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*The Estonian Permanent Representation to the EU, The Ministry of Education and Research and The Estonian Research Council have the pleasure to invite you to a panel discussion:*

## Overcoming the Innovation Divide in Europe: perspectives and possibilities

Thursday 28 May 2014, 15:00-19:30

Permanent Representation of Estonia to the EU  
Rue Guimard 11/13, 1040 Brussels

### PROGRAMME

*15:00 Welcome and introduction*

**Mr Clyde Kull**, Ambassador, Deputy Permanent Representative of Estonia to the EU

**Mr Jürgen Ligi**, Minister for Education and Research, Estonia

*Keynote speaker*

Professor **Andrea Bonaccorsi**, Board of the National Agency for the Evaluation of Universities and Research Institutes, Italy, and member of RISE Advisory Group

*Best practice examples*

**Dr Špela Stres**, Head of Centre for Technology Transfer, Jožef Stefan Institute

**Ms Evelyn Smith**, Manager, EU Research and Innovation Office, Enterprise Ireland

*coffee break*

*17:00 Panel discussion*

Representative of **European Commission** (tba)

**Ms Marju Lauristin** MEP, S&D, Social and Democratic Party, Estonia

**Dr Špela Stres**, Head of the Institute's Centre for Technology Transfer, Jožef Stefan Institute

**Mr Christian Ehler** MEP, EPP, Christian Democrats, Germany

**Mr Linnar Viik**, Member of Advisory Board, the Lisbon Council and Member of Estonian Research and Development Council

Moderated by Professor **Toivo Maimets**, Director of Institute of Molecular and Cell Biology, University of Tartu, and member of the RISE Advisory Group to the European Commission

*18:15 Networking reception*

***We look forward to welcoming you!***

**Indrek Reimand**

Deputy Chancellor of the Ministry of Education and Research

**Andres Koppel**

Head of Estonian Research Council