

**Lisbon Research and Policy Workshops**  
on  
**“Science, Technology and Social Change”**

During the Portuguese Presidency of the European Union a series of high level policy research workshops will be organised on emerging topics related with science and technology policy and related processes of social change. They will aim to provide insightful approaches to specific topics confronting policy makers, which often require interdisciplinary approaches on the interactions and links between science and technology and society, as well as between higher education policy and the entrepreneurial and social contexts of research and innovation.

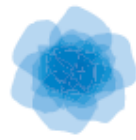
*Do we need to rethink science policies and innovation strategies? Do we need to revisit the links between science and technology policy and higher education? How far does this requires establishing new boundaries across not-for-profit and for-profit organizations? To clarify this debate, the workshops will bring together policy researchers and practitioners in leading research and higher education institutions, as well as in firms, financial institutions and non-governmental organizations, in a way to further the discussion in Europe and to facilitate the publication of new material leading to new insights in science policy.*

Six workshops will be organized during the second semester of 2007 on specific topics of policy interest that bring together international experts comparing different institutional contexts and different national experiences. The workshops will be organized by the Ministry of Science, Technology and Higher Education in close cooperation with the “Portuguese Communications Foundation”.

**Venue:** **Museu das Comunicações**, Portuguese Communications Foundation, Lisboa

**Topics:**

#	Title	Dates
1	High Tech Entrepreneurship: Implications for Science Policy and Education	5-6 July
2	Real science, reliable knowledge and the complementarity of “open science” and property knowledge? ...continuing an exploration on the role of public policy and of the grounds for belief in science after John Ziman	1-2 October
3	Revisiting polytechnic and vocational education? ...Looking at the complex nature of diversified higher education systems and their relation with new challenges in science and technology	15-16 October
4	Technologies, contents and services for social inclusion: Facing the digital divide and the emergence of ambient assisted living	29-30 October
5	What is the potential of new financing schemes for fostering science and technological innovation? ...Balancing private and public, national and global incentives.	12-13 November
6	Why do we need graduate schools to enlighten science and promote research universities? ...a dialogue across different experiences in Europe	10-11 December



### **Organization**

The workshops are organised under the auspices of the Portuguese Presidency of the European Union. The working language is English. Each workshop will last between a day and a day and a half.

A policy paper will be discussed during each workshop, together with a selected number of research papers, which will be presented by invited speakers. Each paper will be followed by a period of discussion. Participants will include invited experts and selected national contributors.

The various policy papers and a selected sample of research papers will be edited for publication through an international editor.