

Academic Competitiveness: The Future of European Higher Education, Research and Development

Perspectives of Early Career Researchers

Budapest, 18th November 2024



Venue: *Ludovika University of Public Service, Main Building, Saint Ladislaus Chapel*

08.30-09.00	Registration	
09.00-09.30	Welcoming remarks	
09.00-09.10	<i>Gergely Deli, Rector, Ludovika University of Public Service</i>	10'
09.10-09.20	<i>Dániel Molnár, President, Association of Hungarian PhD and DLA Candidates</i>	10'
09.20-09.30	<i>Pil Maria Saugmann, President, European Council of Doctoral Candidates and Junior Researchers</i>	10'
09.30-10.30	Keynote presentations	
09.30-09.45	Higher Education Institutions as Catalysts for Innovation	15'
	<i>Veronika Varga-Bajusz, State Secretary for Innovation and Higher Education, Ministry of Culture and Innovation</i>	
09.45-10.00	The Role of Innovation and Skills for Europe's Competitiveness	15'
	<i>Martin Kern, Director, European Institute of Innovation and Technology</i>	
10.00-10.15	Unlocking EU Funding: Promoting Collaboration between Academia and Industry in Europe	15'
	<i>Bernadett Petri, Head of Institute, Europe Strategy Research Institute, UPS</i>	
10.15-10.30	Navigating European Funding: Opportunities and Challenges for Hungarian Universities	15'
	<i>Richárd Bodrogi, Director, Tempus Public Foundation</i>	
10.30-11.00	Coffee break	30'

11.00-12.00 Mobility or BrainDrain? – Attract Young Researchers from Abroad: Practices and Consequences 60'

Moderator: *Ayaz Mukarram Shaikh, DOSZ Ambassador of India*

Panelists:

- *Richárd Bodrogi, Director, Tempus Public Foundation*
- *Ala Santos, President, Polonium Foundation*
- *Szidónia Rusu, President, Association of Hungarian PhD Students and Young Researchers in Romania*
- *Luka Savić, President, Udruge Penkala*
- *Haekal Al Asyari, Chairman, Indonesian Student Association in Hungary*

12.00-13.00 *Lunch break* 60'

13.00-14.00 Collaboration and Competitiveness in Science & Technology Diplomacy 60'

Moderator: *Linnéa Regnell, Project Executive, Education Department Asia-Europe Foundation*

Panelists:

- *Vongmonasekar Vuthy, Director of Policy, Economic Diplomacy and Strategic Planning, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Kingdom of Cambodia*
- *Vihang Vivek Jumle, Doctoral Candidate, Institute of Communication and Media Studies, University of Bern*
- *Sheena Joy Palcis, Doctoral Student, Central Philippine University*
- *Elaine Yeap, Senior Project Officer, Infineon Technologies AG and Graduate Student, Technical University of Munich*

14.00-15.10 Are Academic Skills Transferable Skills? – Career Paths for ECRs Inside and Outside of the Academia 60'

Moderator: *Rizvika Rahmita Salim, DOSZ Ambassador of Indonesia*

Opening presentation: *Zalán Klauda: Career Challenge Program*

Panelists:

- *László Lengyel, National Research, Development and Innovation Office*
- *Gergely Zaránd, Vice-Rector, Budapest University of Technology and Economics*
- *Aleksandra Lewandowska, Board Member, Krajowa Reprezentacja Doktorantów*
- *Craig V. Johnson, Technology Transfer Manager Óbuda University*
- *Zalán Klauda, Presidential Commissioner, Association of Hungarian PhD and DLA Candidates, Career Challenge Program*

15.10-15.30 *Coffee break*

- 15.30-16.30 Focused discussions 60'**
- **Doctoral Education and Quality Assurance**, moderator:
*Hannah Schoch, Secretary, European Council of Doctoral Candidates and Junior Researchers,
Ludovika, Main Building, Saint Ladislaus Chapel*
 - **Mental Wellbeing in Academia**, moderator:
*Scott Bremer, Chair, Young Academy of Europe,
Ludovika, Side Building, John Lukacs Lounge*
 - **Researchers in Diaspora**, moderator:
*Beáta Lázár, Board Member, Association of Hungarian PhD Students and Young Researchers in Romania,
Ludovika, Side Building, Meeting Room 220*
 - **Scholarship and Research Grant**, moderator:
*Dario Lečić, Senior Advisor, Croatian Science Foundation,
Ludovika, Side Building, Meeting Room 024*

16.30-16.50 Coffee break 20'

16.50-18.00 The Future of Academia: Early-Career Researchers as the Drivers of Change in the European Higher Education 60'

Moderator: *Norbert Bencze, Presidential Commissioner, Association of Hungarian PhD and DLA Candidates*

Panelists:

- *Pil Maria Saugmann, President, European Council of Doctoral Candidates and Junior Researchers*
- *Katalin Solymosi, Outgoing Chair, Young Academy of Europe*
- *Maria Badal, Co-Representative for Science and Business, RAICEX*
- *Paulina Góra, Board Member, Krajowa Reprezentacja Doktorantów*
- *Tereza Šímová, Policy Officer, Marie Curie Alumni Association*

18.00-18.20 Closing remarks 20'
Balázs Gulyás, President, Hungarian Research Network