

2nd SIMPATIC Annual Conference*

Wednesday 2 April 2014 - Venue: Conference room, CPB (Van Stolkweg 14, 2585 JR The Hague)

15.00 – 17.50 Tax credits: Are R&D tax incentives sufficiently effective and efficient in stimulating R&D? Some pieces of evidence

Chair: Pierre Mohnen, Professor at Maastricht University

- Jacques Mairesse, MERIT and CREST/ENSAE
- Bas Straathof, Economist at CPB
- John Lester, Research fellow at University of Calgary
- Pierre Mohnen, Professor at Maastricht University
- Discussant: Frédérique Sachwald, Head of the Business R&D Unit at the French Ministry of Higher Education and Research
- Discussant: Theo Roelandt, Chief Analyst Enterprise & Innovation at The Netherlands Ministry of Economic Affairs

17.50 – 18.00 *Coffee break*

18.00 – 19.30 Internal Meeting with SIMPATIC Partners and SAC/PAC Members

20.00 Dinner on invitation only (Project Management Board, Advisory Committee members; external speakers; CPB; Bruegel Members; SIMPATIC partners; ...)

Thursday 3 April 2014 – Venue: Ministry of Economic Affairs, Veegenzaal (Bezuidenhoutseweg 73, 2594 AC The Hague)

8.00 - 8.50 Registration

8.50 - 09.00 Welcome –Reinhilde Veugelers, Scientific Coordinator of SIMPATIC, Bruegel

9.00 - 13.00 Scientific Workshop (part 1)

9.00-10.50 The endogenization of technical change in simulation models: State of the art and improvements

Chair: Paul Zagamé, SEURECO

- Presentation of SIMPATIC macro model results on impact of RTD policies
- Lukas Vogel, Economic Analyst at the EC- DG Economic and Financial Affairs. Presentation of QUEST Model
- Karen van der Wiel, CPB

10.50-11.05 *Coffee break*

11.05-13.00 Jobs and Innovation: Employment effects of innovation in services

Chair: Metka Stare, Institute for Economic Research, Ljubljana

- Joze Damijan & Metka Stare, Institute for Economic Research, Ljubljana
- Bettina Peters, Deputy Head, Dept. of Industrial Economics and International Management
- Elena Huergo, Complutense University of Madrid
- Discussant: Rinaldo Evangelista, University of Camerino

13.00 - 13.30 *lunch*

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13.30-14.30 Lunch Talk

Chair: Guntram Wolf, Director of Bruegel

- Reinhilde Veugelers, Scientific Coordinator of SIMPATIC, Bruegel. Presentation of policy brief on Impact of RTD policies: learning from the past
- Bertholt Leeftink, Director- General Enterprise and Innovation, The Netherlands Ministry of Economic Affairs
- Laura van Geest, Director of CPB
(With Media)

14.30 - 18.30 Policy Panel

Chair: Reinhilde Veugelers, Scientific Coordinator of SIMPATIC, Bruegel

14.30 - 16.00 Macro Session: policies for growth- state of the art, key challenges and suggestions for policy action

- Werner Roeger, Head of Unit at the European Commission- DG Economic and Financial Affairs
 - Román Arjona, Chief Economist at the European Commission- DG Research & Innovation
 - Luc Soete, Rector of Maastricht University
 - Dirk Pilat, Head, Science and Technology Policy Division, OECD Directorate for Science, Technology & Industry (via Skype)
 - Bart Van Ark, Conference Board & Groningen University (via Skype)
- Discussion

16.00 - 16.10 *Coffee break*

16.10 - 17.00 **Keynote speech:** Bronwyn Hall, University of Maastricht

17.00-18.30 Micro Session- R&D Policies: State of the Art and Current Challenges

- Vincent Verouden, Deputy Chief Economist at the European Commission DG Competition
 - Jeroen Heijs, Management Team of the Directorate for Topsectors & Industrial Policy, Ministry of Economic Affairs
 - Petri Lehto, Head of Division, Finnish Ministry of Industry and Employment
- Discussion

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**Friday 4 April 2014 - Venue: Ministry of Economic Affairs, Veegenszaal
(Bezuidenhoutseweg 73, 2594 AC The Hague)**

8.15 - 9.00 Registration

9.00-12.00 Scientific Workshop (part 2)

Green Innovation: To address environmental issues such as Climate Change we need more innovation. What policy instruments are needed to induce such innovation? What effect will this have on economic growth?

Chair: Ralf Martin, Research Fellow at the London School of Economics

- SIMPATIC research presented by:
 - Georg Zachman, Research Fellow at Bruegel
 - Ralf Martin, Research Fellow at the London School of Economics
- Carolyn Fischer, Resources For the Future Centre for Climate and Electricity Policy

12.00-12.40 lunch

12.40-13.30 Lunch Talk - When is there enough evidence? This crucial question in Evidence Based Policy will be explored

- Jan Staman, Director of the Rathenau Institute

13.30-17.00 Scientific Workshop (part 3)

Chair: **Otto Toivanen**, Professor at K.U.Leuven and CEPR

- SIMPATIC research presented by:
 - Pierre Mohnen, Professor at Maastricht University
 - Otto Toivanen, Professor at K.U.Leuven and CEPR

15.00 - 15.15 *Coffee break*

17.00 - 17.15 Conclusions

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