



EU-SPRI 2015 Conference

Innovation policies for economic and social transitions: Developing strategies for knowledge, practice and institutions

Helsinki, Finland 10-12 June

Call for Tracks and Special Sessions

Welcome to participate to the 2015 annual conference of the EU-SPRI Forum (<http://www.euspri-forum.eu>) “**Innovation policies for economic and social transitions: Developing strategies for knowledge, practice and institutions**”, to be organized 10-12.6.2015 in Helsinki, Finland. We expect around 200 leading European and international scholars, policy makers, and industry representatives interested in the study of policies for research and innovation to join us.

A key objective of the conference is to enable research and innovation policy scholars to exchange views across their usual disciplinary boundaries and engage with policy makers. The theme of the conference addresses the role of innovation policies in supporting broader economic and societal change, a theme well timed in the European context but one that allows us to integrate in a novel way also other world regions, such as emerging economies and developing countries struggling to solve economic modernization and pressing social challenges.

We invite proposals for Tracks and Special Sessions to be held in the conference.

Tracks and special sessions provide an opportunity for researchers to present their research results and participate in discussions on various topics of STI policy studies. Proposals including any empirical and theoretical STI policy related topics and themes are welcome. The general theme of the conferences does not restrict possible topics of the tracks and sessions.

A track goes customarily for more than one day giving researchers an opportunity to present and discuss their research. A special session has usually a more limited time and number of presentations focusing on certain topic. Special sessions may also have invited speakers, panels, demos, etc.

For each track or special session at least one organizer must commit to running it including preparation text for call for papers, organizing review process (scientific committee will assist in that task if needed) and chairing it.

Each proposal will be reviewed by at least two members of the scientific committee. Accepted Special Tracks and Sessions will be included in the Open Call For Papers for the EU-SPRI-2015 as special tracks or session





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Proposal Submission Deadline: 16 November 2014

Submission Instructions

Proposal must include the following information in order to be included in the review process:

- Title of the track or special session.
- A description of the track or special session including topic, focus, and relevance.
- Description of the review process
- Organizers' names and contact information (if many, please indicate contact person)
- The maximum length of the proposals is two pages (excluding contact and address information).
- Proposal must be submitted by using the template, available at: http://euspri-helsinki2015.org/?page_id=38
- Only on-line submission via conference website: http://euspri-helsinki2015.org/?page_id=45

The organizing committee informs proposers about acceptance and possible comments and instructions made by reviewers.

Contact & more information:

- **Conference Website:** <http://www.euspri-helsinki2015.org/>
- **Call website:** http://euspri-helsinki2015.org/?page_id=38
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