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Future of the doctorate

Riga, Latvia, 28-29 May 2015

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

Draft programme

Day 1 (28 May)	
<i>8:30 - 9:00</i>	<i>Registration and welcome coffee</i>
<i>9:00 – 9:45</i>	Opening session <i>Keynote speeches:</i> <i>Latvian Presidency (tbc)</i> <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

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 <i>Recommendations from the participants</i>
18:30	<i>Networking cocktail and dinner</i>

Day 2 (29 May)	
8:30 - 9:00	<i>Welcome coffee</i>
9:00 -10:30	Plenary session 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>