

INVITATION & PROGRAMME NETWORK EVENT

16-09-2014

Date: Wednesday 8 October 2014
Time: 16:45 – 20:00
Venue: Permanent Representation of the
Kingdom of the Netherlands to the EU
Avenue de Cortenbergh 4-10, Brussels



Dear relation,

You are warmly invited to the network event “Crossing the Innovation Divide” on Wednesday 8 October. This event is organised by Neth-ER and the Association of universities in the Netherlands (VSNU), in collaboration with the Permanent Representation of the Netherlands to the EU.

Dutch connections, European opportunities

A more equal innovation output in Europe is desirable. EU measures like Widening Participation instruments in Horizon2020 demonstrate this. Therefore, you are invited to come and explore potential opportunities with Dutch organisations, reaching beyond any innovation divide. Ranging from basic to applied research and innovation, Dutch institutes rank among the best in the world. But excellence in science and innovation is not limited to any geographical area. We want to bring possible partners together and lay foundations for strategic partnerships and fruitful corporation between universities and knowledge institutes in your country and the Netherlands.

Programme

Attached to this invitation you can find the program of the network event. The main goal is to get to know each other and start building new partnerships. The importance of such a cooperation will be underlined by contributions from different stakeholders.

For whom?

The event invites board members, liaison officers, subsidy advisors and researchers of universities, universities of applied science, RTOs and other R&D, or R&D funding organisations and regions from the countries eligible under widening participation, and from the Netherlands.

Frans van Vught, president Neth-ER
Karl Dittrich, president VSNU

Registration

Please register by sending an e-mail to neth-er@neth-er.eu under the heading ‘Crossing the Innovation Divide’. Please mention the following information in your e-mail:

- Organisation and position
- (scientific) disciplines and/or topics of interest

Please bring your passport or ID-card in order to enter the venue. Deadline for registration is 25 September.



Programme Network Event 'Crossing the Innovation Divide'

During the programme there will be a standing buffet which continues during the event. Between the speeches there will be a lot of time to network and start fruitful collaborations.

You are invited to bring banners and flyers in order to introduce yourself.

16:45 - Start network event with drinks & snacks

17:10 - Welcome by the Permanent Mission of the Netherlands to the EU
Paul Ymkers, Head of Division
Division Atomic questions & Research

17:20 - Opening by the chairman of the event
Karl Dittrich, president of the VSNU (Association of Universities in the Netherlands)

17:30 Information market

18:30 - Speech by the DG Research & Innovation, European Commission
Dimitri Corpakis, Head of Unit Spreading of Excellence and Widening Participation
The first results of teaming and looking at the future

18:45 - Speech by the Vice-Rector of Mendel University, Brno Czech Republic
Vojtech Adam.
Tasks and Responsibilities of Universities in Innovation "Food Chain"

19:00 – network drink

20:00 - Closing speech by Karl Dittrich