

CONNECT 2017

MONDAY, 23RD OCTOBER 2017
CARTON HOUSE HOTEL, MAYNOOTH, CO. KILDARE



CONNECT 2017 is a facilitated networking event focusing on Europe wide opportunities for business development, partnership and investment. Our event will include commercial development speakers from universities in Portugal, Croatia, France, Romania and Estonia. Each will present their region, partnership opportunities and how best to leverage market growth potential in that region. Attendees will learn about business development, emerging technologies, investment supports and opportunities from within Europe.

CONNECT 2017 will comprise of a set of brief presentations. A panel discussion to include EU investment support from EI and the European Commission, and from investment and venture capital groups investing across Europe. The audience will also have the opportunity for 1:1 discussions with the speakers as part of a set of workshops outlining specific opportunities.

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8:15AM REGISTRATION AND NETWORKING/BUFFET BREAKFAST

9:00 John Scanlan, MU - Introduction
9:10 USH Pro Business, **Romania**, Costin Lianu
9:30 TecMinho, **Portugal**, Marta Catarino
9:50 University of Split, **Croatia**, Boško Ljubenkov

10:10 Imelda Lambkin, European Network, Enterprise Ireland

10:30 Pearse Coyle, Early Stage Investor

10:50-11:30 COFFEE AND NETWORKING

11:30 AxLR SATT, **France**, (representing 5 Universities in South East) Paul Ivaldi

11:50 Tallinn University of Technology, **Estonia**, Maria Alajoe

12:10-1:00PM PANEL DISCUSSION

Chris Horn (University Bridge Fund); Ross O'Neill (Neuromod Devices), Marta Catarino (TechMinho); Prof Ray O'Neill (VPR&I, MU), Jacqui McNabb (Kildare County Council)

1:00-1:45 LUNCH

"Thesis in 3" – selected research project presentations
(audience votes to select the most engaging presentation)

1:45-2:45 WORKSHOPS

MU, TecMinho, AxLR SATT, Split, Tallinn and USH will be available to discuss:

- opportunities for research collaboration
- technology partnership and investment opportunities
- connecting to new EU regions for business growth & investment
- co-location possibilities – your office in a new region.



SPEAKERS



JOHN SCANLAN

Dr John Scanlan is the Director of Commercialisation at Maynooth University.



RAY O'NEILL

Prof Ray O'Neill is the Vice President for Research and Innovation at Maynooth University.



COSTIN LIANU

Dr Lianu is General Director USH Pro Business, a specialized center dedicated to the entrepreneurial environment activities of Spiru Haret University. He is a lecturer in the University Spiru Haret, Bucharest and associated Professor in international trade at the University of Bucharest. Costin is the former General Director of Export Development, in the Ministry of Economy, Romania. He was also personal councillor of the Deputy Prime Minister of Romania during 2016.



MARTA CATARINO

Dr Marta Catarino is the Director of the Technology Transfer Office of University of Minho – TecMinho, where she manages a team of 12 experienced professionals in 3 business units: Industrial Property Management, Technology Commercialization and Entrepreneurship. Marta is the current President of ASTP-Proton, the European Knowledge Transfer Association.



BOŠKO LJUBENKOV

Boško Ljubenkov is technology transfer manager at University of Split responsible for IP policy and cooperation between researchers and industry. At a moment he is conducting several commercialization and proof of concept projects at University.



IMELDA LAMBKIN

Imelda is the National Director for Horizon 2020 at Enterprise Ireland. She leads the National Support Network for Horizon 2020 and the national effort to optimise Ireland's participation in the European Framework Programme for Research and Development. Imelda also focuses on Industry-academic collaboration and enterprise development and the transnational coordination of research.



PEARSE COYLE

Pearse Coyle runs CorporateSpinouts.com which has a unique process for objectively determining the commercial potential of European university research and from this generating investor-ready spinout ventures. He connects these with a group of US and Irish VCs and Corporate VCs. Pearse played a key role in the early commercial development of several technology companies that went on to significant exits or continue to trade successfully, including Eurologic, Peregrine/Exceptis and Propylon. His full bio is at www.linkedin.com/in/pearsecogle



PAUL IVALDI

Dr Paul Ivaldi is a Project Manager at SATT AxLR, a TTO based in Montpellier and in charge of valorization and transfer of innovation from University of Montpellier, CNRS, CHU, IRD, INSERM, University of Perpignan, Montpellier Sup Agro, IRSTEA, ENSCM, University of Nîmes. SATT AxLR identify, fund, pilot and transfer R&D project in the Numeric, Medical, Agro-Agri Environment, Chemistry and Human science domain. Since in creation in 2013, AxLR has invested 22.5 M€ and created 22 startups.



MARIA ALAJÕE

Maria Alajõe is the Director for Innovation and Business Relations of Tallinn University of Technology and has responsibility for developing cooperation between university and business.



CHRIS HORN

Chris is a venture partner at the Atlantic Bridge University Bridge Fund. Previously he was co-founder and CEO at IONA Technologies, which he spun out of the Computer Science Department at Trinity College Dublin and subsequently floated on Nasdaq. He is a Board member of several start-ups; a columnist for the Irish Times newspaper, and is deeply involved in the global Science Gallery network. His full bio is at <https://chrisjhorn.wordpress.com/about/>



ROSS O'NEILL

Dr Ross O'Neill is the CEO of Neuromod Devices (a spinout company from Maynooth University). Neuromod™ is a medical device company specialising in the research and development of neuromodulation technologies. The company is committed to developing innovative patient-centric treatments that promote positive therapeutic change in the human nervous system.



JACQUI MCNABB

Jacqui is Head of Enterprise, LEO, at Kildare County Council. She has worked in the areas of Entrepreneurship, Business Mentor, Student Micro Enterprise, Business Planning and Business Networking.

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