



Kris Peeters  
Minister-President of the Government of Flanders

and

Harry K. Voigtsberger  
Minister for Economic Affairs, Energy, Building, Housing and Transport  
of the State of North Rhine-Westphalia

invite you to the

**ECONOMIC CONFERENCE**  
**VLAANDEREN – NORDRHEIN-WESTFALEN**

on Monday 7 May 2012

at Hof van Liere, University of Antwerp,  
Prinsstraat 13, 2000 Antwerpen

## **Program**

- 10.00h**                    **Registration**
- 10.30h – 10.45h**        **Welcome and Introduction**  
Prof. Dr. Alain Verschoren, Rector of the University of Antwerp  
Mr. Koen Verlaeckt, Secretary General, Flemish Department of Foreign Affairs
- 10.45h – 12.15h**        **Clusterworkshop: Energy – Chemistry**  
Chaired by:  
Ir. Frans Dieryck, Managing Director Essenscia Vlaanderen  
Dr. Frank-Michael Baumann, Clustermanager Energy, Nordrhein-Westfalen  
Prof. Dr. Ludo Diels, Scientific Manager for Sustainable Chemistry, VITO  
Prof. Dr. Michael Droescher, Clustermanager Chemistry Nordrhein-Westfalen
- Clusterworkshop: Logistics – Transport**  
Chaired by:  
Prof. Dr. Thierry Van Elslander, Chair Transport, Logistics and Ports, University of Antwerp  
Mrs. Özlem Alpsü, Deputy Clustermanager Logistics, Nordrhein-Westfalen
- 12.15h – 13.15h**        **Plenum: New Industrial Policy**  
**Chaired by:**  
Mr. Wouter De Geest, Chairman of the Industrial Council of Flanders  
Dr. Bernhard Hausberg, Project Leader Cluster Agency Nordrhein-Westfalen – ExzellenzNRW
- 13.15h – 14.30h**        **Lunch**

**14.30h – 15.00h**

**Conclusions of Clusterworkshops and Plenum**

**15.00h – 15.30h**

**Keynote Speeches**

Minister-President Kris Peeters

Minister Harry K. Voigtsberger

Signing Ceremony of the Declaration of Intent Vlaanderen - Nordrhein-Westfalen

**15.30h – 16.00h**

**Networking Reception**