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Partnership 'Innovative Regions for Sustainable Growth'
*Delivering Regional Growth through Innovation: Past,
Present and Future*

Date: **10th October 09.00 - 13.00**

Venue: Northern Ireland Executive, 180 Chaussée d'Etterbeek, 1040 Brussels

08.30 Registration

09.00 Host Welcome

Dr Gerry Mulligan

Head of Northern Ireland Executive EU Office

Moderator Welcome

Mr. Christian Saublens

Executive Manager EURADA

09.10 Innovation and the EU, past, present and future

*Mr. Peter Droell – Head of Unit, Innovation Policy, European Commission, DG
RTD*

09.30 Panel I: How past experiences in regional innovation policy led to the development of the smart specialisation concept

Mrs. Katja Reppel, Head of Innovation Sector, Competence centre for smart and sustainable growth, European Commission, DG REGIO

Regional experiences and contributions from:

- ❖ Mr. Lucio Caporizzi - Director of Programming, Innovation and Competitiveness of Umbria Region
- ❖ Mr. Cezary Cieślukowski – Member of the Board of Podlaskie Marshal's Office
- ❖ Mr. Claus Zeppelzauer - ecoplus. The Business Agency of Lower Austria, Department Head Division Companies & Technology
- ❖ Mrs. Angelita Luciani – Head of Industrial Research, Innovation and Technological Transfer of Tuscany Region
- ❖ Mr. Martin Caja - Head of the strategic activities department at the Nitra self governing region

Q&A from the audience

11.00 Coffee Break& Networking opportunity

11.30 Panel II: Mission 'competitive industries' - Rethinking support to entrepreneurs and SMEs to drive industrial change

Mr. Sven Schade, Policy Officer, Support for Industrial Innovation unit, European Commission, DG ENTR

Regional experiences and contributions from:

- ❖ Mr. Bruno Krekels - Director Innovation Centre Limburg (BE)
- ❖ Mrs. Tracy Meharg - Managing Director of Innovation and Capability, Invest Northern Ireland
- ❖ Mr. Martin Hakel - Head of strategy and development planning, Bratislava Region

Q&A from the audience

12.50 Conclusions (Moderator)

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