

Strategic Intelligence for Extended Regional Coherence is a workshop to be organized in Bucharest by UNIDO on 30-31 August 2011.

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Provisional Programme

Day 1, August 29th

20.00 Initial meeting and social event

A welcome speech by Adrian Curaj

Day 2, August 30th

First Session

Welcome and presentation on basic concepts and experiences 09:00 - 09:15 Concept and rationale for developing virtual knowledge centers and networks.

Ricardo Seidl da Fonseca, Moderator of the workshop

09:15 ? 09:30 Challenges and solutions for enterprises and institutions working and competing in advance knowledge fields and OPTI experience as a knowledge network.

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Pilar Rodriguez-Ruiz, OPTI

Reasons for relaunching Eurasian Virtual Center for Foresight: EVC 2.0 ? The New Concept 09:30 ? 09:45
UNIDO's role and perspectives in supporting foresight.

Nilgun Tas, Chief of Competitiveness, Upgrading and Partnerships Unit, UNIDO

09:45 ? 10:00 EVC from the start till now ? programme and activities in 2006-2011.

Tatiana Chernyavskaya, UNIDO expert

10:00 ? 10:15 Panel contributions 10:15 - 10:30 Questions, answers, comments

EVC 2.0 ? Functions, Activities and Organization 10:30 ? 11:00 EVC 2.0 prospective functions, activities and the organization needed to carry out such functions/activities. Highlight on training and capacity building.

Karel Klusacek, Director of the Technology Centre at the Academy of Science of the Czech Republic

11:00 ? 11:15 Panel contributions 11:15 - 11:30 Questions, answers, comments

EVC 2.0 ? Membership and Funding Strategy 11:30 - 12:00 Motivation, advantages and framework for membership. Prospects and strategy of sustainable funding for the EVC 2.0 initiative.

Adrian Curaj, General Director of the Executive Agency for Higher Education, Research, Development and Innovation Funding from Romania

12:00 - 12:15 Panel contributions 12:15 - 12:30 Questions, answers, comments

12:30 - 13:30 Lunch Break

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11:30 - 12:00 Presentation

12:00 - 12:15 Panel contributions

12:15 - 12:30 Questions, answers, comments

12:30 - 13:30 Lunch Break

Second Session

How EVC 2.0 could be integrated into wider future-oriented network at European and Global Level?

14:00 - 14:30 European Foresight Platform and other related EU activities Matthias Weber, Head of Research, Technology and Innovation Policy Unit at AIT Foresight & Policy Development Department at Austrian Institute of Technology 14:30 - 14:45 Panel contributions 14:45 - 15:15 Questions, answers, comments

14:30 - 15:00 Coffee Break

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15:00 - 15:30 ?FORwiki ? A Web 2.0 Tool for Building Foresight Capabilities? Dan Grosu, Foresight Expert in the QLHE Project

15:30 ? 15:45 Questions, answers, comments

15:45 ? 16:30 Preparation for the group work session Group work session will be based on the draft issue paper on the EVC 2.0 provided to all the participants in advance for comments and further discussions during the MLW. Specifically, current members of the EVC are expected to provide more advanced version of their comments, which should include description of their activities in forward-looking projects in the last 2 years, planned activities and their expectations from the further membership in the EVC 2.0, including funding strategies for the Center and possible joint project with other EVC members and alike (i.e. proposal for expanding the center). Templates for such contributions will be provided and replies are expected to be sent by 26 August 2011.

16:30 ? 17:30 Faculty meeting

20:00 Social event

Day 3, August 31st

Third Session

9:00 - 10:30 Group work: ?Key Items on the EVC 2.0 Agenda? Four break-out groups discuss and map issues against the initial topology of the initiative presented during the previous day. Each splinter group will be dedicated to one domain of relevance for the EVC 2.0 needs, such as: membership, name-label, collaboration agreement, organization, funding structure, objective, mission and strategic vision, function and activities, cross-border cooperation, euro-regions, role and prospective of UNIDO, green growth and other thematic areas.

10:30 ? 11:00 Coffee Break

11:00 - 12:30 Final Plenary Meeting Representatives from each group reports the discussions and recommendations, as well as open problems about the network?s future. A basic roadmap is elaborate for launching and sustainable implementation of EVC 2.0.

12:30 Lunch and Conclusion of the Event

13:30 Post-conference working group Debriefing, preparation of report, post-conference action planning. Participants: panel members & MLW core team.