NTNU and UiB Network Conference in Brussels
Strengthening Cooperation Between Business and Academia in Europe

Brussels 3 October 13:00–20:30
Venue: Hotel Renaissance, Rue du Trône 61
About NTNU

NTNU – Norwegian University of Science and Technology
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About UiB

UiB – The University of Bergen
At UiB, xxxxxxxxxxxx
14:00 Welcome by Norway’s Ambassador to the EU
   Oda Helen Sletnes

14:15 Welcome remarks and our universities’ academic profile and priorities
   NTNU Pro-Rector Johan Hustad and UiB Rector Dag Rune Olsen

14:45 Keynote: The latest development in European research and innovation
   Robert-Jan Smits, Director General for Research and Innovation, European Commission TBC

15:15 Title to be confirmed
   Kathrine Angell-Hansen, Director, JPI Oceans

15:30 Models for collaboration between NTNU and Statoil
   Tor Ulleberg, VP Technology & New Energy, Statoil TBC

15:45–16:00 Break and refreshments
Exploring the potential for new collaboration

Moderator: NTNU Pro-Rector Johan Hustad

16:00  Looking Ahead: NTNU’s strategies and means for Europe and Horizon 2020
Nina Sindre, Coordinator of International Affairs, NTNU

16:15  Reaching Out: Closer Cooperation with NTNU through our Brussels Office and NTNU Alumni Brussels
Massimo Busuoli, Head of Brussels Office, NTNU

16:30  Raising Awareness: Building on existing successful collaboration in the energy field at national level by taking it to a European dimension
Anders Marvik, VP, EU political affairs office, Statoil

Short break

16:45  Learning from: University-industry cooperation
Dr Lidia Borrell-Damián, Director, Research and Innovation, EUA

17:00  Achieving Impact: Introduction to Horizon 2020 innovation project: INVADE
Magnus Korpås, professor Department of Electric Power Engineering, NTNU

Questions and remarks

17:15–17:30 Break and refreshments
17.30–18.30 Workshop 1
Experiences and ambitions for collaboration

Moderator: Massimo Busuoli, Head of Brussels Office, NTNU

Six alumni (TBA) sharing their experiences and ambitions for collaboration with NTNU

Each presentation concludes with a brief round of Q & A.

Please note that there will be many opportunities to follow up ideas and discussions from the whole day in the networking cocktail session at the end – to strengthen contacts with a view to future cooperation.

17.30–18.30 Workshop 2
Collaboration in the Energy Area

Moderator: NTNU Pro-Rector Johan Hustad

Introduction to group work: Energy systems integration

Olav B. Fosso, Professor, Department of Electric Power Engineering, NTNU

Experiences and ambitions for collaboration with NTNU in the European context
Alumni (TBA)

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The workshop ends with a plenary discussion.

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Moderator: Rector Dag Rune Olsen

Where are we in 2022?
Look Ahead: UiB strategies and international priorities.
By Pro-Rector Anne Lise Fimreite

Why are we in Brussels?
By Kristof Vlaeminck, UiB’s representative in Brussels
Questions and remarks

Short break

Horizon 2020 project SponGES*
Achieve Impact: Introduction to SponGES and how to get major EU-projects.
By Hans Tore Rapp, Project coordinator, SponGES

Short group discussion and questions

How to involve students?
Get Experience: Possibilities for internships in Europe.
By: Merete Mikkelsen, director of The West Norway Brussels Office

Short group discussion and questions
Reflections on the day

Chair: Kristof Vlaeminck, UiB Brussels Office

18:30 Summary
TBC Alumni

18:50 Key take-aways for the networking session
NTNU Pro-Rector Johan Hustad and
UiB Rector Dag Rune Olsen

19:00–20:30 Networking cocktail/apéro
About the conference

Norway has strong academic partnerships with Europe. Aligned with our national R&D strategy, we would like to enhance our presence, share our excellence and contribute even more to the European Research Area.

In this connection, NTNU and UiB aim to establish an extended dialogue on how to strengthen cooperation between academia and business with their alumni and other interested stakeholders coming from EU countries.

The conference will represent a chance to deepen knowledge about the Norwegian R&D system through an understanding of the capabilities of some of its excellent players – universities as well as companies.