a commercial applied research and development centre.



MARTIN KOCH, born 2 May 1964 in Germany, is working as "Policy Officer" with Unit C.03 "Financial Engineering" of DG Research and Innovation. He joined the European Commission in July 2006 and is, as a close collaborator to the Head of Unit, in charge of implementing the "Risk-Sharing Finance Facility" (RSFF), an innovative financial instrument providing loans and guarantees for investments in Research, Development and Innovation. The RSFF was launched by the

Commission and the European Investment Bank (EIB) in 2007, with support from the 7th Framework Programme for Research (FP7). Martin Koch is also involved in the development of the next generation of financial instruments of the proposed HORIZON 2020 Programme (2014-2020).

Before joining DG Research and Innovation, he has been working with specialised financial institutions for more than a decade in the area of financing innovative small and medium-sized companies, risk capital and product development.

Martin Koch holds a Master degree in Political Science (Public finance) of the University of Muenster, Germany.



EDGAR VAN LEEST Responsible for the strategy formulation process for the Brainport Foundation, for governmental relations to national government (The Hague office) and European institutions (Brainport Eindhoven EU Office). Responsible for European project portfolio of Brainport Development; and for regional cooperation with innovation hotspots in USA and Asia. Member of the Management Team of Brainport Development NV. Member of the support staff Brainport 2020 agenda (commission Jan Zuidam).

Main objectives Brainport Development - strategy unit:
 Formulation of the social economic strategy for Brainport region
 Monitoring and information intelligence
 International relations and European projects
 Public affairs and governmental relations.



Dr **SÁNDOR ERDŐ** is chairman of the EUREKA High-Level Group during the Hungarian Chairmanship, from July 2011 until the end of June 2012, and chief policy advisor to the State Minister of National Economy. Before that he was vice president at the National Innovation Office, Budapest, being in charge for international and EU affairs during the Hungarian EU presidency. Previously, he managed his own R&D consulting and servicing company for more than a decade. Earlier, he obtained extensive experience in pharmaceutical R&D, from SMEs to multinational ones, in different positions from researcher to director. As a business angel, and an associate member of the Hungarian Venture Capital Association, Mr Erdő was involved in business activities, such as private placements, licence agreements, preparation for IPO, etc. He was graduated at the Semmelweis University of Medicine, Budapest, obtained a doctoral degree in pharmacology and toxicology, and a PhD in Biological Sciences at the Hungarian Academy of Sciences. He had a four-years post-doctoral training at the University of Göttingen, and a visiting professorship at the University of Rome.



HELENA L NILSSON is Director of research, development and education at the department of regional development at Region Västra Götaland. Prior to this position she was programme manager for cluster development at Region Västra Götaland. Mrs Nilsson's background is in economic geography and business administration. As a policy expert, Mrs Nilsson holds different kinds of commissions of trust. Most recently as a member of an Expert Group to DG Research related to financing instruments.



ATTILA TÓTH President, Novitech a.s.

Professional background:

- Nuclear engineer, PhD. in Computer Science
- „Influenced“ by the American School of Innovation
- Former Consultant of United Nations Industrial development organization

Current professional orientation:

- Coaching Novitech process and service innovation projects
- Founding member of the Knowledge for Innovation Association (K4I)
- Creation and coaching workplace and community level Innovation Zones
- Follow-up of social innovation research initiatives



Dr **JAN KRZYSZTOF FRACKOWIAK** Graduated in 1965 at the Warsaw University, Dep. of Physics; PhD (1977, theoretical physics) in the Polish Academy of Sciences. Important functions:

1980-85: Lecturer (in French) at the Ecole Polytechnique d' Alger, Algeria.

1990-91: President of the National Science Section of the Trade Union „Solidarity”.

1991-92: President of the Foundation for Polish Science (initial endowment – 100 million US \$).

1991-2005: Deputy Minister of science in the 10 consecutive Polish governments. Responsible for S&T policy, implementation of a competitive grant system and a system of evaluation R&D units, international cooperation, preparation and negotiations of terms of the Polish accession to the EU in the field of R&D (Framework Programmes 5 and 6 in particular).

1997-99: President of the Special Committee on Science in Central and Eastern Europe and the Former Soviet Union (COMSCEE), International Council of Scientific Unions (ICSU).

