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## **Future of the doctorate**

**Riga, Latvia, 28-29 May 2015**

| Pre-conference (27 May) |                                       |
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| <i>18:30 - 21:00</i>    | <i>Networking cocktail and dinner</i> |

## **Draft programme**

| Day 1 (28 May)             |  |
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| <i>8:30 - 9:00</i>         | <i>Registration and welcome coffee</i>   |
| <i>9:00 – 9:45</i>         | Opening session<br><br><i>Keynote speeches:</i><br><br><i>Latvian Presidency (tbc)</i><br><br><i>Director-General of Education and Culture (tbc)</i> |
| <i>9:45 -10:30</i>         | Plenary session: Recent developments in doctoral training in Europe  |
| <i>10:30 – 11:00</i>       | <i>Coffee break</i>  |
| <i>11:00 - 12:15</i>       | Plenary session: Different models of doctoral training across the world  |
| <i>12:15 - 12:30 (tbc)</i> | Signing ceremony NSF-MSCA Cooperation agreement  |
| <i>12.30 -14.00</i>        | <i>Lunch break</i>   |
| <i>14.00 – 16:00</i>       | Parallel sessions ( <i>Participants will have registered for one of the sessions</i> )   |
| Session A                  | Supervision and mentoring of doctoral candidates   |
| Session B                  | Intersectoral collaboration in doctoral training   |

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| Session C     | Career paths of doctorate holders  |
| 16:00 – 16:30 | <i>Coffee break</i>  |
| 16:30 – 17:30 | Rapporteurs summary of the parallel sessions<br><i>Recommendations from the participants</i> |
| 18:30         | <i>Networking cocktail and dinner</i>  |

| Day 2 (29 May) |  |
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| 8:30 - 9:00    | <i>Welcome coffee</i>  |
| 9:00 -10:30    | Plenary session<br>The European vision for a modern doctoral training                            |
| 10:30 - 10:45  | <i>Coffee break</i>  |
| 10:45 - 12:30  | Parallel sessions:   |
| Session A      | Quality assurance  |
| Session B      | Open Science in doctoral training  |
| Session C      | Joint doctorates   |
| 12:30-13:00    | Rapporteurs summary of the parallel sessions   |
| 13:00 – 14.00  | <i>Lunch break</i>   |
| 14.00 – 15:30  | Parallel sessions - Discipline-dependent challenges and interdisciplinarity in doctoral training |
| Session A      | Social sciences and Humanities   |
| Session B      | Life sciences and Geosciences  |
| Session C      | Physics and Engineering sciences   |
| 15:30-16:00    | <i>Coffee break</i>  |
| 16:30-17:30    | Closing ceremony   |
| 18:00          | <i>Cocktail</i>  |