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From knowledge to impact: Shaping Europe's next innovation wave

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ALBERT BORSCHETTE
CONFERENCE CENTER
BRUSSELS

PROGRAMME

9:30 – 10:00

REGISTRATION AND WELCOME COFFEE

10:00 – 10:05

Opening speech

Ekaterina Zaharieva, Commissioner for Startups, Research and Innovation - video message

10:05 – 10:15

Introductory remarks

Maria Cristina Russo, Director Prosperity Directorate, DG Research and Innovation

10:15 - 11:00

FROM RESEARCH TO MARKET: TOWARDS A BLUEPRINT ON LICENSING AND SPINOFF CREATION

Isabel Rocha, Vice Rector for Research, Innovation and Value Creation, NOVA University of Lisbon

Zoë Reich, Founding Partner, Octopus Energy Climate Ventures

Christian Stafford, Department Manager, Knowledge Transfer Ireland

Moderator: To be confirmed

11:00 - 11:45

CONNECTING INNOVATIVE COMPANIES TO RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY INFRASTRUCTURES

Pauliina Tukiainen, Manager of Operations of Industrial chemistry, VTT Technical Research Centre of Finland

Stef Denayer, Stakeholder Relations Manager, BioBase Europe Pilot Plant and Pilot4U

Andrea Tummino, Head of Academic Programs, Renaissance Fusion

Silvia Garcia, Executive Board Member, Agência Nacional de Inovação (ANI)

Moderator: **Maria Cristina Russo**, Director, Directorate Prosperity, DG Research and Innovation

11:45 - 12:15

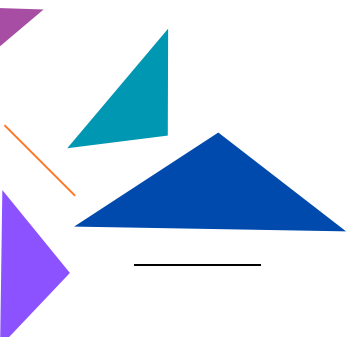
CEN-CENELEC Standards & Innovation Awards Ceremony

Annual awards ceremony for contribution to standardisation activities

Master of ceremony: **Claire Dalier**, Account Manager, RTD Collaboration, Policy & External Affairs, CEN-CENELEC

Keynote: **Fernando Utrilla**, Chair of the CEN-CENELEC Advisory Committee on Research & Innovation and Head of Innovation at Spanish Standardisation Body UNE

Short address by the award winners



12:15 – 13:45

LUNCH AND COFFEE BREAK

13:45 – 14:30

A NEW HORIZON FROM RESEARCH TO COMMERCIALISATION

Jan Palmowski, Secretary-General of The Guild of European Research-Intensive Universities

Adam Piotrowski, CEO at VIGO Photonics S.A., member of the expert group on the interim evaluation of Horizon Europe

Speaker, To be confirmed

Moderator: Pauline Rouch, Director, Common Policy Centre, DG Research and Innovation

14:30 – 15:15

EMPOWERING TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER OFFICES FOR BETTER VALUE CREATION

Ilja Rudyk, Senior Economist, European Patent Office (EPO)

Nina Dremelj, Managing Partner, Vesna Deep Tech Fund

Speaker, To be confirmed

Moderator: Mart Maasik, General Partner, Nordic Science Investments

15:15 - 15:30

CLOSING REMARKS

Maria Cristina Russo, Director of the Prosperity Directorate, DG Research and Innovation

