

EIT INNOVATION AWARDS

25 NOVEMBER, 2025

MAIN STAGE

BREAKOUT ROOMS

8:30

REGISTRATION AND WELCOME COFFEE

09:00

EIT JUMPSTARTER PITCHING FINALE

- Room 1: Healthcare Category
- Room 2: Food & Agritech Category
- Room 3: New European Bauhaus Category
- Room 4: Energy & Renewables Category

10:15

EIT JUMPSTARTER PITCHING FINALE

- Room 1: Raw Materials Category
- Room 2: Smart Cities & Mobility Category
- Room 3: EIT Jumpstarter Next Category
- Room 4: Rebuild Ukraine Category

11:20

WELCOME BY THE MASTER OF CEREMONIES

11:25

OPENING REMARKS

Opening remarks by László Bódis, Deputy State Secretary for Innovation, Hungarian Ministry of Innovation and Culture, Antoaneta Angelova Krasteva, Director of DG EAC and Stefan Dobrev, Chairperson of the EIT Governing Board

11:45

INTRODUCTION TO EIT WATER

Introduction of the 10th Knowledge and Innovation Community by Martin Kern, EIT Director, together with Representatives of EIT Water: Hero Prins, Interim CEO and Michelle Williams, Vice-Dean Talent Development & Internationalization, Faculty of Technical Sciences at Aarhus University

12:05

CELEBRATING EIT CHAMPIONS - EIT AWARDS PITCHING AND CEREMONY

Nine EIT Awards finalists will pitch in front of the audience. Awards given by Antoaneta Angelova Krasteva, Director of DG EAC and Stefan Dobrev, Chairperson of the EIT Governing Board

13:05

NETWORKING LUNCH

13:35

UNLOCKING THE HIDDEN VALUE OF EUROPEAN RESEARCH INFRASTRUCTURES: EIT INFRABOOSTER SHOWCASE

Room 2: this session will be moderated by Adam Strzelecki, EIT Food

14:05

CULTURAL INTERLUDE

14:10

CLOSING THE INNOVATION GAP IN EUROPE

Discussion with Robert Somogyi, Deputy CEO of Hungarian National Innovation Agency, Silvio Scerri, CEO Xjenza Malta and Rana Sanyal, Chief Scientific Officer and Co-Founder of RS Research. Moderated by Martin Kern, EIT Director



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SIGNATURE OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Martin Kern, EIT Director will sign a Memorandum of Understanding together with Silvio Scerri, CEO at Xjenza Malta

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PANEL DISCUSSION - WHY EIT STARTUPS ARE WORTH YOUR CAPITAL

Featured speakers:

Maite Fibla, Co-founder and Managing Partner at Ship2B Ventures;
Olga Petrovic, CEO at Neofunction;
Ana Barjasic, CEO of Connectology and EIC Board Member.

Moderated by Laurent Roux, Head of Section, at EIT Innovation Capacity Section

15:20

EIT JUMPSTARTER GRAND FINALE

Early-stage innovators from moderate and emerging innovation regions will compete for prizes of up to EUR 10.000 across seven categories: Energy, Food, Health, New European Bauhaus, Raw Materials, Urban Mobility and Rebuild Ukraine.

Awards given by Ana Barjasic, CEO of Connectology and EIC Board Member and Evelin Regina Szasz, EIT Jumpstarter Programme Lead

16:20

COFFEE BREAK

16:50

EIT RED KALYNA AWARDS - SPOTLIGHTING UKRAINIAN WOMEN INNOVATORS

Recognise the extraordinary efforts of Ukrainian women entrepreneurs, educators, researchers, and mentors who are driving innovation and positive change. This initiative honours those who have developed groundbreaking products or solutions, or transformed their businesses into hubs of innovation, embodying resilience, determination, and unwavering spirit in the face of adversity

Introduction and awards given by Oksana Berezhna, Director General of Innovation and Science Liaison with the Real Sector of Economy Directorate at the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine and Sasha Bezuhanova, Co-Founder at SCION, former EIT Governing Board Member

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CLOSING REMARKS

Closing remarks by Jan Oravec, EIT Governing Board Member

17:40

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