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Innovation as a Key Factor of Economic Growth in the Enlarged EU
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Conference venue: Fraunhofer MOEZ, Neumarkt 9-19 (inner courtyard, entrance B), 04109 Leipzig

Thursday, November 20th

13.00 **Opening**

Prof. Dr. Franz Häuser, Rector of the University of Leipzig
Prof. Dr. Thorsten Posselt, Director Fraunhofer Zentrum für Mittel- und Osteuropa, Leipzig
Prof. Dr. Thomas Lenk, Director Centre for International Economics

Session I: R&D-Challenges and R&D-Policy in the enlarged EU

Chairman: Prof. Dr. Gunther Schnabl, Director Institute of Economic Policy, University of Leipzig

- 13.30 The EU's Lisbon Strategy and the Challenge of the R&D-Competitive Edge of the United States: How to Close the Gap?
Contributor: Pierre Vigier, European Commission, Head of DG RTD Unit on Economic Analysis and monitoring of National Research Policies and the Lisbon Strategy
- 14.15 The R&D-Competitive Edge of the United States: How to get and how to keep?
Contributor: Don Brown, U.S. Embassy Berlin, Chief of Global Affairs Unit, Economic Section
- 15.00 Competitiveness in Research and Development in the new Member States
Contributor: Prof. Dr. Adam Toeroek, Budapest University of Technology and Economics
- 15.45 – 16.15 Coffee Break

Session II: R&D-Systems and R&D-Policy in the new Member States

Chairman: Prof. Dr. Thomas Steger, Institute of Theoretical Economics, University of Leipzig

- 16.15 The Czech Republic in the Global Knowledge-based Economy: Development Trends and Political Implications
Contributor: Anna Kadeřábková, Director of the Centre for Economic Studies, Prague
- 17.00 Research and Technology Policy in Hungary between Public Funding and Private Financing
Contributor: Dr. Ilona Vass, Vice President of the National Office for Research and Technology, Budapest, Hungary
- 17.45 Excursus: The Place of the Fraunhofer-Gesellschaft within the German R&D System and Chances for European Cooperation in the field of technology
Contributor: Prof. Dr. Thorsten Posselt, Fraunhofer MOEZ Leipzig
- 18.30 Reception

Chairman: Prof. Dr. Thorsten Posselt, Director Fraunhofer MOEZ

- 9.00 Innovation, Market Structure and Productivity Growth
Contributor: Dr. Alena Zemplerova, CERGE, Prague, Czech Republic
- 9.45 Research- and Technology System in Poland: successes and challenges
Contributor: Dr. Aleksander Bakowski, National Contact Point, Warsaw, Poland
- 10.15 Estonian Information Technology Policy: Basis for Knowledge-based Economy
Contributor: Dr. Indrek Reimand, Head of Research Policy Department, Estonian Ministry of Education and Research
- 11.00 – 11.30 Coffee Break

Session III: Technology transfer in and with CEE Countries

Chairman: Prof. Dr. Rolf Hasse, Fraunhofer MOEZ

- 11.30 Foreign involvement in university-industry collaboration: the case of Hungary
Contributor: Dr. Annamaria Inzelt, IKU Innovation Research Center, Budapest
- 12.15 R&D Strategies and Technological Transfer – Experiences in Czech Republic
Contributor: David Kolman, Czech University Association, Brussels
- 13.00 The Czech Presidency of the EU 2009: challenges and priorities in the area of R&D
Contributor: Marek Mora, Deputy Vice Prime Minister for European Affairs, Czech Republic
- 13.30 Lunch and End of the Conference

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