

14:00 welcome

Rosario Rizzuto - Rector, University of Padova

Opening speech

Paolo Gentiloni - Italian Prime Minister

14:20 introductory talks

Jean Pierre Bourguignon - ERC President

The impact of the ERC after its first 10 years

Patrick Aebischer - Ecole Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne

Frontier research and innovation: the EPFL story

Valentina Cauda - ERC Grantee, Politecnico di Torino

Frontier research and health: Trojananohorse

Mario Monti - Chairman of EU High Level Group on Own Resources

Frontier research in the EU budget

15:30 discussion

moderated by Luca De Biase - Nova24:

- how to assess the societal impact of frontier research
- the role of frontier research in social sciences and humanities
- how to coordinate national and European policies for frontier research
- how to bridge the gap between frontier research and marketable innovation

16:50 concluding remarks

Rosario Rizzuto - Rector, University of Padova

Jean Pierre Bourguignon - ERC President



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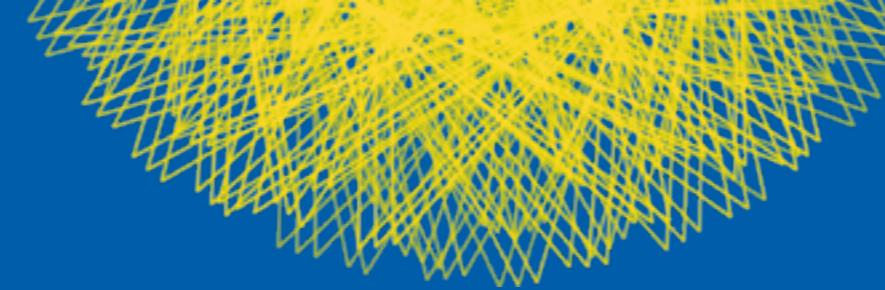
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European Research Council and the impact of frontier research

The event, jointly organized by the University of Padova and by the European Research Council (ERC), will discuss the role of frontier research, such as the one funded by the ERC, in providing solutions to the societal challenges and in promoting innovation.

It will be attended by members of the ERC Scientific Council and by leading figures in the Italian landscape of academia, research, industry, foundations, politics, media.

After some short presentations by a few keynote speakers, who will introduce the subject from their different perspectives, ample time will be left for the discussion, which will involve members of the selected audience and the keynote speakers.



Rosario Rizzato is Rector of University of Padova and former Director of its Department of Biomedical Sciences. Full Professor of General Pathology, in 2014 he was granted by the European Research Council with the ERC Ideas Advanced Grant "Mitocalcium". He graduated in Medicine at University of Padova.



Paolo Gentiloni is the Italian Prime Minister and former Minister of Foreign Affairs. He strongly supports European integration and a multispeed Europe.



Jean Pierre Bourguignon is President of the European Research Council and was the first ERC Panel Chair in Mathematics, for Starting Grants. A mathematician by training, he spent his whole career as a fellow of the Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (CNRS). He held a Professor position at École polytechnique.



Patrick Aebscher is former President of EPFL and founder of three biotechnology companies. He sits on the boards of Lonza, Nestlé and Logitech and is the Chairman of the Novartis Venture Fund. He studied at the Universities of Geneva and Fribourg.



Valentina Cauda is Associate Professor by direct assignment at the Politecnico di Torino. In 2015 she was granted by the European Research Council with the ERC Starting Grant "Trojananohorse". Graduated at Politecnico di Torino, after a post doc period in Munich she came back to Italy.



Mario Monti is President of Bocconi University and Chairman of the High-level Group on Own Resources of the EU. He was Prime Minister and Minister of Economy and Finance in Italy and member of the European Commission. He graduated from Bocconi University and pursued graduate studies at Yale University.



Luca De Biase is innovation editor at Nova24 (which founded and directed). He was invited speaker in several meetings at Ocse in Paris, at StsForum in Kyoto, at MIT-MediaLab in Cambridge Massachusetts. He teaches at Master in Science Communication at University of Padova.