



Agenda

JOSEFIN Final Conference Brussels, 17th January 2012

Venue: Norwegian Mission to the EU, Rue Archimède 17, 1000 Brussels
Moderation: Ms Irene Schucht, JOSEFIN Project Director, Investitionsbank Berlin

11:00 Registration & Coffee

12:00 Welcome

Mr Ulrich Kissing, Chairman of the Board of Management, Investitionsbank Berlin

12:15 The EIF's action in support of SME-finance

Mr Richard Pelly, Chief Executive, European Investment Fund

12:45 The role of SME-finance in the future Cohesion Policy

Mr Rudolf Niessler, Director for Policy Coordination, DG Regional Policy, European Commission

13:15 Coffee & Snacks

14:00 Horizon 2020 - EU financial instruments for innovation and competitiveness of SMEs

Mr Roger Havenith, Head of Unit, DG Economic and Financial Affairs, European Commission

14:30 The case for transnational cooperation on innovation and SME support: The EU's Baltic Sea Region Strategy

Mr Alexander Schenk, Swedish Ministry of Finance

15:00 Panel Session 1 - Impact of JOSEFIN: The role of access to finance and internationalisation of SMEs in regional innovation strategies

Introduction by Mr Leszek Wojtasiak, Vice Marshal of the Wielkopolska region

Moderation: Mr Martin Jung (evers & jung)

Panel:

Ms Karin Hallerby, Swedish Agency for Economic and Regional Growth

Mr Knut Halvorsen, Oslo Teknopol IKS

Ms Erna Suslavičiūtė, Lithuanian Ministry of Economy

Mr Jürgen Varnhorn, Berlin Senate Department for Economics, Technology and Research

15:45 Coffee break

16:15 Overview and results of the JOSEFIN project

Ms Irene Schucht, JOSEFIN Project Director, Investitionsbank Berlin



16:45 Success stories

SMEs from JOSEFIN regions

Moderation: Mr Michael Unterberg (evers & jung)

17:15 Panel Session 2 - The integrated JOSEFIN Finance and Service Model: Lessons learned, sustainability and policy recommendations

Moderation: Mr Martin Jung (evers & jung)

Panel:

Ms Erika Hinz, Teknikdalen Foundation, Dalarna

Mr Thomas Hüttich, Investitionsbank Berlin

Mr Jarosław Nowak, Wielkopolska Agency for Enterprise Development Ltd.

Mr Sander van der Molen, Lithuanian Innovation Centre

Mr Audrius Zobotka, INVEGA Investment and Business Guarantees Ltd. Lithuania

18:00 Summary

19:00 Evening dinner at Solvay Library, Parc Léopold

Welcome

Ms Sybille von Obernitz, Senator for Economics, Technology and Research, State of Berlin

