

R R&I AS A COMPASS FOR THE FUTURE WE WANT .

May 24 ■ 14:30 > 17:30

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

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 Vandenbergh, 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

Liste des participants

- **Mauro Petriccione**, Directorate General CLIMA, European Commission
- **Kerstin Jorna**, Directorate General ECFIN, European Commission
- **Antonio Vincente**, Head of Carlos Moedas' Cabinet, European Commissioner for Research, Science and Innovation
- **Helena Braun**, Member of Frans Timmermans' Cabinet, First Vice-President of the European Commission
- **Céline Gauer**, Deputy Secretary-General, European Commission
- **Herman Von Rompuy**, Former President of the European Council
- **Luc Van Den Brande**, Special advisor to President Juncker
- **Dirk Pilat**, OECD
- **Martina Larkin**, WEF
- **Sandrine Dixon-Declève**, Club de Rome
- **Richard Hudson**, Science Business
- **Andrea Renda**, CEPS
- **Luc Soete**, RISE
- **Philippe Adrianssens**, ERT
- **Ellen Riotte**, Open Society Foundations