



How tax incentives can boost the competitiveness of European high tech industry

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Stockholm, Sweden*

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The seminar is an activity within the Specific Support Action "Realisation of Young Innovative Company Status, YIC, for biotech companies", supported by the European Commission.

It will bring together senior European stakeholders to share recent information and discuss further development regarding different tax incentive systems which can serve to strengthen the competitiveness of European high-tech industry. The focus of this seminar is on the biotech industry.

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Final program and speakers

Moderator: Mike Ward, European Editor, BioCentury

- 10.00 Welcome: Per Vretblad, Swedish Institute for Food and Biotechnology
- 10.05 Mario Cervantes, Senior Economist, Science and Technology Policy Division, OECD
- 10.25 Caroline Mischler, Head of the Innovation and Technologies Policies Bureau, General Directorate for Enterprise, French Ministry of industry
- 10.45 Angelita de Francisco, Secretary General, France Biotech
- 11.05 Thibaut Kleiner, DG Competition, European Commission
- 11.35 Johan Vanhemelrijck, Secretary General, EuropaBio

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Presentations from countries participating in the YIC Status project:

- 13.00 Finland:
- Pekka Lindroos, Ministry of Trade and Industry
 - Kauko Kurkela, Managing Director, Total ReCord Europe Ltd
- 13.35 Norway:
- Geir Åvitsland, Director General, Ministry of Finance
 - Christian Hambro, Federation of Norwegian Industries
- 14.10 Estonia:
- Erki Uustalu, Ministry of Finance
 - Maarika Merirand, Estonian Biotech Association
- 14.45 Sweden:
- Jöran Hägglund, State secretary, Ministry of Enterprise, Energy and Communications
 - Per-Erik Sandlund, CEO SwedenBIO

COFFEE

- 15.45 Discussion: The way forward
- 17.00 End of seminar, cocktail

