



# Invitation: Berlin Conference on Export Controls and Academia

Dear Madam, dear Sir,

Academic institutions play a significant role in the prevention of the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and conventional arms, related knowledge and technology. Therefore – as any exporting entity – they are subject to Export Control Regulation. However, freedom of research is an important pillar of modern society and economy. The current recast of the EU Dual Use Regulation is a fitting time to address key concerns of universities and research organisations in reference to export controls. The Berlin Conference offers the chance to highlight the specific challenges regarding Export controls and Academia. The Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy hereby invites you to the conference “Export Controls and Academia” on

**4 December 2017**

**from 9:30 – 15:00 h**

**at the Federal Ministry of Economic Affairs and Energy**

**Invalidenstr. 48, 10115 Berlin, Germany**

The workshops during the conference will address the most relevant issues of awareness, regulatory aspects and compliance of export control rules in academia including practical aspects. We would like to invite all stakeholders and experts to this dialogue.

Intended participants: We expect a diverse attendance by members of administration and government agencies, representatives of universities and research facilities as well as other stakeholders, from the European Union and beyond.

## **Schedule (subject to changes)**

**9.30 Registration**

**10.00 Opening Statement by Dr. Eckhard Franz**, Director-General for External Economic Policy, Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy

**10.05 Key Note by Dr. Nils Weith**, Head of division for export control of dual-use goods, Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy

- 10.20 1<sup>st</sup> Panel Discussion: Awareness Raising**  
Speakers: Netherlands, Representative of Ministry of Foreign Affairs;  
Ian J. Stewart, King's College London;  
Mathias Kruse, Deputy head of division for export control of dual-use goods,  
proliferation, Federal Foreign Office of Germany;  
Dr. Tobias Darge, Bundesamt für Verfassungsschutz;  
Moderator: Georg Pietsch, Director General, German Federal Office for Economic Affairs  
and Export Control (BAFA)
- 11.30 2<sup>nd</sup> Panel Discussion: Regulatory Issues**  
Speakers: Stéphane Chardon, European Commission, DG Trade (tbc);  
Adrian Toshev, German Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy;  
Branislav Aleksic, Fraunhofer, Germany;  
Belgium, Representative of Flemish government, Department of Foreign  
Affairs, Strategic Goods Control;  
France, Representative of Ministry of Economy & Finance (tbc);  
Moderator: Mark Bromley, Stockholm International Peace Research Institute
- 12.40-13.30 Lunch break**
- 13.30 3<sup>rd</sup> Panel Discussion: Compliance**  
Speakers: Yoichi Iida, Director General, Trade Control Department, Ministry of Economy,  
Trade and Industry, Japan;  
Georg Pietsch, Director General, German Federal Office for Economic Affairs  
and Export Control (BAFA);  
Dr. Christine Rohde, Leibniz Institute DSMZ-German Collection of  
Microorganisms and Cell Cultures;  
Dr. Christos Charatsis, European Commission, Joint Research Centre,  
Directorate G – Nuclear Security Unit; German Aerospace Center (DLR);  
Moderator: Dr. Irina Kerner, German Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy
- 14.45 Summary by Dr. Nils Weith**
- 15.00 End of event**

## Venue and registration

The conference takes place at the Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy, Berlin. Please use the conference entrance at Invalidenstraße 48, 10115 Berlin, parking space cannot be provided, <https://www.bmwi.de/Redaktion/EN/Artikel/Service/driving-directions-bmwi-berlin.html>.

**Please register via email to [buero-vb4@bmwi.bund.de](mailto:buero-vb4@bmwi.bund.de) till 23 November 2017.**

**Participation is free of charge!** On the day of the event, please present your passport or identification card.

Sincerely,

Dr. Nils Weith

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