

# European Conference on Corporate R&D – An engine for growth, a challenge for European policy [CONCORD 2010]

*To be held in Seville (Spain) on 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> March 2010*

The European Commission and the Spanish Ministry of Science and Innovation are pleased to announce the *European Conference on Corporate Research and Development [R&D] (CONCORD-2010)*, focussing on **Corporate R&D – An engine for growth, a challenge for European policy**, which will be one of the highlights of the Spanish EU Presidency Programme in the fields of research and innovation.

**Concord 2010, unique in its approach, will bring together researchers, policy analysts, policy makers and industrialists to share specific knowledge on corporate R&D and to discuss ways to stimulate investment in R&D as an engine for economic growth and employment. The outcomes of the event will be translated into support to European research and innovation policy making.**

This Conference is being organised by the European Commission's Joint Research Centre's Institute for Prospective Technological Studies (IPTS) and the Spanish Centre for Development of Industrial Technology (CDTI), in close collaboration with DG RTD and DG ENTR and will be held on 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> of March 2010, in Seville, Spain.

Conference conclusions concerning the impact of corporate R&D on company performance and employment and regarding policies to increase this impact are due to be presented to the Competitiveness Council and will feed into the preparation of the EU Innovation Plan. Accordingly, policy implications resulting from CONCORD will support developing the EU 2020 Strategy, as proposed by President Barroso in his political guidelines for the new Commission.

A number of high level speakers have already confirmed their participation, among them top academics and policy analysts, leading industrialists and policy makers. In order to name a few, for instance, C. Garmendia, Spanish Minister for Science and Innovation, Prof. E. Maskin (Nobel Laureate in Economics, 2007); Ms. P. Toia, Deputy Chair of ITRE, the European Commission's Directors for Innovation: J.-N. Durvy; and for the European Research Era: I. Saragossi; and several CEOs from leading small and large companies, such as Mr. E. Schnee, the CEO of Merck Serono and Mr. Calvet, the CEO of Gamesa.

For further and more detailed information please visit the Conference website:

General information: <http://iri.jrc.ec.europa.eu/concord-2010/index.html>

Conference Programme: [http://iri.jrc.ec.europa.eu/concord-2010/concord2010\\_prog.pdf](http://iri.jrc.ec.europa.eu/concord-2010/concord2010_prog.pdf)

The registration to Conference is free of charge and open until 15<sup>th</sup> Feb 2010, but earlier closure might be possible once the maximum number of participants is reached.

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