

“HOW CAN EUROPEAN INSTITUTIONS AND INDUSTRY ENGAGE WITH INDIA’S NEW RESEARCH UNIVERSITIES?”

Annual Event of the EU STI Platform in India

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The EU STI Platform, in India organized its second annual event on 15 April 2015 in New Delhi. This event focused on “How can European Institutions and Industry engage with India’s New Research Universities”. The topic was of great interest for both the European and Indian Research community and gathered more than 120 people.



This event was opened by Dr. Srinivasa Kaveri, Director of CNRS Office in India, and coordinator of the EU STI Platform in India. He reminded the attendees that the platform is an activity conducted within the framework of the INDIGO POLICY project, which aims to support STI cooperation between the EU and India. The Platform’s (which gathers over 20 European members settled in India) main objectives are to network and collaborate with the Indian counterparts in a coordinated and cohesive way.

By focusing on new Indian universities, the EU STI Platform event goal was threefold:

- To bring together European firms and institutions with stakeholders from the new research universities in India
- To understand how the new research universities will fit into the Indian innovation ecosystem
- To foster a dialogue between European firms and institutions with a view to establishing long term, sustainable partnerships.

Dr. João Cravinho, Ambassador of the Delegation of the European Union to India was the guest of Honour of this half-day event. In his welcome speech, João Cravinho encouraged the new Indian universities to continue their expansion of international collaboration with Europe and to better coordinate their effort at the national level.

3 keynote speakers from India and Europe shared their expertise and knowledge with the large audience present for this event: Professor L.S. Shashidhara from IISER Pune, Poul V. Jensen, director of the European Business and Technology Center and Denis Dambois, First Counsellor - Head of Science & Technology at the Delegation of the European Union to India

The keynote session was followed by a panel session, moderated by Professor V.V. Krishna from Jawaharlal Nehru University. It was a great opportunity for the audience to learn from the experience of new Indian universities with the contribution of Prof. Rupamanjari Ghosh (Shiv Nadar University), Dr. OP Vyas (IIIT Allahabad), and Dr. Prem Siri (IIT Mandi).

