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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

16:45 Panel discussion

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

Dr Dimitri Corpakis, Head of Unit, Regional Dimension of Innovation. DG Research and Innovation

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

18:00 Networking reception

Please register by **May 22nd** by writing to brussels@etaq.ee

With kind regards

Clyde Kull

Ambassador, Deputy Permanent Representative of Estonia to the EU