



## Risky and Visionary Research: challenges and opportunities

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**University of Pisa**  
**Aula Magna Storica**  
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### Programme

<b>09.00</b>	<b>Registration of Participants</b>
<b>09.30</b>	<p><u>Opening Address</u>  <b>Prof Enrico Giaccherini</b>, University of Pisa, Italy</p> <p><u>Welcome Address</u>  <b>Dr Concettina Larosa</b>, Consorzio Pisa Ricerche, Italy</p>
<b>09.45</b>	<p><u>The NEST activity - an "open space" to stimulate creative, visionary and anticipatory science and technology</u>  <b>Dr Carlos Saraiva Martins</b>, DG Research, European Commission</p> <p><i>Open Discussion &amp; Questions &amp; Answers</i></p>
<b>10.30</b>	<p><u>Innovative and Interdisciplinary research in Israel</u>  <b>Prof Eli Pollak</b>, Israel Science Foundation, Israel</p> <p><i>Open Discussion &amp; Questions &amp; Answers</i></p>
<b>11.15</b>	<i>Networking Coffee</i>
<b>11.30</b>	<p><u>A case study of high-risk foundational research in Italy</u>  <b>Dr Michele Muccini</b>, CNR - ISMN, Italy</p> <p><i>Open Discussion &amp; Questions &amp; Answers</i></p>
<b>12.15</b>	<p><u>Two case studies on high-risk funding programmes in the US and the UK: SGER (NSF) and Showcase (Wellcome Trust)</u>  <b>Dr Thomas Heinze</b>, Fraunhofer Institute for Systems and Innovation Research ISI, Germany</p> <p><i>Open Discussion &amp; Questions &amp; Answers</i></p>
<b>13:00</b>	<i>Networking Lunch</i>
<b>14.00</b>	<p><u>Initial Survey Results of research programmes that promote novel, ambitious, unconventional, and high risk research</u>  <b>Prof Patrick Prendergast</b>, Trinity Centre for Bioengineering, Trinity College Dublin, Ireland</p> <p><i>Open Discussion &amp; Questions &amp; Answers</i></p>



14:45	<p><u>Actions of the Italian Unionchamber, the role of a policy maker actor in supporting innovation and R&amp;D in Italy</u>  <b>Dr Alessio Misuri</b>, DINTEC, Italy  <i>Open Discussion &amp; Questions &amp; Answers</i></p>
15.30	<p><i>Networking Coffee</i></p>
15.45	<p><u>The Italian participation under the NEST Programme</u>  <b>Dr Monique Longo</b>, APRE, Italian NEST NCP, Italy  <i>Open Discussion &amp; Questions &amp; Answers</i></p>
16.30	<p><u>Young researchers and risk: a diverging reality?</u>  <b>Dr Renzo Rubele</b>, ADI (Italian Association of Doctoral and Young Researchers), Italy  <i>Open Discussion &amp; Questions &amp; Answers</i></p>
17.00	<p><u>The social impact of high risk research on the career of researchers. Chair: <b>Dr Renzo Rubele</b></u>  <b>Dr Arianna Menciassi</b>, Sant' Anna School of Advanced Studies of Pisa, Italy  <b>Dr Cesare Stefanini</b>, Sant' Anna School of Advanced Studies of Pisa, Italy  <b>Dr Giulio Tarlao</b>, University of Trieste, Italy  <i>Open Discussion &amp; Questions &amp; Answers</i></p>
17:45	<p><u>Reporting &amp; Follow-up &amp; Next Steps &amp; Announcement of the next workshop in Ireland in December 2006.</u>  <b>Dr Concettina Larosa</b>, Consorzio Pisa Ricerche, Italy  <b>Prof Patrick Prendergast</b>, Trinity Centre for Bioengineering, Trinity College Dublin, Ireland</p>
18.00	<p><i>Close of workshop</i></p>

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