

Ghent University –  
Central & Eastern European R&I Cooperation day  
14 June 2018  
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Onderbergen 1, B-9000 Gent

*Main language is English*

**welcome coffee** from 8h30

09h00 – 09h15 **Welcome**  
→ by Rik van de Walle, rector

09h15 – 10h00 **The H2020/COST action plan to contribute to widening pan-European participation**  
→ by Bart Veys, Policy Officer at the COST Association

10h00 – 10h45 **R&I cooperation opportunities in Horizon 2020 under the Spreading Excellence and Widening Participation work programme**  
→ by Magda De Carli, Head of Unit at the European Commission/DG RTD/Unit B5/Spreading of excellence and widening participation

**coffee break**

11h15 – 11h45 **Case study 'the first ERA chair project in Belgium: Resized'**  
→ by Prof. Marc Frère, project coordinator, University of Mons, via video conferencing

11h45 – 12h30 **FWO funding for R&I cooperation with Central & Eastern European countries**  
→ by Isabelle Verbaeys, Head International Affairs at FWO

**networking lunch** meet our EU Office and FWO teams to learn about the support we provide

13h15 – 13h45 **Case study 'ESPRIT': Ghent University as partner in this H2020/WideSpread/Twinning project**  
→ Prof. Lutgart Braeckman, GE

13h45 – 14h15 About his **role as Ghent University ambassador** for the Western Balkans **& collaboration in H2020/RIA projects** with Central & Eastern European Countries  
→ Prof. Andreja Rajkovic, FBW

14h15 – 15h00 **Exchange of thoughts** on cooperation with Central & Eastern European institutions & **Conclusions**  
→ moderated by Dirk De Craemer, Head Research Co-ordination Office