



25 years Scientific collaboration with Eastern Europe

Tuesday, 20 January 2015, 13:30-17:45

Kursaal, Kornhausstrasse 3, Bern

13:00 Registration

13:30 **Welcome address**

Martin Vetterli, President of the SNSF Research Council

13:40 **Opening statements**

Significance of international cooperation

Mauro Dell'Ambrogio, State Secretary, State Secretariat for Education, Research and Innovation (SERI)

Research in and with developing and transition countries

Elisabeth von Capeller, Vice-Director, Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC)

14:00 **EU policy on research and innovation for Eastern Europe**

Science in Eastern Europe

Jean-Pierre Bourguignon, President of the European Research Council, Brussels

Linking science to innovation through smart specialisation: a new regional policy approach in the EU

Dominique Foray, EPFL, member of the SNSF Research Council

15:00 Coffee break

15:30 **State of play from the perspective of Eastern European researchers**

Alexander Shengelaya, Department of Physics, Tbilisi State University, Georgia – Natural sciences

Vitalie Varzari, Academy of Sciences, Chisinau, Moldova – Social sciences

Elena V. Zaklyazminskaya, Russian Research Centre of Surgery, Moscow, Russia – Life sciences

16:30 **Round table: current and future challenges**

Three representatives from research funding agencies in Eastern Europe & three researchers from Eastern Europe

17:30 **Conclusion**

Q&A, contributions by participants

17:45 Reception

Moderation: Muriel Siki

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