

## Towards FP9

*The key role of frontier research for a more competitive and innovative Europe*

A conference organized by the University of Pisa

**6 April 2018**

MONASTERO DELLE BENEDETTINE  
Piazza S. Paolo a Ripa D'Arno, 16 - Pisa

**09:00** *Registration*

**09:30** *Welcome and opening speeches*

**Paolo Maria Mancarella**, Rector, University of Pisa

**Jean-Pierre Bourguignon**, President of the European Research Council ERC (video message)

**9:45** *Lecture*

**Mark Bishop**, Professor of Cognitive Computing, Goldsmiths University of London

**10:00** *Session I - Towards FP9: Shaping the future*

**Renzo Tomellini**, Head of Unit, Horizon 2020 Policy, DG RTD, European Commission

**Fabio Donato**, R&I Adviser at the Italian Permanent Representation to the EU

**Mark Bishop**, Professor of Cognitive Computing, Goldsmiths University of London

**Monica Barni**, Vice President and Delegate to Culture, University and Research, Tuscany Region

*Moderated by* **Maryline Fiaschi**, Managing Director, Science|Business

**11:00** *Coffee break*

**11:30** *Session II – Breaking the silos between frontier research and innovation*

**Lisandro Benedetti-Cecchi**, Vice Rector for the European and International Research, University of Pisa

**Marco Mancini**, Head of Department for Higher Education and Research, Italian Ministry of Education, University and Research

**Leonard Prins**, Professor of Organic Chemistry at the University of Padova

**Bernd Stowasser**, Head of Public Private Partnerships – External Innovation & Science Policy, Sanofi Germany

**Marco Falzetti**, Director, Agenzia per la Promozione della Ricerca Europea, APRE

*Moderated by* **Marilyne Fiaschi**, Managing Director, Science|Business

**12:30** *Questions and contributions from the audience*

**13:00** *Concluding remarks*

**Fabio Donato**, R&I Adviser at the Italian Permanent Representation to the EU

**13:15** *Lunch buffet*