



The Expert Panel on Services Innovation in the EU has now been established. 20 individuals with extensive experience in the field of innovation in services and services innovation policy strategies have been selected through an Open Call for Experts to sit on the new Expert Panel. The 20 experts represent public administrations (national and regional administrations), innovation consultancies, enterprise, academia, trade organisations, etc. The Panel has a good geographical spread with 15 different Member States being represented. The purpose of the Expert Panel will be to explore the policy instruments and initiatives that have been applied to support innovation in services in Europe and assess the best use and value of these policies. The experts will evaluate the policy rationale behind successful initiatives both at national level and EU level and assess what can be European collaboration on a wider services innovation strategy. The Expert Panel will produce recommendations, which are intended to have a significant impact on the future development of the services innovation agenda in Europe.

The Expert Panel will convene for four workshops over the next 10 months; the first will take place in Brussels 25-26 March 2010. The Expert Panel will conclude its work in January 2011. The work and deliberations of the expert can be followed by all interested parties on the Europe INNOVA website: www.europe-innova.eu/expert-panel

The 20 selected experts are:

- Chair: Allan Mayo, Department for Business, Innovation and Skills (UK)
- Lidia Avadanei, Ministry for SMEs, Tourism and Commerce (Romania)
- Hasan Bakhshi, NESTA (UK)
- Karen Böhme, Jülich (Germany)
- Laura Dingwall, Highlands & Islands Enterprise (UK)
- Antonius Engbersen, IBM (Switzerland)
- Will Janssen, Noway (Netherlands)
- Gertraud Leimüller, Austrian Creative Industries Platform (Austria)
- Irene Martinsson, Vinnova (Sweden)
- Tor Mühlbradt, Innovation Norway (Norway)
- Eurico Neves, INOVA + SA (Portugal)
- Jette Nøhr, Confederation of Danish Industries (Denmark)
- Laurence Paye, Fondation Sophia Antipolis (France)
- Stefano Pileri, Confindustria Servizio Innovativi e Tecnologici (Italy)
- Thorsten Posselt, Fraunhofer (Germany)
- Vanja Rangus, C4i (Slovenia)
- Hans Rijckenberg, Sapience'00 B.V (Netherlands)
- Vaclav Suchy, Technology centre of academy of sciences CR (Czech Republic)
- Minna Suutari, Tekes (Finland)
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