

## NETWORKING AFTERNOON

### *Cities of Tomorrow - Towards Further Cooperation and Better Innovation*

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2012 at 15.00**

Royal Flemish Academy of Belgium for Science and the Arts,  
Academy Palace – Rue Ducale 1

Cities are shaping our economic, social, political and cultural life. They have always been engines of prosperity and creativity. In terms of quality of life and attractiveness, cities of Europe continue to lead the world. Yet, demographic change, economic stagnation, social polarization and segregation are increasingly challenging the cities of Europe.

To tackle these problems cities have to work across sectors and reinforce cooperation with other cities, research institutions and other actors to be able to better and more efficiently serve the needs of their citizens. HORIZON 2020, the new EU Framework Program for Research and Innovation (2014-2020), is one tool to support the cooperation between academia and cities. The program focuses more than ever on turning scientific breakthroughs into innovative products and services that change people's lives for the better.

The City of Helsinki, the chair of the UCEU (Union of Capitals of the European Union) in 2012, has the pleasure to invite representants of EU Offices of the capital cities and regions and UNICA (Network of Universities from the Capitals of Europe) to a networking event in Brussels on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December from 15.00 to 17.00. The aim of the meeting is to share opinions, experiences and plans for creating and ensuring a functional and more successful cooperation between cities and research institutions.

## Meeting Agenda

### **Welcome**

*Matti Ollinkari, Head of International Relations, City of Helsinki*

### **HORIZON 2020. New Programme - Opportunities for Cities?**

*Anneli Pauli, Deputy Director-General, DG Research and Innovation, European Commission*

### **UNICA - Network of Universities from the Capitals of Europe**

*Jean-Pierre De Greve, former Vice-Rector for International Affairs, Vrije Universiteit Brussel, member of the UNICA Steering Committee*

### **Round Table: How to Enhance Cooperation between Cities and Academia?**

*Moderator: Timo Cantell, Research Director, City of Helsinki Urban Facts  
Corinne Hermant-de Callataÿ, Senior Policy Officer, DG Regio, European Commission  
Jean-Pierre De Greve, Professor, Vrije Universiteit Brussel  
Françoise Chotard, Director of Ile-de-France Europe, ERRIN Chair  
Rogaciano Cavadas Kaipainen, Head of Office, Helsinki EU Office*

After the meeting you are welcome to participate in a seminar at 17.00-19.00 celebrating Helsinki's 200 years as the capital of Finland. The event is organized in cooperation with The Finnish Cultural Institute for the Benelux. *Professor Emeritus of History Matti Klinge* will speak about "Comment Helsinki est devenue successivement centre administratif, culturel, politique et économique de la Finlande naissante" and *Professor of European history Laura Kolbe* about "The Urban Mosaic of Helsinki as a Testimony of Northern Cultural Values". The seminar will be followed by a reception at 19.00.

The event will be held at the Academy Palace, Rue Ducale 1.

To confirm your participation, please fill in the registration form through the following link by 30<sup>th</sup> November:

<https://elomake.helsinki.fi/lomakkeet/38385/lomake.html>

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