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Alliance4Life

PROGRAMME

Alliance4Life's Conference "Widening Instruments – Participants' View"

Tuesday, 12 December 2023 at 09:30 – 13:00
followed by Networking & Snacks

at the Permanent Representation of Estonia to the EU,
Rue Guimard 11/13, 1040 Brussels

09:30 – 10:00 Registration

Welcoming words

H.E. Mr. **ARTUR KINK** The Ambassador of Estonia to the Kingdom of Belgium and Grand Duchy

SPEAKERS

10:15 – 10:45 "Horizon Europe mid-term: what we've learned and what's next"
SIGNE RATSO Deputy Director-General, DG RTD

10:45 – 11:15 "The widening component in Horizon Europe and Horizon 2020 – lessons learnt and future perspectives"
STEFAN WEIERS, Head of Sector 'Widening, ERA and Research Infrastructure Programming', DG RTD

11:15 – 11:45 "Alliance4Life Highlights"
JIŘÍ NANTL, Deputy Minister of Education, Youth and Sports, Czech Republic, Chair of Alliance4Life

11:45 – 12:15 "Policy paper on efficiency of WIDESPREAD measures"
TOIVO MAIMETS, Professor, University of Tartu, Estonia, Deputy Chair of Alliance4Life

12:15 – 13:00 Networking and snacks

The Alliance for Life Sciences (www.alliance4life.eu) is an association of twelve biomedical universities and research institutes from eleven Central and Eastern European countries. It is a role model of progressive health research institutions that stay at the forefront of the CEE region's modern institutional governance and culture. We aim to empower low-performing Member States in their scientific excellence and innovation upscaling through strategic structural reforms, mutual learning, and better participation in EU-funded research and innovation actions. We also ensure, encourage, and motivate the creation of a culture that will reward outstanding scientific performance while simultaneously bridging the innovation gap in Europe.