

Conference

**Low-Tech as Misnomer:
The Role of Non-Research-Intensive Industries
in the Knowledge Economy**

29 + 30 June, 2005

Charlemagne Building, Room S1, Rue de la Loi 170, Brussels
(Metro "Schuman")

Wednesday, 29 June, 10h–19h

Session 1 (10.00-11.30h)

Hartmut Hirsch-Kreinsen (University of Dortmund)

Low-tech industries: innovativeness and development perspectives

Aris Kaloudis, Tore Sandven (NIFU STEP, Oslo), Keith Smith (IPTS, Seville)

Structural change, growth and innovation: the roles of medium and low-tech industries

Session 2 (11.50-12.45h)

Staffan Laestadius (Royal Institute of Technology Stockholm),

Trond Einar Pedersen, Tore Sandven (NIFU STEP, Oslo)

Towards a new understanding of innovativeness – and of innovation based indicators

Discussant: Nick von Tunzelmann, SPRU, University of Sussex

Session 3 (14.15-15.10h)

Gerd Bender (University of Dortmund),

Staffan Laestadius (Royal Institute of Technology Stockholm)

Non-science based innovativeness: on capabilities relevant to generate profitable novelty

Discussant: Stan Metcalfe, University of Manchester

Session 4 (15.35-16.30h)

Klaus Schmierl (ISF Munich), Holm-Detlev Köhler (University of Oviedo)

Organisational learning: knowledge management and training in low tech companies

Discussant: James Wickham, Trinity College, Dublin

Session 5 (16.55-17.50)

Francesco Garibaldi (IpL, Bologna), David Jacobson (Dublin City University)

The role of company and social networks in low-tech industries

Discussant: Guisepppe Strina, OSTO, Aachen

Session 6 (18.20-18.50)

Paul Robertson (Griffith University, Australia), Pari Patel (SPRU, Sussex)

New wine in old bottles: technological diffusion in developed economies

Thursday, 30 June, 10h–14h

Session 7 (10.00-11.20h)

Tadeusz Borkowski, Alexander Marcinkowski
(Jagiellonian University, Krakow)

Dilemmas of Policy on LMT industries. The Polish case

Discussant: Krystyna Poznańska (Warsaw School of Economics)

David Jacobson, Kevin Heanue
(Dublin City University)

Policy conclusions and recommendations

Comments from the policy community (11.50-13.00h)

Giles Chichester

Chairman of the European Parliament's Committee on
Industry, Research and Energy

Gerhard Huemer

Director Economic Policy,

Union Européenne de l'artisanat et des petites moyennes entreprises (UEAPME)

Hardy Koch

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