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Executive Summary

The extension of the registration deadline for the forthcoming European Commission conference on EU research policy in Liege, Belgium, is an opportunity for more UK participants to register for the event.

Attachment(s)

Conference
announcement

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Deadline extension – Registration for the Liège conference on The Europe of knowledge 2020: A vision for University-based research and innovation

1. The European Commission has removed the 15 February deadline for registration for the above conference to be held in the Liege Conference Centre, Belgium on 25-28 April 2004. This gives representatives from the UK sector more time to register for this landmark conference on the future of European research policy.
2. UK participation is strongly encouraged to ensure that the views of the UK HE sector are properly represented at this important event.
3. The conference will unite vice-chancellors, researchers, industrialists and policy makers to discuss the best ways for universities in Europe to meet the challenges of the 21st century. The outcomes of the event will contribute to future policy initiatives from the European Commission. Approximately 1000 participants from across the European HE sector are expected to attend the conference.
4. Further background information can be found on the attached conference announcement and in E note number E-04-02. Registration is conducted online, at: http://europa.eu.int/comm/research/conferences/2004/univ/registration_en.html.

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THE EUROPE OF KNOWLEDGE 2020

A vision for University based Research and Innovation

Liege Convention Centre-Belgium
25-28 April, 2004

Conference announcement

University heads, researchers, industrialists, policy makers and representatives from civil society at large, will gather in Liège, Belgium, in April 2004.

They will chart the best course to take European universities forward to embrace the challenges of the 21st century.

Universities and in particular their research activities have a critical role to play in the Europe of knowledge.

Exploring the issues raised by the Commission's communication published in February 2003 on "The role of universities in the Europe of knowledge", **the conference will address, in a series of parallel sessions, themes such as**

- the creation and certification of knowledge
- the changing nature of research training
- public/private partnerships in research and innovation
- university-based research and local and regional development
- the challenge of inter-disciplinary research

Each session marks the culmination of an extensive **consultation exercise** that started with the **received contributions** from across Europe and was then followed by a series of **in-depth preparatory seminars**. The sessions will be led by a panel of experts who will set the scene and present their cases. **Participants** will not only have ample time and every opportunity to present their views during the open discussion, but **can be assured that their input will be important in the shaping of the Commission's strategy**.

At the end it is the intention to produce an agreed roadmap to help European universities to achieve their full potential in the knowledge society of the 21st century.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: <http://europa.eu.int/comm/research/univ.html>