



How tax incentives can boost the competitiveness of European high tech industry

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Stockholm, Sweden*

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The seminar is an activity within the Specific Support Action "Realisation of Young Innovative Company Status, YIC, for biotech companies", supported by the European Commission.

It will bring together senior European stakeholders to share recent information and discuss further development regarding different tax incentive systems which can serve to strengthen the competitiveness of European high-tech industry. The focus of this seminar is on the biotech industry.

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Preliminary program and speakers

Moderator: Mike Ward, European Editor, BioCentury

- 10.00 Welcome: Per Vretblad, Swedish Institute for Food and Biotechnology
- 10.05 Iain Gillespie, Head of Biotechnology Division, OECD (to be confirmed)
- 10.25 Caroline Mischler, Head of the Innovation and Technologies Policies Bureau, General Directorate for Enterprise, French Ministry of industry
- 10.45 French Life Science CEO (to be announced)
- 11.05 Thibaut Kleiner, DG Competition, European Commission (to be confirmed)
- 11.35 Johan Vanhemelrijck, Secretary General, EuropaBio

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Presentations from countries participating in the YIC Status project:

- 13.00 Finland:
- Pekka Lindroos, Ministry of Trade and Industry
 - Industry representative (to be announced)
- 13.35 Norway:
- Christian Hambro, Federation of Norwegian Industries
 - Government representative (to be announced)
- 14.10 Estonia:
- Piret Kukk, Estonian Biotech Association
 - Representative for Ministry of Finance (to be announced)
- 14.45 Sweden:
- Jöran Hägglund, State secretary, Ministry of Industry, Employment and Communications
 - Per-Erik Sandlund, CEO SwedenBIO

COFFEE

- 15.45 Discussion: The way forward
- 17.00 End of seminar, cocktail