2000-2003: President of the “Poland-EU sub-Committee No 5 - Innovation” (monitoring of the EU accession progress in the fields of education, training and youth, culture and audiovisual policy, science, research and technological development, telecommunication and information technologies).

Since 2005: Director of the Polish Science Contact Agency “PolSCA”, foreign office of the Polish Academy of Sciences in Brussels.



Mr **LUCAS JANSSEN** obtained his Master's degree in International Economics at the University of Maastricht in 1990 after which he obtained a post graduate degree in public administration at the Erasmus University of Rotterdam in 1991. In the same year he joined the Dutch Ministry of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality where he started his career in the directorate of Fisheries as policy officer Sea fisheries in 1991. During his career at the Ministry he held several position a.o. in the Directorate of International Affairs, the Ministers' Office and the Directorate of Knowledge. He was also twice seconded, once at the Headquarters of the Food and Agricultural Organisation of the United Nations in Rome, where he worked as an environment coordinating officer from 1996 – 1999 and also within the European Commission DG RTD as a national expert (2006-2009). After three years working as a national expert, he joined the Commission as a European Civil Servant in 2009, where is working as a policy officer in the Unit the Regional Dimension of Innovation.



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He started his professional career as an agricultural economist with the United States Foreign Agricultural Service- Department of Agriculture, (FAS/USDA) in Rome, Italy, working primarily on commodity and food products market analysis as well as on scientific and regulatory aspects including food safety and WTO trade issues.

Prior to his post with the European Commission, he was Principal Administrator with the International Centre for Advanced Mediterranean Agronomic Studies, (CIHEAM) a Paris based inter-governmental organisation, linked to the OECD, where he worked on policies and research programmes on agricultural and food production systems of the Mediterranean region. His duties included the co-ordination of research programmes, and the supervision of CIHEAM Annual report on “development and agri-food policies in the Mediterranean region”, and he was also part of CIHEAM senior management committee.

He holds a Master degree in Agricultural sciences and a specialized Master degree in rural development, programmes and projects. He has a Doctoral degree in food economics. Elected member of the Accademia dei Georgofili, Florence (Italy).



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CHRISTINA JONANG

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Member of regional parliament, Västra Götaland 1999-2006
Chair of the committee of environment, Västra Götaland region 1999-2006
Chief of staff, Minister of Environment, 2006-2008
Chief of strategies, Centre Party, 2008-2010
Member of board, Region Västra Götaland 2010-...



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Having graduated from the Chemistry Faculty at the University of Warsaw, he then received his PhD from the Polish Academy of Sciences. During his studies he spent a year as a visiting student at the Yale Medical University and then did his postdoctoral training at the Sloan - Kettering Institute for Cancer Research in New York, where he later worked as a researcher. He is an author of over thirty publications and received numerous scientific and business awards. He also obtained 9 patents mainly in the area of oncology.

He developed his career in the pharmaceutical business in the USA, working in the research and development areas of companies such as American Cyanamid,

Wyeth and Novartis. In Novartis he was the Executive Director of the US Oncology Pharmacology Unit and Executive Member of the Oncology Therapeutic Area Board. Most recently, the Divisional Vice President, Imaging Biology & Oncology at Caliper Life Sciences.

Presently, Mr Lassota serves as a Member of the Management Board of Polpharma Trade Office, R&D Director of Polpharma Biologics Business Unit in Polpharma SA Pharmaceutical Works and a Member of the Management Board of Polpharma Scientific Foundation.



Professor **MANFRED HORVAT** is honorary professor of “International and European Research and Technology Cooperation” at the Vienna University of Technology (TU Wien). He acts as independent expert for European and international research and technology policies and programmes for the European Commission, governments and international organizations.

From 1993-2006, Manfred Horvat was responsible for the operational implementation of the EU Framework Programmes in Austria. Since the beginning of the 1990s, he has been a member of several programme committees for European RTD programmes and served as member and chairman of numerous monitoring, evaluation and five-year assessment panels advising the European Commission. He was also lead expert in Phare projects on strengthening the participation in the EU Framework Programmes of Poland and Romania. He is member of the External Advisory Group on Regional Aspects in FP7. He was the rapporteur of the Expert Group on Synergies between FP7, CIP and the Structural Funds. Currently, Manfred Horvat is involved as an expert in the Mid-term Evaluation of Marie Curie Actions and is Team Leader of the S&T Policy Mix Peer Review for the Republic of Kazakhstan. He is also Senior Advisor of CESAER, the Conference of European Schools of Advanced Engineering Education and Research, and he coordinates the Conference of Rectors and Presidents of European Universities of Technology.



