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TITLE OF PRESENTATION: *The European Perspective*

Abstract of presentation

Increasingly, Europe's scientists are embracing the core values of Open Science: sharing knowledge, collaborating and being transparent. Open Access to publications and data is becoming the norm, collaborative networks are showing their power and the windows and doors of academic institutions are opened. For almost a decade, the European Commission has been a driving force behind Open Science and launched several initiatives such as Plan S, the European Open Science Cloud, Horizon Europe, an update of the European Code on Research Integrity and recently regarding a reform of the research assessment system. In my presentation I will focus on the state of implementation of the Open Science agenda and practices, and deal with the question if academic institutions and their researchers are really walking the talk?

Biographical note

Robert-Jan Smits is the President of the Eindhoven University of Technology. Prior to this, he was the Director-General of Research and Innovation at the European Commission (2010-2018). In this capacity he was the architect of Horizon 2020, the 80 billion EU Research and Innovation program. Smits has also been instrumental in shaping the successor program Horizon Europe (budget: 95 billion).

In his last year in Brussels, Robert-Jan Smits worked as Open Access Envoy of the European Commission and developed concrete policy proposals aimed to ensure that all publicly funded academic publications are widely available and accessible through Open Access.

Smits has received several recognitions and awards for his contribution to European science and innovation. He holds an honorary degree from Edinburgh University and is an honorary member of Academia Europaea.