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EU-GCC Science & Technology International Cooperation Network



مجلس البحث العلمي
The Research Council

INCONET GCC2 International Conference
Collaboration for Innovation; Linking GCC and EU
Grand Hyatt Hotel, Muscat, 6-8 December 2015

Sunday, 6th December

09:00 – 15:00 On-Site visits to local Technology Parks, Incubators, Research Organizations

Monday, 7th December

08:30 – 09:00 Registration & Welcome Coffee

09:00 – 09:30 The EU and GCC perspectives on R&I cooperation

Moderator: Mr. George Baroutas, Electrical and Computer Engineer, Technology Transfer Consultant, PRAXI Network, Greece

Dr. Abdulbaqi Al Khabouri, Innovation Park Muscat (IPM) Director, The Research Council, Oman

Ms. Lucie Berger, EU Delegation to Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, and Qatar

Mr. Thierry Devars, Project Officer, DG Research and Innovation, European Commission

09:30 – 10:30 EU-GCC STI State of the art: programs, actors, and instruments on R&I

Moderator: Dr. Oskar Ziemelis, Director Cooperation, Gulf Research Center Foundation, Switzerland

Mr. George Baroutas, Electrical and Computer Engineer, Technology Transfer Consultant, PRAXI Network, Greece

Mr. Abdalla Adlan, Project Manager, Qatar University, Qatar

10:30 - 11:00 Coffee break and networking

11:00 – 12:00 International cooperation strategies and programmes

Moderator: Dr. Yasemin Koc, Innovation Advisor British Council, United-Kingdom

Dr. Ioannis Kaltsas, Head of Division, European Investment Bank, Luxemburg

Dr. Kirstie Yvette Wild, Senior Consultant, DPhil; Secretariat of Executive Board Danish Technological Institute, Denmark



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		Dr. Abdunasser Al-Ansari , Deputy Executive Director, Qatar National Research Foundation, Qatar
12:00 – 12:30	Horizon 2020 opportunities and support services for GCC	Ms. Monique Bossi , National Contact Point in H2020; Project Manager, APRE - Agency for the Promotion of European Research, Italy
12:30 – 13:15	Main challenges in EU-GCC R&I cooperation: Ways to overcome the hurdles	Moderator: Dr. Thomas Andersson , Professor, Chairman, IKED, Sweden Dr. Mansoor Ahmed Hasan Husain Alaali , President, Ahlia University, Bahrain Prof. Pier-Luigi Sacco , Professor of Cultural Economics IULM University, Milan, Italy Mr. Nicolas Patrici , Director AECHE - Arab-Euro Conference on Higher Education, Spain
13:15 – 14:00	Lunch and networking	
14:00 – 14:30	Open Innovation: A facilitator for EU-GCC cooperation?	Dr. Roland Harwood , Co-Founder & Managing Partner 100%Open, United-Kingdom
14:30 – 15:30	R&I in Energy/Smart Cities and Health: Current achievements and success stories in EU-GCC cooperation	Moderator: Dr. Sylviane Toporkoff , Founder & Partner, Items International, France <i>Energy/Smart Cities:</i> Dr. Miimu Airaksinen , Research Professor, Ecoefficient Built Environment, VTT, Technical Research Centre of Finland Prof. Toufic Mezher , Senior Expert, MASDAR Institute, UAE <i>Health:</i> Dr. Ismail Said , Qatar Genome Project Manager, Qatar University, Qatar Mr. Giampaolo Armellin , Head of the Research Unit, CRG - Centro Ricerche GPI, Italy
15:30 – 15:45	Coffee break and networking	
15:45 – 16:45	Future opportunities for collaboration in H2020: Moving towards a stronger EU-GCC cooperation in Energy/Smart Cities & Health	Moderator: Mr. Dimitris Filippidis , Technology Transfer Consultant, PRAXI Network, Greece Dr. Piotr Swiatek , German National Contact Point for Energy in H2020; Science Officer at Project Management Jülich Ms. Monique Bossi , National Contact Point in H2020; Project Manager, APRE, Italy

