

NEW EIT STRATEGY TO POWER EUROPE'S LARGEST INNOVATION NETWORK



Join the European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT) on June 14th for a **Launch Event for the EIT Strategic Innovation Agenda 2021-2027**. Organised under the auspices of Portugal's Presidency of the Council of EU, the event will consist of a high-level policy session and four thematic sessions. It is part of the EIT Stakeholder Forum and is being hosted by the International Iberian Nanotechnology Laboratory (INL).

(10:00-12:45) High-Level Policy Session

The launch event will begin with a high-level session focused on the EU's policy priorities for boosting research and innovation in Europe and the EIT's role in realizing those priorities through its [Strategic Innovation Agenda 2021-2027](#). It will consist of a short welcome & the four discussion segments outlined below.

(10:00-10:05) Welcome

- ✓ **Lars Montelius**, Director General of the INL (moderator)

(10:05-10:10) Video message

- ✓ **David Sassoli**, President of the European Parliament

(10:10-10:35) EIT for a strong & resilient Europe

The key EU decision-makers of the EIT legislative package will discuss the future of European research and innovation and the role of the EIT.

- ✓ **Manuel Heitor**, Portugal's Minister of Science, Technology, and Higher Education
- ✓ **Maria da Graça Carvalho**, Member of the European Parliament
- ✓ **Mariya Gabriel**, European Commissioner for Innovation, Research, Culture, Education, and Youth

(10:35-10:55) Strong basis & reinforced mandate

This session will begin with the key pillars of the EIT strategy for 2021-2027. It will then turn to innovators to explore how the EIT Community can translate its strategic goals into tangible support for entrepreneurship.

- ✓ **Gioia Ghezzi**, Chairwoman of the EIT Governing Board (moderator)
- ✓ **Peter Carlsson**, CEO of [Northvolt](#) (supported by EIT InnoEnergy and EIT Raw Materials)
- ✓ **Arne Peine**, CEO of [Clinomic](#) (supported by EIT Health)

(10:55-11:10) A vision for the future – stepping up

This session will outline the EIT's ambitious plans for 2021-2027. It will then explore EITs strategic ability to create and sustain vibrant innovation ecosystems via its Knowledge and Innovation Communities (EIT KICs), and discuss the game-changing effect KICs as a fully-fledged ecosystem bring to the European R&I landscape.

- ✓ **Martin Kern**, Director of the EIT (moderator)
- ✓ **Kirsten Dunlop**, CEO of [EIT Climate-KIC](#)
- ✓ **Susana Sargento**, Co-founder of [Veniam](#), EC Woman Award Winner 2016

(11:10-11:25) Q&A session with speakers– The speakers from the previous two sessions will take questions from the audience.

(11:25-11:30) Break – Time to refill our coffee.

(11:30-12:45) EIT's contribution to a green and digital European economy

The EIT KICs will lead a discussion on how the EIT Community, as Europe's largest innovation ecosystem, is leading alliances of research, business, and education to enable Europe's green and digital transition. This session will be broken into two parts – one focused on digital transition, the other on green transition.

(11:30-12:00) Digital transition

- ✓ **Willem Jonker**, CEO of [EIT Digital](#) (moderator)
- ✓ **Amparo Roca**, COO of [Artificial Intelligence Talentum](#) (supported by EIT Food)
- ✓ **Joni Kettunen**, CEO of [Firstbeat](#) (supported by EIT Digital)
- ✓ **Marc Julien**, CEO of [Diabeloop](#) (supported by EIT Health)

(12:00-12:45) Green transition

- ✓ **Diego Pavia**, CEO of [EIT InnoEnergy](#) (moderator)
- ✓ **Angel Lopez**, City of Barcelona, Chair of [EIT Urban Mobility City Club](#)
- ✓ **Ana Silva**, Senior Project Manager, [Sonae](#) (supported by EIT Manufacturing)
- ✓ **Abel Samaniego**, CEO of [Dabbel](#) (supported by EIT Climate-KIC)

(12:45-13:45) Energising Break – Lunch break and chance for participants to prepare for thematic sessions.

(13:45-17:30) New Opportunities on the EIT Horizon

The launch event will continue in the afternoon with four thematic sessions, each dedicated to one of the pillars of the EIT Strategic Innovation Agenda 2021-2027. The 45-minute sessions will involve participants from the EIT Community and external speakers, while giving space for interaction with audience. Short descriptions of each session can be found below.

(13:45-13:50) Message from the EIT Alumni President

- ✓ **Miguel Amador**, President, [EIT Alumni](#)

(13:50-14:35) Session 1: Strengthening the EIT Community's impact

This session will focus on how the EIT will maximise its impact while preserving features like thematic pan-European partnerships, knowledge triangle integration, and sustainability. Participants will hear about the EIT's new multiannual grant cycle, simplification measures for beneficiaries, and the new EIT Impact Framework.

- ✓ **Paula Galvão**, Chief Officer, Business and Strategic Relations, INL (moderator)
- ✓ **Laurent Roux**, EIT Impact Officer – Entrepreneurship, Business Creation & Financial Sustainability
- ✓ **Michal Gorzynski**, EIT Head of Section Impact
- ✓ **Manuel Irun**, EIT Head of Section Innovation Communities Management

(14:45-15:30) Session 2: Boosting the innovation capacity of higher education

Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) play a critical role in the innovation process. While some HEIs are becoming more innovative and integrating into innovation value chains, many are not yet well-equipped for the innovation age. This workshop will concentrate on the EIT Community's added value in supporting the development of more innovative HEIs and its new initiative set up to do just that.

- ✓ **Wesley Crock**, Head of Education at [EIT RawMaterials](#), Lead of the [HEI Initiative](#) (moderator)
- ✓ **Patrick Prendergast**, Provost of Trinity College Dublin, Ireland
- ✓ **Antoaneta Angelova-Krasteva**, Director for Innovation, Digital Education and International Cooperation, DG EAC, European Commission

(15:45-16:30) Session 3: Increasing the EIT's regional impact

The [EIT Regional Innovation Scheme \(EIT RIS\)](#) was launched in 2014 to help close Europe's innovation gaps. It helps regional innovators access EIT Community activities and offers tailor-made programmes to support innovation ecosystems in countries with lower innovation performance. The workshop will focus on the EIT's plans to boost its financial and strategic support for regional development and opportunities for innovators.

- ✓ **Begoña Pérez-Villarreal**, Director of the [EIT Food](#) Co-Location Centre South (moderator)
- ✓ **Luke Incorvaja**, EIT Strategy Officer
- ✓ **Joana Paiva**, Co-founder and Chief Technology Officer, [iLoF](#) (supported by EIT Health)
- ✓ **Eleonora Marino**, Innovation Department, [Prima Industrie Group](#)

(16:45-17:30) Session 4: Call to action for the Cultural & Creative Sectors and Industries

The Cultural & Creative Sectors and Industries (CCSI) are Europe's heart and soul. The EIT is preparing to launch a new EIT KIC for the CCSIs that will create opportunities for innovation, entrepreneurial education, business creation and acceleration. This workshop will showcase the EIT's plans for supporting innovation in the CCSIs and present the Selection Criteria that will be used for the upcoming Call for Proposals for the new KIC.

- ✓ **Katerina Sereti**, EIT Head of Section Stakeholder Relations (moderator)
- ✓ **Márton Herczeg**, EIT Head of Unit Strategy and Impact
- ✓ **Dávid Tas**, EIT Head of Unit Innovation Communities

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