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Section for Economic and Monetary Union and Economic and Social Cohesion (ECO)*

Public Hearing

Promoting innovative and high growth firms

The role of research intensive clusters

Thursday 7 July 2016

9 a.m.

***Sala de Debates del Centro de Estudios Avanzados (CEA)
University of Santiago de Compostela
Parque de Vista Alegre
Rúa Salvadas s/n
15705 Santiago de Compostela, Spain***

PROGRAMME

- 8.30 a.m.** **Registration/coffee**
- 9.00 a.m.** **Welcome address and introduction**
- **Martiño Noriega**, Mayor of Santiago de Compostela
 - **Juan Viaño**, Rector of the University of Santiago de Compostela
 - **Joost van Iersel**, President of the Section for Economic and Monetary Union and Economic and Social Cohesion, European Economic and Social Committee
- 9.30 a.m.** **The role of research intensive clusters in the promotion of innovative and high growth firms**
- Chair: Senén Barro**, University of Santiago de Compostela and RedEmprendia
- Keynote address*
- **Alex Coad**, Economic Analyst, European Commission Joint Research Centre-Institute for Prospective Technological Studies
- Discussants*
- **Kristin Schreiber**, Director, DG GROW, European Commission
 - **Eldara Rodríguez**, Co-founder and responsible for innovation, Nanogap
 - **Francisco Conde**, Counsellor for Economics, Entrepreneurship and Industry, Xunta de Galicia
 - **Julie Anderson**, Policy Officer – Higher Education, DG Education and Culture, European Commission
 - **José María Arias**, President of the Social Council of the University of Santiago de Compostela and of the Foundation "Pedro Barrié de la Maza"
- Discussion**
- 11.15 a.m.** **Coffee break**
- 11.30 a.m.** **Proposals by stakeholders and actors on promoting innovative and high growth firms**
- Chair: Juan Mendoza**, president of the EESC study group on "Promoting innovative and high growth firms"
- Keynote address*
- **Thomas Lämmer-Gamp**, Institute for Innovation and Technology (iit) and European Secretariat for Cluster Analysis
- Discussants*
- **Valentín González**, President of the Diputación de A Coruña
 - **Antonio Dieter**, President of the Confederation of Entrepreneurs of Galicia
 - **Xosé Antonio Sánchez Aguión**, general secretary, trade union CC.OO-Galicia
 - **José Antonio Gómez Gómez**, general secretary, trade union UGT-Galicia
 - **Joaquín de la Herrán**, Spanish Banking Association (AEB)
 - **Mar Pernas Márquez**, manager of the Unión de Cooperativas de trabajo Asociado-UGACOTA
- Discussion**
- 12.45 p.m.** **Concluding remarks**
- **Senén Barro**, University of Santiago de Compostela and RedEmprendia
 - **Antonio García del Riego**, rapporteur for the EESC opinion on "Promoting innovative and high growth firms"
- 1 p.m.** **End of the hearing**
- Interpretation:** EN/ES into EN/ES
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