Dr **DIMITRI CORPAKIS** currently holds the position of the Head of Unit on the Regional Dimension of Innovation (RTD-C5) (Directorate for Research and Innovation; at the European Commission’s Directorate General for Research and Innovation). From March 2006 to the end of December 2010 he served as the Head of the Coordination and Horizontal Aspects Unit of the Directorate for Science, Economy and Society of the Directorate General for Research, managing 2 Programmes of the 7th Community RTD Framework Programme (Research on Socio-economic sciences and Humanities and Science in Society). Prior to that, he held for several years the position of the Head of Sector for regional aspects of research policy, at the same DG, dealing mainly with the links between the Framework Programme for R&D and the Structural Funds.

Dimitri is an engineer and a planner by training, having to date more than 30 years experience in European affairs. Before joining the European Commission in 1990, he worked as an EU expert with the Greek Ministry of Education. His Brussels career started in Education and Training (Task-Force Human Resources, 1990) before moving in 1992 in the area of R&D. After an assignment with the ESPRIT Programme (European Strategic Programme for Research in Information Technologies), he moved to the R&D Policy area, with personal contributions to several initiatives (moving towards e-Science, setting-up the European Research Advisory Board (EURAB), introducing Regions of Knowledge and contributing to the first Benchmarking exercise - Impact of R&D on Competitiveness and Employment).



KATJA REPPEL Deputy Head of Unit “Innovation policy development”, Directorate General Enterprise and Industry, European Commission

Katja Reppel is a lawyer of German nationality who worked for six years in the Council of Europe before joining the European Commission in 1999. There she held positions in DG Employment, DG Enterprise and Industry and DG Regional Policy. She was seconded in 2006/2007 to the innovation department of the German Federal Ministry of Economy and Technology. In the past eight years she worked on innovation policy, SME policy, the Lisbon strategy, development and implementation of the CIP, innovation in regional development programmes and innovation policy governance. She is a coauthor of the 2008 “practical guide to EU funding opportunities for research and innovation” and is currently Deputy Head of Unit for innovation policy development in DG Enterprise and Industry.



MATEUSZ GACZYNSKI is deputy director in the Department of Strategy of Ministry of Science and Higher Education. In his current position he deals with EU affairs, future cohesion policy package in the science and HE area as well as next FP Horizon 2020, research infrastructure. Before taking this post in MSHE he worked in Ministry of Economy (i.e. sustainable development, National Reform Programme, Lisbon Strategy), Polish Agency of Enterprise Development (entrepreneurship research) and Ministry of Labour and Social Policy (labour migration). He is a graduate of Jagiellonian University and National School of Public Administration.



NICOLAS VAN GEELEN is head of unit Cluster Policy and Strategy of the Province of Zuid-Holland. After studying political science in Amsterdam, Aix-en-Provence (France) and London, he began his professional career as a consultant in the world of information and communication technology at Atos Origin in 1997. His work consisted of advising governments on the impact of new technologies on various policy areas. In 2000 he went to work as a project manager at the Foundation of Society and Business, a nonprofit think tank. He did research and advised companies and governments on topics such as innovation, technology, regional development and public affairs.

In 2009 he became head of unit Cluster Policy and Strategy at the department for economic affairs of the Province of Zuid-Holland. His work consists of coordinating the cluster program ‘Green Port’, Science Park Development, the regional ERDF, FP7/RoK projects as well as the contribution of the region to the Smart Specialization Strategy. Furthermore he was recently responsible for the preparation of new economic agenda for the region Zuid-Holland in close collaboration with research institutions and regional business. This agenda also serves as a basis to the regional Smart Specialization Strategy.

Nicolas van Geelen has published several publications on a variety of themes such as innovation, the impact of new technologies, clusters and public affairs.



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Most recently, he has prepared a report on Service Innovation Policy in Poland in the framework of the EPISIS Inno-Net project. Currently, he is coordinating the Regional Innovation Monitor project (<http://www.rim-europa.eu>) and is the author of three regional innovation reports providing an overview of innovation policy developments and challenges in Mazovia, Opolskie, and Silesia (Poland).

