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10.00 Welcome Addresses

Dr **Thomas Cooney** (ECSB/Ireland) and Professor **Anders Lundström** (Growth Analysis/Mälardalens University)
Moderator: Deputy Managing Director **Ulrika Stuart Hamilton**, Swedish Entrepreneurship Forum, Sweden

10.20 Benefits from Public Counselling Services

The Nordic challenge and its policy implications, Project Manager **Thomas Ebdrup**, FORA, Denmark

Counselling services for growth, **Marie Ahlgren**, Business Area Manager, ALMI Företagspartner

Comments by Head of Division Development, **Anna Bünger**, Central Agency for National and Regional Development, Sweden

11.20 Coffee break

11.50 Does Entrepreneurship Education Matter?

Plant a seed, cultivate an idea, reap a reward, **Erik Burton**, Learning & Teaching Scotland - National Development Officer and West Lothian Council - Enterprise in Education Development Officer.

Implementation, dissemination and effects of entrepreneurship education in Norway, Ass professor **Beate Rotefoss**, Bodø Graduate School of Business, Norway

Comments by Ass professor **Miquel Meuleman**, Vlerick Leuven Gent Management School, Belgium

12.50 Lunch

13.50 Financing SMEs

Financing SMEs in Finland – the case of Finnvera Plc, Professor **Jarna Heinonen**, Turku School of Economics, University of Turku, Finland

International research of effects of public sector investments in the VC market, Dr **Anders Isaksson**, Umeå University, Sweden (tbc)

Comments from dr **Chunyan Zhou**, International Triple Helix Institute, Spain

14.50 Coffee break

15.00 What is the Future for Entrepreneurship and SME Policies across Europe?

Panel Discussion – Professor **Joao Leitao**, ECSB/University of Beira Interior, Portugal, Dr **Peter Vikström**, Growth Analysis, Sweden, Professor **Pontus Braunerhjelm**, Managing director Swedish Entrepreneurship Forum, and Director **Inga Thoresson-Hallgren**, Ministry of Enterprise, Energy and Communications

15.50 Concluding remarks and discussions

Professors **David Storey**, University of Sussex, UK and **Anders Lundström**

16.30 End of Conference

Practical details: The conference will take place at Lundqvist & Lindqvist conference center, www.lundqvist-lindqvist.se, Klarabergsviadukten 90, room S:t Clara. There is no fee for participation in the conference. The number of participants is limited.

Registration: To register please visit www.icsbknowledge.com/scripts/prodView.asp?idproduct=28