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Lichtenstein Palace, U Sovových mlýnů 506/4, 118 00 Prague 1 – Malá Strana, Czech Republic

## PROGRAMME DAY 1 – THURSDAY, 2<sup>nd</sup> APRIL 2020



Chair **Lukáš LEVÁK**, Director of Department for Research and Development  
Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports of the Czech Republic

12<sup>00</sup> – 13<sup>30</sup> Buffet lunch and registration

### Opening

13<sup>30</sup> – 13<sup>35</sup> **Robert PLAGA**, Minister of Education, Youth and Sports  
Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports of the Czech Republic

13<sup>35</sup> – 13<sup>40</sup> **László PALKOVICS**, Minister of Innovation and Technology  
Ministry of Innovation and Technology of Hungary

13<sup>40</sup> – 13<sup>45</sup> **Grzegorz WROCHNA**, Deputy Minister of Science and Higher Education  
Ministry of Science and Higher Education of Poland

13<sup>45</sup> – 13<sup>50</sup> **Martina LUBYOVÁ**, Minister of Education, Science, Research and Sport  
Ministry of Education, Science, Research and Sport of the Slovak Republic

### Session 1 European Structural and Investment Funds for Higher Education, Research and Development – Past Experiences and Lessons Learned (plenary session)

13<sup>50</sup> – 14<sup>05</sup> **Václav VELČOVSKÝ**, Deputy Minister for EU and European Structural and Investment Funds  
Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports of the Czech Republic

14<sup>05</sup> – 14<sup>20</sup> **József BÓDIS**, Minister of State for Higher Education,  
Innovation and Vocational Education and Training  
Ministry of Innovation and Technology of Hungary

14<sup>20</sup> – 14<sup>35</sup> **Grzegorz WROCHNA**, Deputy Minister of Science and Higher Education  
Ministry of Science and Higher Education of Poland

14<sup>35</sup> – 14<sup>50</sup> **Rastislav IGLIAR**, Director General of EU Structural Funds Section  
Ministry of Education, Science, Research and Sport of the Slovak Republic

14<sup>50</sup> – 15<sup>30</sup> Coffee break

### Session 2 European Structural and Investment Funds for Higher Education, Research and Development – Past Experiences and Lessons Learned (panel sessions)

#### Panel 1 Universities as Drivers for Highly-Skilled Human Resources Development – Strategy Development of Higher Education Institutions

Chair **Tomáš FLIEGL**, Head of Unit for Higher Education Strategy  
Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports of the Czech Republic

15<sup>30</sup> – 15<sup>50</sup> **Karolína GONDKOVÁ**, Director of Department for Higher Education  
Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports of the Czech Republic

15<sup>50</sup> – 16<sup>10</sup> **Laura SINÓROS-SZABÓ**, Head of Department for Strategy  
and Institutional Development in Higher Education  
Ministry of Innovation and Technology of Hungary

16<sup>10</sup> – 16<sup>30</sup> **Andrzej KURKIEWICZ**, Deputy Director of Department of Innovation and Development  
Ministry of Science and Higher Education of Poland

16<sup>30</sup> – 16<sup>50</sup> **Jozef JURKOVIČ**, Director General of Higher Education Section  
Ministry of Education, Science, Research and Sport of the Slovak Republic

16<sup>50</sup> – 17<sup>00</sup> Q&A

#### Panel 2 Science and Research as Drivers for Technology Development and Innovation – Capacities Building: Research Infrastructures and R&D Centres of Excellence

Chair **Jan BURIÁNEK**, Head of Unit for Research Infrastructures  
Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports of the Czech Republic

15<sup>30</sup> – 15<sup>50</sup> **Lukáš LEVÁK**, Director of Department for Research and Development  
Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports of the Czech Republic

15<sup>50</sup> – 16<sup>10</sup> **István SZABÓ**, Vice President for Innovation and General Affairs  
National Research, Development and Innovation Office

