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PROGRAMME

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09:00 – 09:30 Registration & Networking

UNLOCKING THE POTENTIAL: MAIN PLENARY (MAIN HALL)

Moderator Karolina Panto

09:30 – 09:50 Opening Insights

- **Dr. Vaiva Priudokienė**, Deputy Chair 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

09:50 – 11:20 Eureka Network: Strategy, Programmes, and Opportunities

- **Eureka 40th Anniversary – Reflecting on success and the path forward**
Andreas Gut, Swiss Chair, Innosuisse (online)
- **Eureka in Lithuania: Highlights, Trends & What's Next**
Dr. Lina Kisielė, Head of Research and Business Cooperation Unit of the Research Council of Lithuania
- **Eureka Network international collaboration programmes:**
 - **Network projects, Globalstars, Innowide, Investment Readiness**
Jorge Liz, Operations Manager, Eureka Secretariat
 - **Eurostars and Fast Track to EIC Accelerator Programmes**
Linden Farrer, Operations Manager, Eureka Secretariat
 - **Eureka Clusters**
Sonia Nour, Cluster Coordinator, Eureka Secretariat
- **Overview of national Network projects, Globalstars, Clusters and Eurostars rules**
Tomas Nakutis, Project Coordinator, Research Council of Lithuania



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11:20 – 11:50 EUREKA in Action: Opportunities for Lithuanian Innovators

- **Dr. Paulius Skėrys**, CCO, Metal Production, UAB
- **Dr. Liepa Bikulčienė**, Professor, Kaunas University of Technology and **Kristina Poderienė**, Associate Professor, Lithuanian Sports University

11:50 – 13:00 Lunch & Networking

EUREKA ACADEMY (MAIN HALL)

13:00 - 13:45 Panel Discussion: IP as a Bridge: Accelerating Collaboration Between Research and Industry

- **Vita Kiriliauskaitė**, Director, State Patent Bureau of the Republic of the Lithuania
- **Greta Žėkienė**, Intellectual Property Projects Manager, Kaunas University of Technology
- **Dr. Monika Paulė**, Vice-president, Lithuanian Confederation of Industrialists

13:45 – 15:00

- **How to prepare a successful international innovation application**
Ir. Paul Merkus, Eindhoven University of Technology, Expert from the Xecs Cluster
- **Lithuanian Applications Under the Lens: Lessons and Opportunities**
Donata Pečiukėnienė, Project Manager, Expert, Vilnius University
- **TTC's Support for International Applications: What You Need to Know**
Vilma Purienė, Director, Knowledge and Technology Transfer Centre, VilniusTech

15:00 – 16:00

- **Pitch to Partner: Turning Ideas into Collaborations**
Ir. Paul Merkus, Eindhoven University of Technology, Expert on the Xecs Cluster
- **Eureka goes Vilnius** – Pitching Session

16:00 – 17:00 Networking & coffee

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