Jacek joined the Belgium office of Technopolis in September 2004, as a consultant responsible for carrying out innovation policy studies. Prior to joining the company, Jacek worked from May 2001 to August 2004 for an international consultancy (ADE S.A., Belgium), where he was involved in various projects covering various areas of innovation, research and development in the SME sector.

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NIKLAS WAHLBERG is currently CEO of Lindholmen Science Park in Gothenburg. A position he has held since 2005. During his time at Lindholmen Niklas has led the development of forming Lindholmen into a national entity by attracting important national programs and projects. He has also participated in the physical development at Lindholmen.

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METIN TURKAY is Associate Professor of Industrial Engineering at Koç University. He is also the Director of Koç-IBM Supply Chain Research Center. His main area of interest is in the development of discrete-continuous optimization models and solution algorithms for complex problems. His methods had been applied to sustainable supply chain management and logistics, network construction and upgrading, optimization of energy systems and systems biology. He received Ted Peterson PhD Dissertation Award on computing and systems theory, TÜBİTAK Career Award, TÜBİTAK Young Scientist Incentive Award, IBM SUR Award and IBM Faculty Award.



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Between 2004 and 2008 she managed the Innovating Regions in Europe Network Secretariat, a service funded by the European Commission to support European regions in the process of developing regional innovation policies and schemes. Before 2004 she was engaged in numerous activities related to innovation support in the region of Wielkopolska (PL) on behalf of Poznan Science and Technology Park. Among others she was one of the leaders the works of preparation of the regional innovation strategy within the RIS 'Innovative Wielkopolska' project and the first phases of its implementation. She was also a manager of Regional Contact Point for European RTDI programmes and chief editor of a national newsletter related to this theme. She also worked for Innovation Relay Centre West Poland and actions promoting spin-off in the region's universities.

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JACEK GULIŃSKI Professor of Faculty of Chemistry at Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznan. Since 1995-2008 he was Deputy Director of the Poznań Science and Technology Park UAM Foundation - the first science and technology park in Poland, and from 2004-2008 Head of the Academic Center of Innovation and Technology Transfer University. Since September 2008 to January 2012 he was vice rector for European programs and cooperation with the economy in the University. Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznan. Undersecretary of the Ministry of Science and Higher Education.



MARKKU MARKKULA is a member of the EU Committee of the Regions, CoR. Within CoR he is the Chairman of the EPP/CoR Task Force "Europe 2020", as well as a member of Commission for Education, Youth, Culture and Research EDUC, and Commission for Economic and Social Policy ECOS. His role also includes being the rapporteur on the Digital Agenda for Europe and the rapporteur on the role of regions in achieving the targets of the Europe 2020 strategy.

Mr. Markkula is a former member of the Finnish Parliament (1995-2003) with the membership roles in the Committee for Education, Science and Culture and the Committee for the Future. As an MP his international role included the Presidency

of EPTA Council, European Parliamentary Technology Assessment Network.

He works within Aalto University as the Advisor to Aalto Presidents, focusing on issues of European strategic development. Aalto University, being the forerunner of the European university reform, is the new foundation-based university built through the merger of: Helsinki University of Technology, Helsinki School of Economics, and University of Art and Design Helsinki.

In Finland his role has included memberships in the boards of several companies and other organizations, among others Tekes, the Finnish Funding Agency for Innovation and Technology. He has also served Finnish society as the Chairman of the Espoo City Council (1990-1992, 2010) and the Espoo City Planning Board (2004-2012), as well as the Chairman of the boards of the Finnish Association of Graduate Engineers TEK (1993-2005) and the Finnish Information Society Development Centre TIEKE (2000-2011).

His previous assignment comprised heading Lifelong Learning Institute Dipoli of Helsinki University of Technology (TKK) as Director. His global experience includes working as the part-time Secretary General of the International Association for Continuing Engineering Education IACEE 1989-2001. As a tribute to his achievements Markku Markkula was in 2008 elected to the International Adult and Continuing Education Hall of Fame.



