

EUROPEAN INNOVATION COUNCIL INFO DAY SOFIA

Support for Deep Tech Innovators & Researchers

AGENDA

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Ministry of Science and Education

29 JANUARY 2024, HYATT REGENCY SOFIA

08:30 - 09:00

Registration

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09:00 - 09:30

Opening Remarks

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Ms. Iliana Ivanova, Commissioner on Innovation, Research, Culture, Education and Youth, European Commission
Ms. Milena Stoycheva, Minister of Innovation and Growth, Bulgaria
Prof. Guenka Petrova-Tachkova, Deputy Minister of Education and Science, Bulgaria

09:30 - 09:50

The European Innovation Council: Support for Deep Tech Innovators and Researchers

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Ms. Anna Panagopoulou, Director for ERA & Innovation, DG Research and Innovation, European Commission

09:50 - 10:00

EIB group financing and support for start-ups and growth companies

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Mr. Alessandro Izzo, Director, Equity, Growth Capital and Project Finance, European Investment Bank

10:00 - 10:25

Testimonial from EIC Accelerator beneficiary

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Mr. Svilen Rangelov, CEO Dronamics

10:25 - 10:35

Deep tech – solving business or societal problems by companies, utilizing applied research results: view from an EIC Programme Manager (inspiration speech)

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Ms. Stela Tkatchova, EIC Programme Manager, European Innovation Council and SME Agency

10:35 - 11:00

Coffee break

TRACK 1 & TRACK 2 *(run in parallel)*

Track 1: EIC Pathfinder: applied research towards novel technologies

11:00 - 11:05

National synergies & support for research

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Mr. Boyan Jekov, Horizon Europe Coordinator

11:05 - 11:45

EIC Pathfinder: What, How and Why?

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Mr. Martin Lange, Deputy Head of Unit, EIC Pathfinder, European Innovation Council and SME Agency

11:45 - 12:20

EIC Pathfinder Challenges 2024 with Q&A Session

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Mr. Martin Lange, Deputy Head of Unit, EIC Pathfinder, European Innovation Council and SME Agency

12:20 - 12:40

Testimonials from EIC Pathfinder beneficiary, Q&A

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Hristo Stefanov, Member of the Board of Directors, Smartcom Bulgaria AD

12:45 - 13:30

EIC space related research in the context of the EIC space challenge and portfolio

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Ms. Stela Tkatchova, EIC Programme Manager, European Innovation Council and SME Agency

Track 2: EIC Accelerator: scaling up deep tech companies

11:10 - 12:00

Accelerator: What, How and Why? EIC Accelerator Challenges 2024

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Mr. Cornelius Schmaltz, Head of Unit, EIC Accelerator, European Innovation Council and SME Agency

12:00 - 12:20

Complementary funding for deeptech startups through national schemes

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Ms. Lora Yosifova, Head of Sector, Ministry of Innovation and Growth

12:20 - 13:30

Tips and Tricks on How to Become Successful Applicant of the EIC Accelerator Funding Opportunities with Q&A

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Mr. Boyan Jekov, Horizon Europe Coordinator & Tsvetelina Yorgova, EIC National Contact Point
Panelists:

Ms. Gergana Stancheva, Co-Founder of LAM'ON,

Ms. Valentina Milanova, CEO of Tampon Innovations Ltd

Mr. Boris Dimitrov, CEO of Check Point Cardio

Mr. Rosen Dimov, CEO Smart Farm Robotics

Mr. Asparuh Koev, CEO Transmetrics

13:30 - 14:30

Lunch break

14:30 - 15:30

Panel discussion: EIC as the investor of choice for European innovators with visionary ideas and the role of the EIC Fund Moderator

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Mr. Keith Sequeira, Head of European Innovation Council Unit, DG RTD, European Commission
Ms. Svetoslava Georgieva, Chair of the EIC Fund Board
Mr. Jussi HÄTÖNEN, Head of EIC Division, European Investment Bank
Mr. Evgeni Angelov, Chair of the Bulgarian Private Equity and Venture Capital Association Deputy
Minister Martin Gikov, Ministry of Innovation and Growth, Bulgaria
Ms. Victoria Hristova, Executive Director and Board member, Funds of Funds, Bulgaria



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