

**“PLA on World Class Excellence”
in Lisbon, Portugal
May 2-4, 2010**

Sunday 2 May

19.30 **Welcome buffet and registration at Hotel Villa Galé Opera, Room S. Carlos**
Welcome by Prof. João Sentieiro, President of the Foundation for Science and
Technology.

Hotel Vila Galé Opera, Travessa do Conde da Ponte, 1300 Lisboa, www.vilagale.pt

Monday 3 May

The meeting venue is the Auditorium Centro Cientifico e Cultural de Macau, Rua da Junqueira, 30 -
1300 Lisboa (walking distance from hotel).

Chairs: Pedro Guedes de Oliveira and Frank Ziegele

Rapporteurs: Diane Carr and Fiona Hunter

09.30-1000 **Welcome Address**

Prof. Manuel Heitor, Secretary of State for Science, Technology and Higher
Education

10.00-10.20 **Introduction into PLA by EC and coordinating country**

ERA and the Crest Peer Learning Activities on Universities, Head of Unit Stefaan
Hermans, DG Research, European Commission

Peer Learning – Method and Focus, Jakob Williams Ørberg, Danish Ministry of
Science, Technology and Innovation

10.20-11.20 **Developing Excellence in Portugal (Part 1)**

- *Opening up Universities and Strengthening Scientific Excellence: the Case of
University of Porto Foundation*, Prof. Pedro Guedes de Oliveira, University of
Porto

- *International Evaluation of Research Institutions: Empowering Research for University Excellence*, Prof. Cláudio Sunkel, University of Porto and Director of the Institute for Molecular and Cellular Biology
- Q+A

11.20-11.50 **Coffee break**

11.50-12.50 **Developing Excellence in Portugal (Part 2)**

- *Developing Research and Advanced Training Networks through International Partnerships*, Prof. João Barros, University of Porto and Director of the Partnership CMU|Portugal and Prof. Paulo Ferrão, Technical University Lisbon and Director of the Partnership MIT|Portugal
- *Human Resources for Scientific Excellence: Fostering Brain Circulation and Attracting Talent*, Hugo Horta, PhD, Adjunct of Secretary of State for Science, Technology and Higher Education
- Q+A

12.50-14.00 **Lunch**

Moderator: Frank Ziegele

14.00-15.30 **Country cases (Part 1) - “Identifying and Using Potential for World Class Excellence”**

15.30-16.00 **Coffee break**

16.00-17.30 **Country cases (Part 2) – “Prioritisation and Investment Strategies”**

17.30-18.00 **Sum up and Card Collection**

20.30 Dinner at Clube de Fado at the typical Lisbon District of Alfama

Tuesday 4 May

The meeting venue is the auditorium at Centro Cientifico e Cultural de Macau, Rua da Junqueira, 30 - 1300 Lisboa.

Moderator: Frank Ziegele

Rapporteurs: Diane Carr and Fiona Hunter

09.30-09.45 **Short presentation of the themes / workshops of the day, presentation of card collection**

09.45-11.15 **Country Cases Part 3 “International Networks and Attractiveness for World Class Researchers”**

11.15-11.45 **Coffee break**

11.45-13.15 **Gallery Walk: Who has to do what to attain world class excellence?
The roles of individual researchers politics, ministries, institutions and EU**

13.15-14.30 **Lunch**

14.30-16.15 **Plenary discussion: 1) Sustainability of WCE policies 2) Implications and effects of WCE policies (segmentation/profiles, side effects, goal conflicts, role of WCE policies within HE policies and steering)**

16.15-16.30 **Wrap-up and goodbye**