16<sup>10</sup> – 16<sup>30</sup> **Grzegorz WROCHNA**, Deputy Minister of Science and Higher Education  
Ministry of Science and Higher Education of Poland

16<sup>30</sup> – 16<sup>50</sup> **Andrej RUSNÁK**, Director General of Science and Technology Section  
Ministry of Education, Science, Research and Sport of the Slovak Republic

16<sup>50</sup> – 17<sup>00</sup> Q&A

**Panel 3 Science and Research as Drivers for Technology Development and Innovation – Capabilities Building: Institutional Environment of Research Organisations, Internationalisation and International Cooperation**

- Chair **Lucie NÚŇEZ TAYUPANTA**, Head of Unit for European Research Area  
Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports of the Czech Republic
- 15<sup>30</sup> – 15<sup>50</sup> **Jakub UCHYTIL**, Director of Department for Administration of R&D Projects  
Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports of the Czech Republic
- 15<sup>50</sup> – 16<sup>10</sup> **Dániel GAÁL**, Head of Department for Scientific Policy  
Ministry of Innovation and Technology of Hungary
- 16<sup>10</sup> – 16<sup>30</sup> **Mateusz GACZYŃSKI**, Deputy Director of Department of Innovation and Development  
Ministry of Science and Higher Education of Poland
- 16<sup>30</sup> – 16<sup>50</sup> **Róbert SZABÓ**, Science and Technology Section – Department of State  
Policy Implementation, European and International R&D Initiatives  
Ministry of Education, Science, Research and Sport of the Slovak Republic
- 16<sup>50</sup> – 17<sup>00</sup> Q&A
- 17<sup>00</sup> – 17<sup>15</sup> Closing of the DAY 1

**GALA DINNER**

- 18<sup>00</sup> – 21<sup>00</sup> **Czech Museum of Music**  
Karmelitská 388/2, 118 00 Prague 1 – Malá Strana



## PROGRAMME DAY 2 – FRIDAY, 3<sup>rd</sup> APRIL 2020

- Chair **Lukáš LEVÁK**, Director of Department for Research and Development  
Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports of the Czech Republic

08<sup>00</sup> – 09<sup>00</sup> Welcome coffee

**Session 3 European Structural and Investment Funds for Higher Education, Research and Development – Strategy Framework for the Forthcoming EU Cohesion Policy Period (panel debate with questions from the audience)**

- 09<sup>00</sup> – 10<sup>30</sup> **Pavel DOLEČEK**, Deputy Minister for Higher Education, Science and Research  
Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports of the Czech Republic
- Laura SINÓROS-SZABÓ**, Head of Department for Strategy  
and Institutional Development in Higher Education  
Ministry of Innovation and Technology of Hungary
- Mateusz GACZYŃSKI**, Deputy Director of Department of Innovation and Development  
Ministry of Science and Higher Education of Poland
- Rastislav IGLIAR**, Director General of EU Structural Funds Section  
Ministry of Education, Science, Research and Sport of the Slovak Republic

10<sup>30</sup> – 11<sup>00</sup> Coffee break

**Session 4 European Structural and Investment Funds for Higher Education, Research and Development – Good Practice Examples**

- 11<sup>00</sup> – 11<sup>20</sup> **Vít VONDRÁK**, Director of IT4Innovations National Supercomputing Centre  
VŠB – Technical University of Ostrava
- 11<sup>20</sup> – 11<sup>40</sup> **Renáta VANÓ**, Vice-President  
Educational Authority
- 11<sup>40</sup> – 12<sup>00</sup> **Marek STANKIEWICZ**, Director  
National Synchrotron Radiation Centre SOLARIS
- 12<sup>00</sup> – 12<sup>20</sup> **Ján TURŇA**, Director General  
Slovak Centre of Scientific and Technical Information

12<sup>20</sup> – 12<sup>30</sup> Closing of the DAY 2

12<sup>30</sup> – 14<sup>00</sup> Buffet lunch

14<sup>00</sup> End of programme