



**SCIENCE|BUSINESS
INNOVATION BOARD**

THE LEADERSHIP FORUM TO HELP EUROPE *INNOVATE*

- » An exclusive organisation to develop strategic relationships at the highest levels of EU industry, policy and academia
- » An independent think-tank to perform and promote cutting-edge research in EU innovation policy
- » An effective platform to promote its members' research, policies and standing in global innovation and research
- » A creative force for change in Europe – supporting young academic entrepreneurs, advancing new policy ideas

The Board

The Science|Business Innovation Board AISBL is a not-for-profit Brussels scientific association bringing together Europe's leading innovators, in industry, academia and policy.

The Board was founded in 2007 as an exclusive, invitation-only club for European innovation leaders – to stimulate new thinking in EU innovation policy, promote its members' innovation capabilities, and to build strategic relationships among decision-makers.

It is a unique organisation in the European innovation community: Top-level, exclusive, insightful – and effective.

Current members include:

- **Dipak Jain**, Dean, INSEAD Business School
- **Jean-Philippe Courtois**, President, Microsoft International
- **Pat Cox**, Former President of the European Parliament
- **David Eyton**, Group Head of Technology, BP
- **Sir Keith O'Nions**, Rector, Imperial College London
- **Ferdinando "Nani" Beccalli-Falco**, President and CEO of GE Europe & North Asia; CEO GE Germany
- **Alfons Sauquet**, Dean, ESADE Business School
- **John Wood**, Secretary-General, Association of Commonwealth Universities
- **Alan Begg**, Senior Vice President, Group Technology and Development, SKF
- **Rouget F. Henschel**, Partner, Foley & Lardner LLP
- **Tuula Teeri**, President, Aalto University
- **Richard L. Hudson**, CEO & Editor, Science|Business

Meet with senior EU officials

With the objective to improve the climate for innovation in Europe, the Board meets four times a year with senior EU officials to discuss current and future aspects of innovation policy.

Guests at recent Board meetings have included:

- **Androulla Vassiliou**, EU Commissioner for Education & Culture
- **Máire Geoghegan-Quinn**, EU Commissioner for Research, Innovation and Science
- **Janez Potočnik**, EU Commissioner for Environment
- **Alexander von Gabain**, Chairman of the EIT Governing Board
- **Robert-Jan Smits**, Director General for Research and Innovation
- **Anne Glover**, Chief Scientific Advisor to EU President José Manuel Barroso
- **Xavier Pratts-Monné**, Deputy Director-General for Education and Culture



Private Innovation Board lunch with EU Research Commissioner Máire Geoghegan-Quinn on open innovation and SME finance at the European Commission's Berlaymont headquarters in Brussels

Conduct influential research

The Board commissions original policy research from its university members. It also conducts policy studies as a group. It then meets privately with EU officials to discuss the research, and after relevant feedback publishes the results – in influential, forward-looking reports promoted in high-level conferences.



Examples of research:

- “An EU Charter for open innovation” by Prof. Henry Chesbrough, world’s leading expert on open innovation (ESADE/Berkeley)
- “Investor-Driven Innovation” on VC and corporate VC in Europe, by Prof. Bart Clarysse, Imperial College London
- “The competitive edge: Success factors for academic spin-out companies”, by INSEAD
- “Odd Couplings: Best practice in industry-university relations”
- “Time for University Reform”
- “Born to Grow” on high-growth entrepreneurship, with Prof. Erkki Autio, Imperial College London

Support Europe’s innovators

Annually since 2008, the Board has run the only pan-European awards programme for university spin-out companies. The Academic Enterprise, or ACES, awards give public recognition to those researchers, engineers, professors, students and government officials in Europe who have done the most to foster a culture of enterprise on campus. So far, 66 outstanding individuals or start-up teams in life sciences, ICT, materials and energy technologies have been recognised by the ACES awards programme.

For more information: www.sciencebusiness.net/aces



*Androulla Vassiliou,
EU Commissioner for
Education & Culture,
presents an award
at the 2012 edition of
Science|Business’
Academic Enterprise
awards ceremony*

High-profile events and publicity

The Board hosts a series of regular public roundtables and conferences across Europe to promote its members’ innovation capabilities and its independent policy research. Recent events took place in Brussels, Zurich, Paris, Barcelona, and Stockholm. The Science|Business communications service promotes the events, and publicizes the Board’s conclusions – in such prominent media outlets as the Financial Times, the Wall Street Journal, El Pais, De Standaard and Le Figaro



How it works

The Board is funded by its private-sector members; and its university members perform research. It is governed by an Executive Committee of the membership, which decides its annual budget and workplan of meetings, research projects and conferences. Transparency, independence and high quality are its operating principles. It is managed by Science|Business, a Brussels and London media and communications company focused on research and innovation in Europe. Science|Business was begun in 2005 by some of the leading science and technology journalists and communicators in Europe – from Nature, the Wall Street Journal, New Scientist, Business Week – who now apply their skills to helping European universities, companies and policy-makers communicate to the innovation community.

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