



Draft Program: EP Hearing on Innovation Union

Event co-hosted by MEP Gianni Pittella, Vice-President, European Parliament, and MEP Antonio Correia de Campos, Vice-Chair, STOA

Biological and Medical Sciences Research Infrastructures at the heart of the Innovation Union - Accelerating solutions for societal challenges

Where: European Parliament, Brussels, Room: A3H1

When: 5 May

09h30-10h00 Coffee and registration

10h00-10h30

- **Gianni Pittella**, MEP, Vice-President, European Parliament, welcoming speech
- **Antonio Correia de Campos**, MEP, Vice-Chair, STOA, Portugal, opening speech
- **Hervé Pero**, Head of Unit, Research Infrastructures, DG Research and Innovation, European Commission, keynote address (tbc)

10h30-12h00: Panel discussion

Introductory presentation: The role of **Biological and Medical Sciences Research Infrastructures** in achieving the Innovation Union

Janet Thornton, Director, European Bioinformatics Institute

Moderator: **Bernd Pulverer**, EMBO Journal

Speakers:

- **Ivan Baines**, Chief Operating Officer, Max Planck Institutes, Dresden and Florida
- **Maciej Banach**, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Science and Higher Education, Poland
- **Marialuisa Lavitrano**, Delegate, Health Ministry, Italy
- **Hervé Pero**, Head of Unit, Research Infrastructures, DG Research and Innovation, European Commission
- Q&A

Closing remarks: **Judith Merkies**, MEP, ITRE rapporteur on INI report on Innovation Union

12h00-13h00 Reception

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