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MONDAY, 23 SEPTEMBER 2019

20:00 – 22:00 Official Networking Dinner at La Manufacture (*Rue Notre-Dame-du-Sommeil 12, 1000 Brussels*)

TUESDAY, 24 SEPTEMBER 2019

08:00 – 08:30 **Registration and Welcome Coffee**
(*Hotel Le Plaza, Boulevard Adolphe Max 118-126, 1000 Brussels, Room: Theater*)

08:30 – 09:00 **Finalisation of Conclusions for the Ministerial Meeting**

09:00 – 12:30 **Ministerial Meeting**

09:00 – 10:30 **Welcome Remarks | Opening Statements**

- European Commission, DG Research and Innovation, Signe Ratso, Deputy Director-General
- Finnish EU Council Presidency, Hanna Lehtinen, Ambassador
- Keynote Carlos Moedas, Commissioner for Research, Science and Innovation
- Keynote Vesselin Petrov Valkanov, Head of Liaison Office in Brussels, Regional Cooperation Council
- Keynote Paulo Ferrão, President, European Cooperation in Science and Technology

First session

- Report from the Steering Platform and R&I Meeting, Ammar Miraščija, Head of Department for Science, Ministry of Civil Affairs, Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Western Balkans Position Paper on Horizon Europe, Viktor Nedovic, State Secretary, Ministry of Education, Science and Technological Development, Serbia

• First Round of Discussions, Ministers with Commissioner

Participation in Horizon 2020 – Expectations from Horizon Europe

- Announcement by Elettra - Sincrotrone Trieste, Alfonso Franciosi, President Elettra
- Wrap up of the session by Commissioner Carlos Moedas

10:30 – 11:00 *Coffee break (Room: Gallery Theatre)*

11:00 – 12:30 **Second Session**

- Keynote Charlina Vitcheva, Deputy Director-General, Joint Research Centre
- Keynote Viviane Hoffmann, Deputy Director-General, Education, Youth, Sport and Culture
- Keynote Lorena Boix Alonso, Director, Communications, Networks, Content and Technology

• Second Round of Discussions, Ministers

Smart Specialisation Strategies – Implementation, Impact on the national economy; the role of Research and Innovation to support this process

- Closing Intervention by Jean-Eric Paquet, Director General, Research and Innovation

12:30 End of meeting

12:30 – 13:30 *Lunch (Room: Adolphe Max)*

14:00 **Opening of R&I Days in Centre Pompidou**