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UNLOCKING THE POTENTIAL: MAIN PLENARY (MAIN HALL)

Moderator Augustė Cirstea

09:00 – 09:30 **Registration & Networking**

09:30 – 09:45 **Opening Insights**

- Dr Eugenijus Butkus, Chairman of the Board of the Research Council of Lithuania
- Dr Regina Valutytė, Vice-Minister of the Ministry of Education, Science and Sport of the Republic of Lithuania
- Brit Helle, Director General of the Eureka Network
- Dr Rudolf Haggemüller, President of the Eureka Association

09:45 – 10:00 **Eureka Network in Lithuania - Innovate Today, Lead Tomorrow**

- Dr Lina Kisielė, Head of Research and Business Cooperation Unit of the Research Council of Lithuania

10:00 – 11:15 **Presentation of Eureka Network instruments and National rules**

- Eureka Global cooperation and Corporate activities:
 - Network projects, Globalstars & Investment Readiness, Jorge Liz, Operations Manager, Eureka Secretariat
 - Eureka Innowwide, Isabel de Vera, Call Coordinator, Eureka Secretariat
- Eureka Clusters, Xavier Priem, Director, Celtic-NEXT Cluster
- Overview of national rules for Network projects, Globalstars, and Eureka Clusters, Dr Vita Urbanavičienė, Project Coordinator, Research Council of Lithuania
- Eurostars and Fast Track to EIC Accelerator Programmes, Camilla del Latte, Operations Manager, Eureka Secretariat
- Overview of national Eurostars rules, Dr Justina Rukšnaitė, Advisor, Research Council of Lithuania

11:15 – 12:00 **Panel Discussion: Success stories in Eureka Projects**

- Dr Aurelija Žvirblienė, Research Professor, Head of Dept. of Immunology, Life Sciences Center of Vilnius University
- Dr Aistė Balčiūnaitienė, Senior Researcher, Lithuanian Research Centre for Agriculture and Forestry and CEO, Biofita
- Donatas Staniulis, Business Development Director, Caszyme
- Dr Jan Aleksander Kraško, Head of the Laboratory, Froceth

12:00 – 13:30 **Lunch & Networking**

EUREKA ACADEMY (MAIN HALL)

Moderator Povilas Dabrila

13:30 – 13:45 **Partnering opportunities and strategic support through international networks**

- Deividas Zubrickis, EEN Expert, Lithuanian Innovation Centre



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Gedimino pr. 3, Vilnius

13:45 – 14:15 **Experts' tips to prepare a successful Eurostars application**

- Presentation of common pitfalls during the evaluation phase, Adrienn Orosz, Call Coordinator, Eureka Secretariat
- Eurostars IEP member to explain common pitfalls from an expert perspective, Nenad Buljan, IEP Chairperson

14:15 – 14:40 **Pitch to Win: Secrets to persuasive presentations**

- Xavier Priem, Director, Celtic-NEXT Cluster

UPCOMING EUREKA OPPORTUNITIES (MAIN HALL)

14:40 – 15:30 **Presentation of upcoming Eureka calls**

- Call for lightweighting projects, Michael Walch, FFG Austria
- Call for disaster resilience, response and recovery projects, Duygu Celik, Tubitak Türkiye
- Call for circular value creation projects, Michaela Holz, DLR Germany
- Globalstars call for projects with Taiwan, Andrzej Wajs, NCBR Poland
- Innovate Ukraine - energy innovation programme overview, Andrew Horsley, UK International development

15:30 – 16:00 **Eureka goes Vilnius – Pitching Session**

MATCHMAKING SESSION & NETWORKING & COFFEE

16:00 – 18:00 **One-on-one meetings ([registration here](#))** | room 115

16:00 – 16:30 **Innovate Ukraine energy innovation programme briefing and Q&A**
Andrew Horsley, UK International development | room 210

16:00 – 16:30 **Celtic-NEXT Cluster collaboration meeting**
Xavier Priem, Director, Celtic-NEXT Cluster | room 212



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