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**DG RTD, Square Frère-Orban 8,  
1000, Brussels (ORBN building)**

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DG Research and Innovation (RTD) and the Jacques Delors Institute have the pleasure to invite you for a high-level discussion on the shape of Europe's future research and innovation (R&I) policy.

The coming months will be rich in transitions for our institutions and their policy agendas. With the approval of the new Horizon Europe programme underway and our leaders fresh back from discussions at Sibiu on the EU's future priorities, preparations for the new European Parliament and Commission are taking place.

To prepare for such a future, DG RTD has undertaken many changes. We have developed a new strategy and narrative that make research and innovation more politically relevant and impactful. Our organisation has been remodelled to become an agile and central actor in providing a European answer to the social, ecological, and economic transitions our society is and must be undertaking.

Our vision is clear: R&I can become a driving force for the transition of European society towards a sustainable future. At the core of our vision is the determination to respond to the needs of our citizens, the desire to foster their prosperity, the imperative to respect our planetary boundaries, and the commitment to help make sustainability the key driver of the EU's competitiveness. We want to make R&I a powerful enabler to achieve these goals.

Our vision is ambitious, and if we are to be successful, it needs to be shared by relevant institutional stakeholders.

This seminar will be an opportunity to take a first step in that direction, as Jean-Eric Paquet, Pascal Lamy, senior managers of the DG and other influential speakers will test with you, in an open and participatory setting, DG RTD's draft policy agenda for the future and its strategic repositioning in the EU's policy context.

We hope you will have the opportunity to join this conversation and look forward to your reply.

Chatham House rules will apply.

## Programme

### 14:30 ▪ Session 1

**Introduction by Antonio Vincente**, Head of  
Cabinet of Commissioner Moedas

**Jean-Eric Paquet**, Directeur of the European  
Commission, overview of the renewed DG  
RTD and its policy priorities by

### 14:50 ▪ Didactic policy exchanges

#### Sustainability ▪

**Geneviève Pons**, Director of the Jacques  
Delors Institute Office in Brussel,

**Clara de la Torre**, Director for transport,  
European Commission, DG RTD

#### Climate and energy transitions ▪

**Thomas Pellerin-Carlin**, Head of The  
Jacques Delors Energy Center

**John Bell**, director for Bioeconomy  
EU Commission RTD

#### Artificial Intelligence ▪

**Paul Jasper Dittrich**, Research fellow at the  
Jacques Delors Institut – Berlin

**Peter Droell**, Acting Director of the  
Directorate General for Research and  
Innovation of the European Commission, RTD

*Moderator: Kurt Vandenberghe, Director of the Policy & Programming Centre (RTD)*

### 16:10 ▪ Session 2

**Key address by Pascal Lamy**, President  
Emeritus of The Jacques Delors Energy  
Centre

### 16:25 ▪ Interactive policy exchange

*Moderator: Céline Gauer, Deputy Secretary-General, European Commission*

### 17:30 ▪ Wrap up by Richard Hudson, Editor-in-chief & Vice Chair of the Board, Science Business

*Drinks*

## List of participants

### External participants

- **Herman Van Rompuy** Former President of the European Council
- **Dirk Pilat** Deputy Director, Directorate for Science, Technology and Innovation, OECD
- **Martina Larkin** Head of Regional Strategies – Europe and Eurasia and Member of the Executive Committee of the World Economic Forum
- **Sandrine Dixon-Declève** Co-President, Club of Rome
- **Richard Hudson** Editor-in-Chief, Science Business
- **Andrea Renda** Head of Global Governance, Regulation, Innovation and the Digital Economy, Centre for European Policy Studies (CEPS)
- **Luc Soete** Coordinator of the RISE Group advising Commissioner Moedas
- **Philippe Adriaenssens** Policy Director, European Round of Industrialists
- **Heather Grabbe** Director of EU Affairs, Open Society European Policy Institute
- **Ellen Riotte** Head of Partnerships, Research and Outreach at the Open Society European Policy Institute
- **Carlos Trias Pinto** Director of International Relations, European Economic and Social Committee
- **Janez Potočnik** International Resource Panel Co-Chair, former European Commissioner

### Notre Europe - Jacques Delors Institute

- **Pascal Lamy** President Emeritus, Jacques Delors Institute
- **Geneviève Pons** Director of Brussels Office, Jacques Delors Institute
- **Thomas Pellerin-Carlin** Head of the Jacques Delors Energy Center (Paris)
- **Paul-Jasper Dittrich** Policy Fellow at the Jacques Delors Institute (Berlin)
- **Pierre Leturcq** Research Assistant, Jacques Delors Institute, Brussels Office

### European Commission participants (Non-DG RTD)

- **Helena Braun** Member of Cabinet of First-Vice President Timmermans
- **Céline Gauer** Deputy Secretary-General
- **Mauro Petriccione** Director-General, DG CLIMA
- **Marc Lemaître** Director-General, DG REGIO
- **Timo Pesonen** Director-General, DG GROW
- **Kerstin Jorna** Deputy Director-General, DG ECFIN
- **Normunds Popen** Deputy Director-General, DG REGIO
- **John-F Ryan** Director for Public health, country knowledge & crisis management, DG SANTE
- **Slawomir Tokarski** Director, Innovation and Advanced Manufacturing, DG GROW
- **Tassos Haniotis** Director, Strategy, simplification and policy analysis, DG AGRI
- **Luc Van den Brande** Special advisor to President Juncker

### DG RTD Board

- **Jean-Eric Paquet** Director-General
- **Signe Ratso** Deputy Director-General, Open Innovation and Chief negotiator for Horizon Europe Association
- **Wolfgang Burtscher** Deputy Director-General, Science and Policy transitions
- **Patrick Child** Deputy Director-General, Implementation, Impact and Sustainable Investment Strategies
- **Jessica Larsson** Policy Assistant to Jean-Eric Paquet
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- **March Tachelet** Director, Research Executive Agency
- **Julien Guerrier** Director, Executive Agency for Small and Medium-sized Enterprises
- **Dirk Beckers** Director, Innovation & Networks Executive Agency
- **Pablo Amor** Director, European Research Council Executive Agency