Dr **IMELDA LAMBKIN** is the National Director for Framework Programme 7 (FP7) at Enterprise Ireland. Dr Lambkin qualified in Medical Laboratory Science at Dublin Institute of Technology and subsequently completed an MSc and PhD in Medical Microbiology at University College London. She returned to Elan Corporation in Ireland where she worked in industrial research for 7 years culminating in a position as Section Head in Molecular Biology contributing to and managing several international biotechnology joint ventures in drug targeting, ligand identification and combinatorial chemistry. Dr Lambkin moved into the world of policymaking in Forfas aiming to improve the environment for researchers in Ireland. Dr Lambkin's roles as the National Contact Point for the European Commission Framework Programme 6 (FP6) New and Emerging Science and Technology Initiative and as a Member of the FP6 VISION ERA-NET (a shared knowledge base for sustainable innovation policies) led to her move to Enterprise Ireland as the National Director for FP7, leading the national effort to optimise Ireland's participation in the Framework Programme. Dr Lambkin is currently the National Contact Point and National Delegate for Regions of Knowledge, the Joint Research Centre and Euratom.

Side event

NetWORKs Conference

NetWORKS Conference: Building advantage in research projects' management and commercialization of research results through network cooperation

It is the 1st conference within the project "Research Project Management and Commercialization of research results. The postgraduate studies for employees of scientific institutions and entities dedicated to science" and it will be organized by 'Education for Entrepreneurship' Association in close cooperation with the Polish National Contact Point for Research Programmes of the European Union (KPK), as a side event of **The Week of Innovative Regions in Europe – WIRE 2012**.

Date: 6th June 2012, 9:00 - 14:30

Place: Cracow University of Economics, Rakowicka 27 Street

The main themes of discussion would be:

- interuniversity research and commercialization support services – the rationale of the interuniversity Research Support Office (RSO) establishment
- success factors of S2B and B2S research cooperation
- the role of public administration and funding bodies in research projects and knowledge transfer support
- new areas of university networking
- case studies of successful knowledge transfer and research support practices
- building and strengthening the profession of Research Project Manager
- the role of R&D, knowledge transfer and innovation support intermediaries and networks.

NetWORKs event will also offer a vibrant meeting place for sharing experience, exchanging ideas for researchers and R&D practitioners from around the world. We are expecting the Conference to be attended by about 150 participants, the initiative will bring together the key stakeholders involved in research project management and the knowledge transfer process of the academic research sector in Poland and abroad, mainly:

- representatives of leading polish universities including 7 Project Partners
- authorities of Polish fastest-growing and most innovative research institutes and entities dedicated to science
- research project managers, including the National Council of Research Project Coordinators (KRAB) experts
- representatives of national funding bodies (National Science Center, National Research and Development Center, Ministry of Science and Higher Education, Ministry of Economy)
- European Commission representatives (DG Research and Innovation)
- representatives of knowledge transfer and innovation support intermediaries.

Conference website: <http://zpb.edp.org.pl/>

Venue:

The WIRE 2012 Conference will be held at:

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The Krakow Opera

Gala Dinner:

Please note that the Gala Dinner is hosted at the Wieliczka Salt Mine located 125 meters below the ground. As the temperature in the Mine is low (14–16°C) even during the summer please bring additional clothing.

Transfer to Gala Dinner:

The transfer to/from the Wieliczka Salt Mine will be prepared by the organizers. You will be informed about all necessary details during the Conference.



Wieliczka Salt Mine

WIRE 2012 Conference – Programme overview

Day 1: Monday, 4 June 2012	
9:00-10:30	Registration
10:30-11:00	Welcome
11:00-12:30	Opening session: Delivering the Innovation Union at regional level
12:30-14:00	Lunch/ Poster session
14:00-15:30	Plenary session: Challenge of smart specialization for European regions
15:30–16:00	Coffee break
16:00-17:30	Parallel sessions: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cities – innovation hubs• Centres of excellence as innovation drivers in less developed regions• Role of innovative regions and networks in the Innovation Union
18:30	Transfer to Gala Dinner and sightseeing tour
20:00-23:00	Gala Diner
23:00	Transfer to hotels
Day 2: Tuesday, 5 June 2012	
9:30-11:00	Plenary session: Actors and instruments in regional innovation ecosystems
11:00-11:30	Coffee Break
11:30-13:00	Parallel sessions: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tackling grand societal challenges at the regional level• Synergies between Cohesion Policy and Horizon 2020• Innovative partnerships of European regions
13:10-14:30	Closing session: Future of innovative regions
14:30-15:00	Lunch

Language:

Language of the conference is English.