Opening Ceremony and Official dinner (organized by TRC)

19:00 - 19:10	Quran Recitation by Abdullah Al Sulaimi, TRC
19:10 - 19:20	Welcoming notes: HE Dr. Hilal Al Hinai , Secretary General, The Research Council, Oman
19:20 - 19:25	TRC short Clip of Brand Essence
19:25 - 19:35	Welcoming notes: H.E. Ambassador Adam Kulach , Head of EU Delegation to Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, and Qatar
19:35 - 19:45	Key Notes by Dr. Jamil Al Shaqsi , local innovator
19:45 - 20:00	Key Notes by Ms. Wafa Al Jabri , local innovator
20:00 - 20:10	Innovation clip
20:10 - 20:30	Exhibition
20:30	TRC Welcoming Dinner (Grand Hyatt Hotel Garden - Outdoor)

From 13:45 – 16:00 an additional room will be available for B2B meetings between attendees on an ad-hoc basis. Interested stakeholders will express their interest first in the reception desk

Tuesday, 8th December

09:00 – 09:45	The State of Innovation in GCC: The Energy/Smart Cities & Health sectors	Moderator: Mr. Dimitris Filippidis , Technology Transfer Consultant, PRAXI Network, Greece Mr. Shafeea Alnattei , Head of IT Projects, Health Information Directorate, Ministry of Health, Bahrain Prof. Dr. Mohammad Kazem Behbehani , Director General, Dasman Diabetes Institute, Kuwait Dr. Mahmood Al Kindi , Co-director, Academic Innovation Assistance Program (AIAP), SQU, Oman
09:45 - 10:45	Innovation in Energy/Smart Cities and Health in an international context	Moderator: Ms. Ingrid Andersson , CEO, Corporate Wellbeing Oman (CWO), Oman Dr. Abdunasser Al-Ansari , Deputy Executive Director, Qatar National Research Foundation, Qatar Mr. Giampaolo Armellin , Head of the Research Unit, CRG - Centro Ricerche GPI, Italy Dr. Halim Redhwi , CEO, Dhahran Techno-Valley Company, KFUPM, Saudi Arabia
10:45 – 11:15	Coffee break and networking	

11:15 - 12:15	Innovation in Energy/Smart Cities and Health in an international context (continued)	<p>Ms. Marina Guerin-Jabbour, Innovation and Industry Client Centre Director, IBM-CERT Technology Park</p> <p>Dr. Zaki Mallasi, Director of the Smart Buildings Research Center, Effat University, Saudi Arabia</p> <p>Dr. Mika Rantakokko, COO The Six City Strategy, Open Innovation Platforms, Finland</p> <p>Mr. Hervé Rannou, CEO CITYZEN DATA, France</p>
12:15 – 14:00	Roundtable discussion and concluding remarks: R&I policy review - Steps to improve EU-GCC cooperation	<p>Moderator: Dr. Diassina Di Maggio, Director, APRE, Italy</p> <p>Panelists</p> <p>Mr. Thierry Devars, Project Officer, DG Research and Innovation, European Commission</p> <p>Mr. Abdalla Adlan, Project Manager, Qatar University, Qatar</p> <p>Dr. Abdunasser Al-Ansari, Deputy Executive Director, Qatar National Research Foundation, Qatar</p> <p>Prof. Toufic Mezher, Senior Expert, MASDAR Institute, UAE</p> <p>Dr. Kirstie Yvette Wild, Senior Consultant, DPhil; Secretariat of Executive Board Danish Technological Institute, Denmark</p> <p>Dr. Miimu Airaksinen, Research Professor, Ecoefficient Built Environment, VTT, Technical Research Centre of Finland</p>
14:00 – 15:00	Lunch	

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**19:00 - Social Dinner
(hosted by PEIE - Public Establishment for Industrial Estates)**