



EP PerMed
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Agenda

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Agenda Day 1

12:00	Registration and Networking Lunch
13:00	Opening Statements by EP PerMed
13:15	Opening Keynote by Jérôme Van Biervliet, Managing Director, VIB
13:45	A Patient Perspective on Reverse Technology Transfer <i>Charlotta Norgaard – CEO and Founder of Patient in Research</i>
14:15	An Innovator Perspective on Reverse Technology Transfer <i>Hakim Yadi – Baringa Partner and Co-founder of Closed Loop Medicine</i>
14:45	Coffee Break
15:15	Pitching Session: Co-creation with End-users in Practice ○ <i>Robrecht Lembrechts - The Belgian Cancer Society, FORCE Project</i> ○ <i>Letizia Pontoriero – Scientific Project Specialist and Expert Patient on Chronic Pain, EUPATI Fellow</i> ○ <i>Raúl López – Manager of the Rare Diseases Registry, Aragon Health Science Institute</i> ○ <i>Liesbet Geris – Coordinator EDITH European Virtual Human Twin, University of Liège and KU Leuven</i> ○ <i>Léo Laoubi – Researcher, SURPASS-TNBC</i> ○ <i>Christopher Patzanovsky – Researcher, NeuroSight</i> ○ <i>Suraj Kumar Lachmandas – CEO and Founder, MiMIAT Health</i> ○ <i>Peeter Padrik – CEO and Founder, Antegenes</i> ○ <i>Enrique Samper – Chief Corporate Development and Scientific Officer, Lifelength</i>
16:10	Coffee Break & Transition to World Café Session

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- 16:40** World Café Session on the Acceleration of the Innovation and Implementation Cycle
- *Sergio Cardoso Martín – Technology Innovation Manager, Biogipuzkoa Health Research Institute*
 - *Christina Franssen – Investment Manager, WE Life Sciences*
 - *Antonella Cardone – CEO, Cancer Patients Europe*
 - *Jasmine Gratton – Topic Lead Pharmacogenomics, European Medicines Agency (EMA)*
 - *Bart Geers – Investment Manager, KU Leuven R&D Tech Transfer Office*
 - *Ander Izeta Permisán – Advanced Therapies Researcher, Biogipuzkoa Health Research Institute*
 - *Elke Smits – Chief Science and Innovation Officer, Antwerp University Hospital & President, BBMRI.be*
 - *Ioanna Tsea – Talent Development Portfolio Manager, EITH Health*
 - *Jérôme Van Biervliet – Managing Director, VIB*
 - *Wolfgang Ballensiefen – EP PerMed Coordinator, DLR*
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18:00 World Café Session Conclusions & Wrap-Up Day 1

19:00 Walking Dinner

Agenda Day 2

08:30	Welcome Coffee
09:00	Opening Statements Day 2
09:15	The EIC Innovation Procurement Programme: Results and Impact <i>Vassilis Tsanidis – Innovation Procurement Advisor, European Innovation Council</i>
09:45	A Hospital Perspective on Reverse Technology Transfer and How to Implement Results <i>Neeme Tõnisson – President, Estonian Medical Association</i>
10:15	The NEED Initiative: Identifying End-User Needs for Evidence-Informed Healthcare and Innovation <i>Irina Cleemput – Scientific Director, Belgian Health Care Knowledge Centre</i>
10:45	Coffee Break
11:15	Panel Discussion: The Future of Reverse Technology Transfer <i>Moderation by Matteo Gentili, Project Coordinator, Toscana Life Sciences</i> ○ <i>Giedrė Kvedaravičienė – Director, Lithuanian Population and Rare Disorders Biobank</i> ○ <i>Orla Galvin – Executive Director, European Federation of Neurological Associations</i> ○ <i>Ingrid Adriaensen – Business Manager, LiCalab</i> ○ <i>Alba Medina – Research Nurse, European 4D PICTURE Project</i> ○ <i>Marc Van Den Bulcke – Coordinator of European Joint Action on Personalised Cancer Medicine</i>
12:15	Final Note and Wrap-Up <i>Carmen Laplaza-Santos – Head of Unit Health Innovations and Ecosystems at European Commission</i>
12:30	Networking Lunch