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4-5 Nov 2024



Belgium

STUDY TOUR

The EU and Belgian Life Science Innovation Ecosystems: Brussels & Leuven

HUMAN
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Tour





FORMAT

Two days of workshops, meetings, and visits to the Biopark Charleroi Brussels South, KU Leuven, and the Permanent Representation of Italy to the EU.

PARTICIPANTS

Business Development, Technology Transfer, and Knowledge Transfer officers working in Italian life sciences research institutes, universities, and research hospitals. Other professionals involved in innovation and R&D are welcome too. Max. 20 participants.

LANGUAGE

English or Italian, depending on the speakers' agenda.

GOALS

- Understanding the EU actors, policies and tools for research and innovation, focusing on technology transfer.
- Discovering funding opportunities, such as those offered by the European Innovation Council or the European Investment Fund for collaborative research between industry and academia.
- Learn about KU Leuven's technology transfer and business development model and the Belgian innovation ecosystem and its players.

DAY 1

Monday, 4 Nov 2024

Arrival in Brussels in the late morning.

15.30 - 17.30 Workshop on the Life Science Ecosystem in Wallonia

Visit to the Biopark Charleroi Brussels South ([BioPark - The Science - Driven BioPark at the heart of Europe -](#)) and meetings. Focus on collaborative research and ATMPs.

Check-in at the hotel.





DAY 2

Tuesday, 5 Nov 2024

9.00-12.30 The delegation will reach the premises of the Permanent Representation of Italy to the EU to attend a workshop on EU strategies and tools for research and innovation.

Welcome address

Michele Guerrini – Research and Innovation, Permanent Representation of Italy to the EU

- Introduction to the role of the Permanent Representation of Italy to the EU on research, innovation, and competitiveness

Fabio Terragni, Member of the HT Management Committee delegate for technology transfer

- Centre for Innovation and Technology Transfer (CITT) and international promotion for the Italian innovation community

EU framework for R&I: institutional overview and policy agenda

Marco Grancagnolo, Advisor to Director for Prosperity, DG Research and Innovation, European Commission

- The role of European policies for knowledge valorisation

Massimo Gaudina, Senior Policy Coordinator, Innovation Policies, DG Research and Innovation, EU Commission

- The EU strategy for the enhancement of R&I: Innovation Agenda
- Introduction/overview on Horizon Europe Pillar III: European Innovation Council (EIC), European Institute of Innovation & Technology (EIT), and European Innovation Ecosystems (EIE); European Research Council PoC

Anna Sibilla, Project Advisor at the European Innovation Council and SME Executive Agency

- The role of EISMEA

Francesco Matteucci, Senior Advisor on Innovation at Fondazione Bruno Kessler - Former EIC Programme Manager on Advanced Materials and Environmental Sustainability

- EIC mission to accelerate the deeptech Innovation Journey





Chiara Maiorino, Ecosystem Lead for Italy, EIT Health

- The EIT Health Initiative in Italy

Alessandro Fazio, Head of Competence Centre on Technology Transfer

- The role of the Joint Research Centre on Technology Transfer

Giulio Pompilio, IHI representative for Italy, Scientific Director IRCCS Monzino, coordinator network PerfeTTO

- The Innovative Health Initiative

European Investment Fund and opportunities for life sciences

Salvatore Amico Roxas, Policy Officer - Access to finance at DG for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs, European Commission

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Roundtable discussion - Q&A

12.30 - 14.00 *Networking lunch at the Permanent Representation of Italy to the EU. Opening by H.E. Stefano Verrecchia - Deputy Permanent Representative of Italy to the EU, and Marino Zerial, Director Human Technopole with an introduction on HT.*

15.00 - 17.00 **Visit to KU Leuven** ([KU Leuven Research & Development - Technology Transfer Office](#) – [KU Leuven Research & Development - Tech Transfer Office](#))

Paul Van Dun - General Manager, LRD (Leuven Research and Development) Central Management

17.00 - 18.00 *The delegation will return to the airport.*

