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Draft Programme

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18:00- 21:00 *Dinner Grand Hotel Bucharest*

Add. 4 Nicolae Balcescu Boulevard, Bucharest 010051 Romania

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Welcome and Introduction

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09.00-09.30 *Welcome coffee*

09.30-10.30 Opening and presentation of the objectives

- Adrian Curaj, Director, UEFISCDI
- Marc Schiltz, President of Science Europe
- FAPESP, tbc

Keynote speeches on the discussion topics

- Cristian Busoi, MEP ITRE Committee – European Parliament (tbc)
 - Tiit Jurimae – Senior Policy Officer - DG Research and Innovation – European Commission
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Sub-Topic 1 – Research for sustainable development

10.30-11.00	Presentation of the SNSF/FONSTI discussion paper on the topic <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Angelika Kalt, Director, Swiss National Science Foundation Keynote speech <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Thierry Damerval – President – French national agency of Research (ANR) <hr/>
11.00-11.15	<i>Coffee Break</i> <hr/>
11.15-12.00	Panel discussion and Q&A <i>Chair</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Angelika Kalt, Director of the Swiss National Science Foundation <i>Panellists</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Daniela Jacob, Director, Climate Service Center of Germany – Member of European Commission board for the Horizon Europe Mission Adaptation to climate Change – <i>Online</i>• Zbigniew Kundzewicz, Professor, Polish Academy of Sciences• Christiane Joerk, Programme Director, Humanities and Social Sciences 2: Social and Behavioural Sciences, DFG• László Garamszegi, Director General of the HUN-REN Centre for Ecological Research <i>Questions for discussion- based on the background paper from SNSF/FONSTI</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>What specific role could basic research play in addressing sustainability challenges?</i>• <i>What are the obstacles to the development of transdisciplinary approaches to support knowledge coproduction between scientists and non-academic actors on sustainability ?</i>• <i>How can research funders and performers better support the transfer of knowledge into implementation?</i> <hr/>
12.00-12.45	Breakout discussions <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Rapporteurs : Science Europe and UEFISCDI</i>• <i>Moderator : GRC Participants</i> <hr/>
12.45-13.45	<i>Lunch</i> <hr/>
13.45-14.10	Plenary report on outcomes of break out discussions <hr/>
14.10-14.40	Update on the <i>Equality, Diversity and Inclusion GRC Working Group</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Adrien Braem, Senior Policy Officer Science Europe, Co-chair of the Working Group <hr/>
14.40-14.55	<i>Coffee Break</i> <hr/>

Sub-Topic 2 – Making research itself sustainable

14.55-15.25	Presentation of SNSF/FONSTI discussion paper on the topic : <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Angelika Kalt, Director, Swiss National Science Foundation Keynote speech <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Melanie Welham, Former executive at BBRSC, former Governing Board member at Science Europe, tbc
15.25-16.10	Panel discussion and Q&A <i>Chair</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sonja Ochsenfeld, Head of Division Research Culture, DFG, Germany <i>Panellists</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Stephane Berghmans – Director of Research and Innovation at EUA• Irena Martinović Klarić – Head of international relations - HRZZ• Astrid Eichhorn – Professor at University of Southern Denmark, Chair of ALLEA Working Group on Climate Sustainability in the Academic System -<i>Online</i>• Jacopo Cammeo – Researcher – European University Institute <p><i>Questions for discussion - based on the background paper from SNSF/FONSTI</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>What are the good practices available of research funders and performers encouraging more sustainable research practices and did it show positive results/developments ?</i>• <i>To what extent do research organisations reflect on whether their research evaluation systems support sustainable research practices?</i>• <i>What challenges have arisen where more sustainable research practices have been tried out?</i>
16.10-16.25	<i>Coffee Break</i>
16.25-17.10	Breakout discussions <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Rapporteurs : Science Europe and UEFISCDI</i>• <i>Moderator : GRC Participants</i>
17.10-17.40	Plenary report on outcomes of break out discussions
17.40-18.10	Update on <i>Responsible Research Assessment GRC Working Group</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sean Sapcariu, Programme Manager, Luxembourg National Research Fund, Co-Chair of the Working Group
18.10-18.20	Wrap-up Day 1
19.00-21.00	<i>Reception</i> <i>National Bank of Romania</i> <i>Strada Lipscani nr. 25, sector 3, cod 03003, Bucharest</i>

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Sub-Topic 3 – Use of Sustainability Science for Society

09.00-09.30	<i>Welcome coffee</i>
09.30-10.00	Presentation of the topic/discussion paper <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Angelika Kalt, Director, Swiss National Science Foundation Keynote speech <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Adrian Curaj, Director General, UEFISCDI
10.00-10.45	Panel discussion and Q&A <i>Chair</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Anu Noorma, Head of the Estonian Research Council (ETag) <i>Panelists</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Melanie Welham, Former Executive Chair at BBSRC, former Governing Board at Science Europe• Susanne Tönsmann, European Citizen Science Association• Daniel Zajfman, Board Chairman, Israel Science Foundation• Elisa Omodei, Assistant Professor, Central European University -<i>Online</i> <i>Questions for discussion - based on the background paper from SNSF/FONSTI</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>What are the promising models for building trust and mutual understanding between researchers, policy makers and societal actors?</i>• <i>How to include members of society in the dialogue between researchers and policy actors?</i>• <i>What ethical considerations need to be made when involving non-academic stakeholders?</i>
10.45-11.00	<i>Break</i>
11.00-11.45	Breakout discussions <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Rapporteurs : Science Europe and UEFISCDI</i>• <i>Moderator : GRC Participants</i>
11.45-12.20	Plenary report
12.20-12.50	Update on <i>Multilateral Engagement GRC Working Group</i> Co-Chairs of the Working Group: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Osamu Kobayashi, Director of International affairs – Japan Science and Technology Agency - <i>Online</i>• Prudence Makhura, Director, South Africa National Science Foundation - <i>Online</i>
12.50-14.00	<i>Lunch</i>

Conclusion and GRC General update

14.00-14.30	Take up conclusions <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lidia Borrell-Damián, Secretary-General of Science Europe <hr/>
14.30-15.15	GRC Foresight Report <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Michael Bright – Associate Director for international policy - UKRI <hr/>
15.15-15.30	Report from the GRC Secretariat – Towards the GRC 2024 Annual Meeting <hr/>
15.30-15.45	Closing <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Marc Schiltz – President of Science Europe <hr/>