


# Working visit of Prof. dr. Maria Leptin, President of the ERC Scientific Council to the Netherlands (7- 8.07.2026)

## Program

 Wednesday 8 July 2026

 10:00- 15:00

 The Hague, International Institute of Social Studies, Erasmus University Rotterdam  
(Kortenaerkade 12, 2518 AX The Hague)

### 10:00: Opening and Key-note speeches

- Prof. dr. Ruard Ganzevoort, Rector ISS
- Prof. dr. Rianne Letschert, Minister of Education, Culture and Science of Netherlands (pending invitation)
- Prof. dr. Maria Leptin, President of the European Research Council

### 10:30-12:00: Stakeholders debate: *Mission FP10: Curiosity, Values, and Freedom at the Core of Europe's Future*

**Moderator:** Prof. dr. Annelien Bredenoord, President EUR and Member of the Heitor Group on the future of Horizon Europe

#### Panelists:

- Prof. dr. Maria Leptin, President ERC Council
- Prof. dr. Ben Feringa ERC Laureate and Nobel Prize winner
- Prof. dr. Marcel Levi, President NWO
- Tjerk Opmeer, Dep. Director-General for Business & Innovation, Ministry of Economic Affairs and Climate
- Susanne Caarls, Head of Unit-European and International research & science, talent and social safety of scientists, Ministry of Education, Culture and Science

### 12:00-13:00 Lunch Break

### 13:00-14:30: Frontier Science Session: *Empowering Human-Centred European Excellence*

**Moderator:** Prof. dr. Jantine Schuit, Rector Magnificus EUR

**Opening speech:** Prof. dr. Maria Leptin, President of the ERC Scientific Council

#### Inspirational stories:

- Prof. dr. Eveline Crone, former Vice-President of the ERC Scientific Council
- Prof. dr. Ben Feringa ERC Laureate and Nobel Prize winner
- Prof. dr. Karin Roelofs, Member of the ERC Scientific Council

- Prof. Aida Todri-Sanial, ERC Laureate and Scientific Director of the Semiconductors School at TU/Eindhoven
- Prof. dr. Caroline Klaver, ERC Laureate
- Prof. dr. Andrew M. Fischer, ERC Laureate

**Open discussion** with the audience

**14:30-15:00 Closing remarks:** Prof. dr. Ruard Ganzevoort, Rector ISS

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