

Horizon 2020 PSF: Expert Panel for the Specific Support to Armenia



Luc Soete (Chair)

Prof Luc Soete is Member of the Board of the UNU-MERIT. Until September 2016 Luc Soete was Rector Magnificus of Maastricht University. Before that he was Director of the United Nations University research and training institute: UNU-MERIT located in Maastricht, The Netherlands and Professor of International Economic Relations and Director-Dean of the Maastricht Graduate School of Governance (MGSOG) at Maastricht University. He is a member of the Advisory Council for Science and Technology Policy (AWT) and the Royal Dutch Academy of Science (KNAW).

Over the last 30 years, Luc Soete has contributed to some 11 books, 50 refereed articles and some 100 chapters in books. In 2002, he received the MSM Honorary Fellow Award, in 2007 the Belgian reward Commandeur in de Kroonorde and in 2010 a Doctor Honoris Causa from his Alma Mater,

the University of Ghent.

Alasdair Reid (Rapporteur)

Alasdair Reid is Founder and Policy Director of the European Future Innovation System Centre and has over 25 years' experience of advising governments in developing, implementing and evaluating innovation based regional, inter-regional, national and European development programmes and strategies. He has advised the European Commission, the OECD, the World Bank, the Nordic Council of Ministers, national and regional governments and agencies throughout the European Union and in third countries. Alasdair Reid's experience covers a broad range of evaluation and assessment procedures for public research institutions and publicly funded research infrastructures. He has evaluated and supported assessments of public research institutions in Belgium, Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania amongst other countries. Moreover, he has in-depth and recent knowledge of the Armenian research and innovation system given his recent role in the EU SMEDA funded project to map the Armenian innovation ecosystem.



Maria Nedeva (Expert)

Maria Nedeva is a Professor of Science and Innovation Dynamics and Policy at the Alliance Manchester Business School (AMBS), the University of Manchester and a long-standing member of the Manchester Institute for Innovation Research. She is also Professor of Science Policy at the University of Lund, Sweden. Intellectually, her research deals with science dynamics, more specifically on 'policy driven' change that affects both the social conditions (national level organisation of research) of research and epistemic properties of knowledge. She has researched and published on: universities, governance and management; changing research spaces; the effects of policy on the science system; and evaluation and selection practices in science. Over the years she has also undertaken many consultancy and advisory projects on the ways to re-structure national level research/innovation systems, changing universities (how to grow entrepreneurial universities), research funding (e.g. prioritisation, selection and selectivity), developing and implementing research evaluation systems etc.



Göran Melin (Expert)

Göran is specialised towards conditions which shape the scientific practice, related to both research and education. Göran has conducted studies or evaluations targeting issues related to research production, research funding mechanisms, higher education, organisation of higher education institutions, mobility, doctoral training, alliances and mergers between higher education institutions, academic careers and cooperation with the surrounding society. Examples include assignments for several universities, foundations and government agencies in Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland, Czech Republic, Lithuania, and UK. He has also done several studies for pan-Nordic organisations like the Nordic Council of Ministers and NordForsk. In most cases he has acted as project manager. Matters related to participation in the EU Framework Programmes have repeatedly been in focus as well.



Agrita Kiopa (Peer expert)

Dr. Agrita Kiopa is a Vice-rector for Research at Riga Stradins University. Formerly she was a Deputy State Secretary and Director of the Higher Education, Science and Innovation Department at Ministry of Education and Science of Latvia. She was leading processes of designing and implementing structural reforms of research and innovation system in Latvia. These reforms include redesign of core institutions of higher education and science – rules for institutional and competitive research funding, financing and governance of higher education, integration of higher education and research, consolidation of publicly funded research institutes. These reforms are a part of strategy for transformation of economy towards higher productivity, efficiency and change in the export structure. She was a part team for designing a Smart Specialization Strategy for Latvia. Previously she has been involved in evaluation of science capacity building projects in United States and capacity building of Latvian government.

Agrita Kiopa holds a Ph.D. in Public Policy from Georgia Institute of Technology.

Indrek Reimand (Peer expert)

Indrek Reimand, born 1964, received PhD in Optics and Spectroscopy from the University of Tartu, Estonia, in 2000.

Dr. Reimand was appointed to his current position of Deputy Secretary General for Higher Education and Research, Estonian Ministry of Education and Research, in 2012. Prior to this, he was the head of Research Policy Department (2004-2012) in the ministry, a position he moved to from the Estonian Information Technology Foundation where he was a member of Executive Board. Dr. Reimand is currently also chairman of board of Estonian Research Council, the main research financing organisation in Estonia, and member of board of Archimedes Foundation, which coordinates and implements international and national programmes in the field of training, education and research.



Dr. Reimand's earlier career was with the Estonian Academy of Sciences which he joined in 1989 as a Junior Research Associate at the Institute of Physics, Estonia. He has been a visiting researcher in the Hamburg University. He has also been a system analyst in an IT company Aprote (1998-1999) and the founder, owner and CEO of a spin-off company Maico Metrics (1992-2005).

Dr. Reimand has been Estonian delegate on numerous committees, amongst which the OECD CSTP, CREST; ERAC, ESFRI, and e-IRG.