The Cyprus Presidency of the Council of the E.U. will organize a Conference entitled: “Completing the European Research Area in the Context of the Innovation Union – Boarding Time”.

The Conference will take place in Nicosia, at the Conference Centre ‘FILOXENIA’, on the 14th of November 2012. It is organized by the Research Promotion Foundation of Cyprus (www.research.org.cy) in collaboration with the Planning Bureau of Cyprus (www.planning.gov.cy) with the support of the European Commission.

The objective of the Conference is to bring together European Research Area – ERA (http://ec.europa.eu/research/era/index_en.htm) stakeholders such as research organisations, universities, private enterprises and public authorities to contribute to the debate on the policy measures and actions which must be implemented with a view to completing ERA by 2014. During the Conference key specific and cross-cutting issues of ERA policy will be explored, including, inter alia, the effectiveness of national research systems, open labour market for researchers, research infrastructures, gender issues, knowledge transfer and open access issues, cross border cooperation and competition of research actors, international cooperation and the monitoring mechanism. The aim is to gather around 200 participants.

The Conference will feature key-note speeches from Máire Geoghegan-Quinn, the European Commissioner for Research, Innovation and Science (tbc) and Dr Stavros Malas, Cyprus Health Minister, who is responsible for the Research Portfolio during the Cyprus Presidency.

Registration for the Conference will open in mid September and the relevant invitations will be sent via email. An indicative Draft Programme is shown below. For further information relating to this Conference please contact: l.tsoumpanou@research.org.cy.
DRAFT PROGRAMME

CYPRUS PRESIDENCY CONFERENCE

"Completing the European Research Area in the Context of the Innovation Union - Boarding Time"

VENUE: ‘FILOXENIA’ CONFERENCE CENTRE, NICOSIA
DATE: 14 November 2012

Wednesday, 14 November 2012

08:30 – 09:00 Registration
09:00 – 09:45 Opening Plenary Session
09:45 – 11:15 Plenary Session: Completing the ERA by 2014 – Boarding Time
11:15 – 11:45 Coffee Break
11:45 – 13:15 Parallel Sessions 1 & 2
(1) Researchers: Career Prospects, Employment Conditions, Mobility and Gender Issues
(2) Laying down the Foundations of the ERA: An Open Approach Towards European Research Infrastructures
13:15 – 14:45 Lunch
14:45 – 16:00 Parallel Sessions 3 & 4
(3) The Free Movement of Knowledge: Optimism and Realities – Knowledge Circulation and Open Access to Data in the Context of a Completed ERA
(4) From Lappland to the South-eastern Mediterranean: Can Cross Border Operation of Research Actors be Strengthened?
16:00 – 16:30 Coffee Break
16:30 – 17:30 Parallel Sessions 5 & 6
(5) Making ERA a Reality – From Proposals to Implementation and Monitoring
(6) International Cooperation: The External Dimension of ERA
17:30 – 18:00 Concluding Plenary Session: Boarding Time, Last Call?
20:00 – 22:30 Networking Dinner (Venue: tba)