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The importance of KETs for fuelling innovation, economic growth and cohesion in Europe

At the European Innovation Summit in the European Parliament

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Keynote presentation by

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Confirmed speakers include

- Maria da Graca Carvalho – Member of the European Parliament, EPP, Portugal (confirmed)
- Giorgio Anania – Vice President and Executive Board Member of Photonics21 and Member of KET-HLG (confirmed)
- Mike Wale – Director, Active Products Research, Oclaro and Executive Board Member of Photonics21 (confirmed)
- Khalil Rouhana – Director Components and Systems, DG CNECT, European Commission (confirmed)
- Representative from a Permanent Representation to the EU (TBC)
- Representative of a European Region (TBC)
The importance of Key-enabling Technologies for fuelling innovation, economic growth and cohesion in Europe will be the focus of the luncheon organised by Photonics21, the leading European platform for the photonics industry, in partnership with the European Innovation Summit. The luncheon will take place on the 9th of October 2012, from 12.30 to 14.30 in the European Parliament.

As the debate on the Commission’s Horizon2020 framework is in full swing within the European institutions, Photonics21 would like to focus on one important element of the debate: Enhancing synergies between Horizon 2020 and the structural funds – with smart specialization being key to it. Under current economic restraints, smart specialisation represents an innovative policy tool that brings a fresh perspective to the debate on resource allocation in European regions. Light will be shed on the potential of photonics as a Key Enabling Technology (KET) for economic and structural cohesion and how the EU’s Horizon2020 framework can help facilitate access to and utilisation of funding for European regions and SMEs especially with regards to the intersection of R&D&I and structural funding.

Representing more than 2,000 members from industry, research and politics, Photonics has been recognized as a key-enabling technology within the Horizon 2020 framework. As part of the European Innovation summit program, this event will provide a unique forum for discussion and networking.

The Photonics21 Luncheon will take place at Mezzanine, 2nd floor, European Parliament Brussels

Register Online for the 4th European Innovation Summit

Deadline for registration is the 28th of September
Limited availability of seats
Please note, the registration will be finalized upon the receipt of your confirmation

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