

Histera Launch

Date: 3rd Oct 2013

Venue: Room AB-3C Centre Borchette - Brussels

Official launch of the Report:

What can history teach us about the prospects of a European Research Area?

Launch Agenda

08:30 Registration – Coffee

09:00 Andrea Saltelli (EC-JRC): Introduction

09:30 Roger Strand (University of Bergen): The Knowledge Base for Research Policies and Governance of Science

Several academic disciplines are devoted to the study of science and research. Furthermore, scientific practitioners and institutions have their own opinions on what they do and how they should be governed. In this introduction, Strand will contrast the so-called “received view” of science, a set of opinions prevailing within scientific institutions themselves, with recent scholarly studies of science.

10:00 Kjetil Rommetveit (University of Bergen): Main Lessons from the History and Philosophy of Science and Modernity

In this talk, Rommetveit will present the main points from the report “What can history teach us about the prospects of a European Research Area?”. Modern science, politics, law and humanities emerged together from a particular set of challenges in Europe in the 16th and 17th centuries. The main contemporary challenges as they appear at the beginning of the 21st century have their similarities but also clear differences with those experiences four centuries earlier. Drawing long historical lines, one can also see how research policies are one thread in these lines.

11:00 Coffee Break

11:30 Roger Strand & Kjetil Rommetveit: Conclusions and Recommendations

The presented report suggests a number of recommendations – not for the content of Europe’s research policies, but rather for the methods and principles by which they should be informed.

12:00 Fabienne Gautier, EC-DG RTD: Reaction of the Directorate General Research and Innovation in light of the new 2013 ERA communication.

12.30 General Discussion

13:00 Lunch Buffet.