Peer Review panel for Hungary (2016)

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Erja Heikkinen (Finland) has been with the Ministry of Education and Culture in Finland since 2005. She is currently heading the Science Policy Group of the Department of Higher Education and Science Policy. The group has both national and international responsibilities in developing the research and innovation system. Dr. Heikkinen switched from the academia to the public administration in 1995, when she started to develop the newly established Finnish graduate school system. She moved on in 1997 to the Finnish national supercomputing center CSC – IT center for science - where she was responsible for bioinformatics services. In 2001, Dr. Heikkinen joined the National Technology Agency Tekes, where her tasks involved funding of private and public organisations in research projects combining bioscience, medicine and ICT. Her training is in evolutionary biology with a PhD degree in population genetics.

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Benoît Legaît (France) is Chairman of the Committee « Technology and Society » at the General Council for Economy (French Ministry for Economy), and referent for research and innovation. He was previously Director of Mines ParisTech, a well-known engineering school in France, as well as the Vice-President of the Conférence des Grandes Écoles. He also had extensive private sector experiences in consulting and managerial positions, having worked for Usinor, Institut Français du Petrole and BEICP-FRANLAB. Benoît Legaît was awarded with the National Order of Merit (1998), the Order of Academic Palms (2000) and the National Order of the Legion of Honour (2007). He defended with honours a PhD thesis in fluid flow in porous media in 1985.

Marjan Oudeman (Netherlands) is President of the Executive Board of Utrecht University in the Netherlands since July 2013. She is among others responsible for strategy and effective knowledge transfer of the university. She is also a non-executive board member of Solvay SA (Belgium), Statoil ASA (Norway) and SHV Holdings (Netherlands). Before joining Utrecht University, Marjan Oudeman was member of the Executive Committee of Tata Steel Europe (previously Corus Group plc) and as Executive Director, Strip Products Division responsible for all strip businesses in the UK, the Netherlands and other parts of the world (including relevant R&D activities). In 2010, she joined the Executive Committee of Akzo Nobel (Netherlands), where her areas of responsibility were HR, organizational development and the activities in BRIC countries. Between 2007-2010, she was also member of the Dutch Innovation Platform, a platform established to stimulate and accelerate innovations in the Netherlands, chaired by the Prime Minister with representatives of the government, science and industry.