Practical information

Polish currency: zloty (PLN, zł)

for exchange rates, see National Bank of Poland website www.nbp.pl; currencies can be exchanged in banks and exchange bureaus located at the John Paul II International Airport Krakow-Balice, Krakow Railway Station, in shopping centres, hotels.

Payments: you can only pay with zloty in Poland; most shops, hotels and restaurants in Poland accept pay cards such as Visa, MasterCard, American Express, Maestro.

Voltage and sockets: 230V, 50 Hz, for two-pin plugs

Weather: the temperatures in June are usually around 24° C

International country phone code: +48

Emergency phone numbers:

997 - Police

998 - Fire Department

999 - Ambulance

112 - all emergencies

Transport:

From the John Paul II International Airport Krakow-Balice:

The most convenient way to get to Krakow centre from the airport is to use the train. There is a free Shuttle Bus service that will bring you to the train station located 200 m from the Terminal 1. Travel to Krakow Railway Station located in the centre of the city takes only 18 minutes. Please find the timetable: <http://m.krakowairport.pl/en/3/176/35/Pociag>

From the Krakow Railway Station:

The Krakow Railway Station is located in the city centre. It is just a distance walk from the Old Town, Jagiellonian University or Opera Malopolska.

Urban transport in Krakow:

Urban transport in Krakow is well developed. There are many trams and buses lines covering the whole city area and suburban districts.

Tickets:

Tickets may be purchased at news stands, ticket machines, post offices or from the driver (in this case the price of the ticket includes a handling charge). You need to validate your ticket upon boarding the bus or tram. All the tickets are valid for all day lines and night lines.

The tickets that you may need during your stay in Krakow include:

- single full-fare ticket – PLN 3.20
- 24-hour ticket – PLN 12.00
- 3-day ticket – PLN 30.00
- 15-minute ticket – PLN 2.00
- 30-minute ticket – PLN 3.20
- 60-minute ticket – PLN 4.00
- 90-minute ticket – PLN 5.20

More information: <http://www.mpk.krakow.pl/pl/>

Taxis:

It is recommended to use only well-marked taxis with the prices clearly displayed (usually on the rear window). You can also call one of the following taxi companies (these are currently the cheapest taxis in Krakow):

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Location information:



1. The Krakow Opera, Lubicz 48 Street
2. KRAKÓW GŁÓWNY Railway Station - buses and trains to Balice Airport
3. Old Town and Main Square

Transport to airport:

Train Service:

The train service is the fastest link between the centre of Kraków and the airport. Travel time is approximately 18 minutes. The train station is located 200 m from the T1 international terminal. For travel between the terminals and the station a free Shuttle Bus Service is available. The Shuttle Bus awaits at the rail station and transports passengers between the international (T1) and the domestic (T2) terminals and then comes back to the station. One-way ticket price: 12 PLN.

Tickets can be purchased:

- on a train, from train attendant or from automated cashier;
- in terminal T1 (from automated cashier located near center exit);
- at Cracow Main Train Station KRAKÓW GŁÓWNY (at ticket counters or from automated cashier located at Platform #1).

Bus Service:

Cracow Airport is served by two regular bus lines: 208 and 292 and one night line: 902. Bus stops within the airport's premises are located near the T1 and T2 terminals. One-way ticket price: 3.20 PLN.

Tickets can be purchased from:

- the bus driver;
- the RELAY newsagent's shop – T1 international terminal, mezzanine;
- the ticket machine at the bus stop;

Additionally, ticket vending machines can be found on 292 line buses.

