



# Strategies for research prioritisation

– a comparison of six small-medium-sized economies



**Welcome to IVA's Royal Technology Forum,  
22 October 2009, 13.00–17.00**

# Background

*"If I were a Swedish decision maker I would spend double on the Royal Institute of Technology and Chalmers and let them focus on what they are really good at!"*

– Prof **Nam Suh**, President of KAIST, Korea Advanced Institute for Science and Technology.

That's only one of many comments made by the foreign policy strategists and decision makers, whom IVA interviewed during the spring. At this afternoon seminar the project will present the unique insights from Switzerland, South Korea, Finland, Taiwan, the Netherlands and Sweden. Several representatives and policy specialists will discuss prominent strategies for succeeding in an ever more globally competitive knowledge economy.

## **The following questions and many more will be addressed in the speeches and concomitant discussion:**

- How does Switzerland coordinate its decentralised government to adapt to dynamic research demands?
- With what methods does Taiwan's Industrial Technology Research Institute map out the next industrial revolution?
- What is needed to effectively compare different research strategies?
- Can Finland's restructuring of the research system be a model for others?

**Date:** Thursday October 22nd 2009, 1–5 pm

**Venue:** IVA's Conference Center, Grev Turegatan 16, Stockholm, Sweden

**Registration:** To register for this free seminar please visit [www.iva.se/prio](http://www.iva.se/prio) or contact Marika Thunberg by e-mail at [mt@iva.se](mailto:mt@iva.se) or by telephone at +46(0)8 791 29 04.

# Programme

13:00

## **Introduction**

Prof *Björn O. Nilsson*, President of IVA

## **Major findings of the IVA project report**

Dr *Ted Fjällman*, Project Manager, IVA

## **Current issues in Swiss prioritisation**

Prof *Antonio Loprieno*, President of the Rectors' conference of the Swiss Universities (CRUS) and President of the University of Basel

## **Taiwanese roadmapping activities**

Dr *Robert Lo*, Senior Researcher at the Industrial Technology Research Institute (ITRI) of Taiwan

14:30

## **Refreshments**

15:00

## **Prioritisation studies – the Dutch perspective**

Dr *Jasper Deuten*, Consultant at the Technopolis Group Netherlands

## **Comparing Finland and Sweden**

Prof *Charles Edquist*, Director for the Centre for Innovation, Research and Competence in the Learning Economy (CIRCLE) at Lund University

## **Panel discussion**

Speakers as well as Dr *Lars-Göran Rosengren*, Chairman of IVAs research prioritisation steering committee

17:00

## **End of forum**

Moderator: Dr *Arne Wittlöv*, Chairman of Volvo's Research & Educational Foundations and Chairman of IVA's upcoming 'Research Forum'



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