

Press release

The “Bratislava Agenda” – a roadmap for re-industrialising the EU

The three-day international conference Re-industrialisation of the EU 2016 (REinEU2016) closed on Friday, October 28 with a final message on re-industrialisation sent to the EU member states, to industry and to the Commission under the name the “Bratislava Agenda”. The document, a joint initiative of the Dutch and Slovak Presidencies, has been finalized with active participation of the European and international community of researchers, innovators, industry and SMEs representatives at the conference. A roadmap with timing of concrete steps represents an integral part of the document.

„The Bratislava Agenda calls for a European Industrial Revolution to re-industrialise Europe,” said Elżbieta Bieńkowska, the European Commissioner for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs in her address, *“I think industrial revolution is already ongoing and we need to ensure that we can benefit from it across Europe.”* In the conclusion of her speech Commissioner stressed, that the EC can act as an enabler. Re-industrialisation requires right choices at national and regional levels, but *“Ultimately we cannot create jobs: only industry can.”*

A ceremonial handover of Bratislava Agenda took place at the end of the conference, with Marco Galea, the representative of Malta, the next country of the Trioto assume the EU Council Presidency.

This prestigious event of the Slovak EU Council Presidency in the field of nanotechnologies, advanced materials and manufacturing technologies has been a scene of ardent discussions around the role of science, research and innovation in the sustainable development of the European economy and the re-industrialisation of Europe. The conference included an exhibition, poster sessions, site visits around Bratislava, workshops, competitions and a matchmaking event – a marathon of almost 600 meetings of more than 200 participants from 38 countries, who were searching for new project partners.

The full text of “Bratislava Agenda” can be downloaded from the conference webpage:

<http://www.reineu2016.eu/reineu2016/pages/10599-news>