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Challenges for Europe 2020: Demands for an effective R&D policy

General Assembly 2010
(updated 09th November – subject to modifications)

Meeting venue:
Istanbul Congress Centre
Taşkışla Cad. 31156 Harbiye Beşiktaş

WEDNESDAY, 10TH NOVEMBER

18:00 – 19:00

- I Bureau meeting (for Bureau members only)
(see separate agenda)

19:00

Transfer to dinner

20:00

Dinner for Bureau members

THURSDAY, 11TH NOVEMBER STATUTORY GENERAL ASSEMBLY SESSION OPEN TO AER MEMBERS

09:00 – 09:30

- I Opening speech

Hande Özsan Bozatalı, Second Vice-President of Istanbul
Provincial Council

H. Hüsamettin Koçak, President of the Provincial Council

Hüseyin Avni Mutlu, Governor of Istanbul

Hayati Yazıcı, Minister of State

Michèle Sabban, AER President

09:30 – 11:50

- II **Statutory matters**

09:30

- 1 Adoption of the draft agenda

Michèle Sabban, AER President

- 2 Adoption of the minutes from the last General Assembly and last
Extraordinary General Assembly

(Belfort, 26th and 27th November 2009)

Klaus Klipp, Secretary general

09:40

- 3 AER in action in 2010

09:40
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10:00
10:10

- Activity report from the President
Michèle Sabban, AER President
- Activity report from the Secretary General
Klaus Klipp, AER Secretary General
- Public health and social action (Committee 2)
Christina Wahrolin, Vice-President of Committee 2
Vladimir Kosic, candidate to Committee 2 presidency
- Energy, cohesion and other activities from Committee 1
Håkan Sandgren, President of Committee 1 (and new candidate)

10:20
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11:00
11:05

- Supporting decentralisation, regionalism in Europe
(Standing Committee for Institutional Affairs)
Peter Straub, President of the Standing Committee
Roy Perry, candidate to Standing Committee presidency
- Equal opportunities: the work of the Standing Committee
Monica Carlsson, President of the Standing Committee (and new candidate)
- Eurodyssey programme
Carlos Cesar, President of Azores
- Summer Schools
Rolf Vorburger, St.Gallen
- Youth policy, decentralised cooperation and other activities
from Committee 3
Johanna Mikl-Leitner, President of Committee 3
Hande Özsan Bozatlı, candidate to the Committee presidency 3
- Youth Regional Network
Olov Oskarsson, President
- Standing Committee for Monitoring and Evaluation
Brian Greenslade, President of the Standing Committee

11:10 – 11:30 *Break*
11:30 – 13:00 *Youth session (Youth representative only)*

11:30
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11:50 – 12:30

- 4 State of Membership and integration of new members
Urs Wüthrich-Pelloli, Vice-President Treasurer
 - 5 Finances
 - Auditor's report on the 2009 accounts
P. Maire, KPMG
 - Adoption of the 2009 accounts
Urs Wüthrich-Pelloli, Vice-President Treasurer
 - Adoption of the draft budget for 2011
Urs Wüthrich-Pelloli, Vice-President Treasurer
- III Elections**
- 1 Designation of the oldest and youngest representatives of a member region
 - 2 Election of the President
 - 3 Elections of the Vice-presidents



4 New allocation of Bureau seats and election of the new Bureau

12:30 – 14:00

Lunch

GENERAL ASSEMBLY – THEMATIC SESSIONS ON R&D
SESSION OPEN TO ALL

14:00

IV **Inaugural speech of the newly elected President**

14:15

V **Keynote speech**

Dirk Ahner, European Commission, Director General DG Regional Policy

15:00

VI **Opening of thematic sessions**

15:00 – 15:15

AER Innovation award ceremony

15:15 – 17:30

1 **Interregional and territorial cooperation to drive and support innovation in our regions**

The session will look at the role played by regions in making Europe a world competitor in R&D. Is R&D a strategy for all regions or only for some, and how can interregional cooperation harness regional diversity and creativity to drive R&D and Innovation?

Moderator: Greg Clark

Speakers:

-Orhan Albayrak, First Vice-President of Istanbul Provincial Council

-Dirk Ahner, Director General DG Regional Policy, European Commission

-Hervé Péro, Head of Unit (Research Infrastructures) and Acting Director (ERA: Programmes and Research Capacities), DG Research, European Commission

-Carlos Härtel, GE Global Research

-Urs Müller, BAK Basel Economics

20:00

Gala dinner

FRIDAY, 12TH NOVEMBER

08:45 – 09:30

Meeting of the new Bureau (for Bureau members only)
(see separate agenda)

SESSION OPEN TO ALL

09:30 – 13:00

Continuation of the General Assembly and thematic sessions

Continuation of the thematic sessions

09:30 – 11:00

2 **Clusters: turning research into business opportunities in the regions**

The session will examine if and how clusters can help bring R&D



to regional businesses. The discussion will also highlight different approaches for supporting the growth of clusters and help them adapt to external factors such as new technological developments or the economic crisis.

Moderator: Peter Heydebreck, Inno AG, member of the AER Innovation Award Jury

Speakers:

- Marco Marchese, OECD, Centre for Entrepreneurship - Local Economic and Employment Development Division
- Arne Sandemo, Chairman of the Regional Council of Uppsala
- Esa Halme, President of the Regional Board of Tampere
- Lucia Seel, Coordinator EU projects, Clusterland Oberösterreich GmbH
- Gulay Barbarosoglu, Professor, Faculty of Engineering, Bogaziçi University

11:00 – 11:30

Break

11:30 – 13:00

3 Research funding: Challenges for SMEs and regions. Recommendations for 2014 onwards?

Europe is still trailing the United States in R&D investment. Furthermore, helping SMEs and Regions access and use EU research funding has been a persistent challenge. Is bureaucracy the only issue? What are the other barriers? What lessons have we learned and how can funding be simplified and streamlined in the future so that SMEs and Regions can play a full and active role?

Moderator: Jacki Davis, EU analyst and commentator

Speakers:

- Eliane Giraud, Councillor in charge of general administration and regional natural parks of Rhône-Alpes Region
- Rik Mooijweer, Chairman of the working group R&D and innovation, UEAPME
- Harald Noack, member of the European Court of Auditors
- Hervé Péro, Head of Unit (Research Infrastructures) and Acting Director (ERA: Programmes and Research Capacities), DG Research, European Commission

13:00

VII Adoption of the Final Declaration
AER President

13:15

VIII «Communicating Europe» award ceremony

13:30 – 13:40

IX Closing speech
AER President

13:45

Lunch

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