Informal Meeting of Ministers Responsible for Competitiveness (Research)
1-2 February 2018, Sofia
National Palace of Culture, Sofia

Thursday, February 1

Afternoon  Arrival of delegations and transfer to hotels
17:30  Guided visit of the Bulgarian National History Museum
19:30  Welcome drinks
20:00  Official dinner
22:30  Transfer to hotels

Friday, February 2

Plenary Session
09:30  Welcome address – Introduction by Krasimir Valchev
       Presentation by Ivan Ivanov, EUCYS 2016 awardee
09:40  Introduction by Carlos Moedas, European Commissioner for Research, Science and Innovation
09:50  Presentation by Bindi Karia, member of the HLG of Innovators (EIC), start-up expert and advisor
       Presentation by prof. Jean-Pierre Bourguignon, President of the European Research Council
10:10  Coffee break and family photo
11:00  Parallel sessions on the future of R&I in Europe: Boosting innovation/
       Investing in human capital
12:30  Final Plenary, summary conclusions and discussion
13:30  Lunch
14:30  End of Informal Meeting