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**Research, Education and Innovation:
Building Excellence - Enabling Widening with the EEA and Norway Grants**

**Norway House, Brussels, 27.11.2017
15h00-18h00 followed by a networking reception**

The EEA & Norway Grants offer added-value in increasing research, education and innovation competence and skills, supporting knowhow on how to develop larger funding proposals, as well as allowing EU-13 researchers and education providers gain international exposure, opportunity to collaborate internationally and providing additional networking opportunities. This added-value has had a positive impact on applications for EU funding. This event will look at how the EEA and Norway Grants have contributed to policy development in EU-13, and take stock of good practice examples in these fields, with a view to creating strong synergies between the EEA and Norway Grants and the future EU programmes for research, education and innovation.

Moderator:

Mari Sundli Tveit, Rector, Norwegian University of Life Sciences, Chair of the Board of the Norwegian Association of Higher Education Institutions (UHR) and Member of the Board of the European University Association (EUA)

14:30 **Registration**

15:00 **Welcome** by Oda Helen Sletnes, Ambassador of Norway to the EU

15:05 **Opening address**

Bjørn Haugstad, State Secretary, Ministry of Education and Research, Norway

15:15 **Opening address**

The view from EU-13

Agrita Kiopa, Deputy State Secretary, Director of the Higher Education Science and Innovation Department, Ministry of Education and Science, Latvia

The view from the European Commission

Katja Reppel, Deputy Head of Unit, Directorate-General for Regional Policy, European Commission

15:30 **Building excellence in research, education and innovation in EU-13 with the EEA & Norway Grants:**

The success stories

Education

Anna Zajakina, Biomedical Research and Study Centre, Latvia

Research

Ioan-Costin Popescu, Institute of Biochemistry of the Romanian Academy, Romania
Jihong Liu Clarke, Nibio, Norway

Innovation

Alexander Tzatchev, Ritz 6 Ltd., Bulgaria

16:00 **Coffee break**

16:30 **EEA & Norway Grants: Building excellence - Enabling widening**

How can more synergies be built between research, innovation and education in the EEA & Norway Grants?

Panel discussion 1

- Sumathi Subramaniam, National Expert, Directorate-General for Education and Culture, European Commission
- Agnieszka Ratajczak, Section Manager, the National Centre for Research and Development, Poland
- Pille Pikker, Chief Expert, Ministry of Education and Research, Estonia
- Eli Bleie Munkelien, Director, Business Partnerships, Innovation Norway

17:10 **What kind of synergies could be built between the next generation of EU programmes (FP9 and Erasmus+) and the EEA & Norway Grants?**

Panel discussion 2

- Agrita Kiopa, Deputy State Secretary, Director of the Higher Education Science and Innovation Department, Ministry of Education and Science, Latvia
- Nils Røkke, Executive Vice President Sustainability, SINTEF, Norway
- Magda de Carli, Head of Unit, Directorate-General for Research and Innovation, European Commission
- Vidar Pedersen, Head of Department, Norwegian Centre for International Cooperation in Education

17:50 **Closing statement: Looking ahead**

John-Arne Røttingen, CEO, Research Council of Norway

18:00 **Networking reception**

19:00 **End of programme**