



European Life Sciences Forum

Meeting **Life Sciences in the  
European Research Council**

**The scientists' opinion**

**Programme**

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## PROGRAMME

### Morning session      Keynote speeches

- 9:00–9:05      Welcome address – Prof Maciej Nalecz  
(Director, UNESCO, Division of Basic and  
Engineering Sciences)
- 9:05–9:10      Welcome address – Prof Julio Celis  
(President, ELSF / Secretary General, FEBS)
- 9:10–9:20      Introduction – Prof Frank Gannon  
(Executive Director, EMBO)
- 9:20–9:45      Keynote speech – Prof Francois Gros  
(Secrétaire perpétuel, Académie des Sciences)
- 9:45–10:05      Discussion  
**Chair:** Prof Maciej Nalecz, FEBS – UNESCO
- 10:05–10:30      Keynote speech – Prof John Sulston  
(University of Cambridge, UK)
- 10:30–10:50      Discussion  
**Chair:** Prof Maciej Nalecz, FEBS – UNESCO
-  10:50–11:10      Coffee break
- 11:10–11:35      Keynote speech – Prof Christiane Nüsslein-Volhard  
(Max-Planck Institut Tübingen, Germany)
- 11:35–11:55      Discussion  
**Chair:** Prof Kai Simons, ELSO
- 11:55–12:20      Keynote speech – Prof Rolf Zinkernagel  
(University of Zürich, Switzerland)
- 11:20–12:40      Discussion  
**Chair:** Prof Kai Simons, ELSO
-  12:40–13:30      Lunch



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### Afternoon sessions      Panel discussions

- Session 1      13:30–14:50      Where are the gaps at present in the funding possibilities in Europe that need to be met by a European Research Council?  
How can the ERC promote the integration of research in Europe and avoid increasing fragmentation?  
**Chair:** Frank Gannon, EMBO – ELSF  
**Panel:** Pierre Chambon ● Jean-Patrick Connerade (Euroscience)  
Antonio Coutinho ● Peter Kind (EC) ● Daniela Rhodes  
Paola Ricciardi-Castagnoli ● Glauco Tocchini-Valentini
- Session 2      14:50–16:10      Which instruments (e.g. Fellowships, Research Awards, or infrastructure, etc.) should be given first priority in any such European Research Council?  
**Chair:** Iain Mattaj, EMBL – ELSF  
**Panel:** Michael Ashburner ● Victor de Lorenzo (EGLS)  
Heidi Diggelman ● Raffaele Liberali (EC) ● Marja Makarow  
Martin Reddington (HFSP) ● Ernst-Ludwig Winnacker (DFG)
- ☕ 16:10–16:30      Coffee break
- Session 3      16:30–17:50      Which other aspects need to be addressed in order to ensure that a European Research Council is successful (e.g. eligibility criteria and evaluation mechanisms, management, organisational and financial aspects)?  
**Chair:** Julio Celis, FEBS – ELSF  
**Panel:** Ruth Arnon ● Andrea Ballabio  
Horst Domdey (BioM) ● Mogens Flensted-Jensen (DRC)  
Mary Osborn ● Rolf Tarrach (Eurohorcs)  
Hans van den Berg (ACTIP)
- ☕ 17:50–18:00      Coffee break



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Plenary session      Related aspects and final comments

18:00–19:00

**Chair:** Prof Helga Nowotny (Chair, EURAB)  
Prof Luc Montagnier (WFARP)  
Prof Etienne Emile Baulieu  
(President, Académie des Sciences)

**Concluding remarks** – Frank Gannon (EMBO),  
Iain Mattaj (EMBL) and Julio Celis (ELSF)

**Final address** – European Commissioner Philippe Busquin

### End of meeting

 19:00–  

Cocktail party (UNESCO Fontenoy Building)