For more information please visit www.krakowairport.pl

Poster session at WIRE 2012

Poster number	Institution	Topic
1	International Institute of Molecular and Cell Biology	Proteins in health and disease; Effective technology transfer in biotechnology
2	Marshal's Office Malopolska Voivodeship	SMART+ "Promotion of RTD and SME Mini-programme"
3	ACCIO Government of Catalonia	Promotion of TECNIO
4	Genorado Environmental Technologies	Geothermal Communities demonstrating the cascading use of geothermal energy for district heating
5	Baltic Innovation Agency	Tissue Engineering and Regenerative Medicine (TERM)
6	Mineral and Energy Economy Research Institute of the Polish Academy of Sciences	Project SIGMA
7	Region Vastra Gotland	Region Vastra Gotland's Innovation Strategy
8	CEITEC	CEITEC Project
9	Lviv National Polytechnic University	SOGNET Project
10	ALIA (Asociacion Logistica Innovadora de Aragon)	Sustainable Organization between Clusters of optimized Logistics @ Europe
11	Institute of Genetics and Animal Breeding PAS	Centre of Excellence ANIMBIOGEN in EU
12	Institute of Power Engineering	SENERES - Sustainable Energy Research and Development Centre
13	Hanken School of Economics in Finland	Can Europeans really learn from one another - The impact of cross border cultural differenc on knowledge transfer
14	CNR-ITAE	Project EuroMed S
15	Atlantis Consulting Cyprus Ltd	Noviwam Novel Integrated Water Management Systems for Southern European Regions
16	IMT Bucharest	Project MIMOMEMS, "European Centre of Excellence in Microwave, Millimetre Wave and Optical Devices, based on Micro-Electro-Mechanical Systems for Advanced communication System and Sensor
17	Knowledge4innovation	Presentation of K4I Forum of the European Parliament activities
18	Institute of Technology and Life Sciences	BIOCLUS – Developing Research and Innovation Environment in five European Regions in the field of Sustainable Use of Biomass Resources
19	AREA Science Park	SynBIOsis - Maximizing Synergies for Central European Biotech Research Infrastructures
20	Marshal's Office Malopolska Voivodeship	European clusters and regions for eco-innovatoion network plus - Ecrein+ "
21	NOVITECH	Workplace Innovation Zone
22	Institute of Environmental Assessment and Water Research CSIC - Spanish Council for Scientific Research	Project MIRA

23	Macedonian Academy of Sciences and Arts; Research Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology	National Reference Centre for Genomics and Proteomics – Project MACPROGEN
24	University of Debrecen	Improving reaserch potential of the Institution for Land Utilization Technology and regional Development on the field of GIS
25	Research Center for Molecular Medicine	Molecular Medicine Regional Centre of Excellence (MOLMEDREX)
26	Warsaw University of Technology	
27	Lublin University of Technology	Centre of Excellence for Modern Composites Applied in Aerospace an Surface Transport Infrastructure
28	Research Council of Norway	JPI Oceans

Stands at WIRE 2012

Stand number	Institution	Topic
1	International Institute of Molecular and Cell Biology	
2	University Politehnica of Bucharest – Faculty of Automatic Control and Computers	Empowering Romanian Research on Intelligent Information Technologies
3	Jagiellonian University Medical College	The OMICRON Project
4	INNOVA Észak-Alföld Regional and Innovation Agency Subcarpathian Technology Platform	Észak-Alföld Region
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6	National Contact Point for Research Programmes of the EU	
7	European Commission	
8	Marshal's Office Malopolska Voivodeship	Promotion of innovative and economic potential of the region
9	A. Mickiewicz University at Poznan, Faculty of Chemistry	Promotion of research and innovation in Wielkopolska and innovative materials and nanomaterials
10	Lower Silesia Voivodeship Marshall Office, Health Policy Department	CE Programme Project InTraMed - C2C- Innovation Transfer in Medical Sector
11	Institute for Work & Technology, Dept. Innovation, Space & Culture, Germany	ELMO ^S – Electromobility Solutions for Cities and Regions
12	Institute of Fundamental Technological Research	EuroRIs-Net+ The project is the network of EU National Contact Point dealing with the research infrastructures
13 & 14	EMBL	Promotion of EMBL and the pan-European ELIXIR project, Europe's emerging infrastructure for biological information
15	CNR-SPIN	MAMA-ProTheo - Multifunctional Advanced Materials: Probe and Theory
16	Astri Polska	Astri Polska is a joint venture of the biggest European space industry company - ASTRIUM and the major Polish research institute - Space Research Center of the Polish Academy of Sciences
17	Technical University of Łódź	Project E-matura
18	BMH	
19	Marshal's Office Silesia Voivodeship	Regional Innovation Strategy of Silesia Voivodeship
20	Knowledge4innovation	Presentation of K4I Forum of the European Parliament activities
21	Polish Agency for Enterprise Development	

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