

European Innovation Council

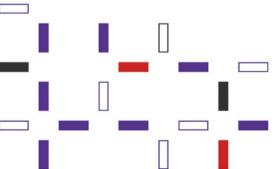
Launch Ceremony

18 March 2021

Programme

- 09:30 09:45 Welcome statements by Ursula von der Leyen, *President of the European Commission*, and Heads of State.
- 09:45 09:50 **Opening by Mark Ferguson**, *Director-General of Science Foundation Ireland*
- 09:50 10:05 **EIC inauguration speech by Mariya Gabriel, Commissioner for Innovation,** *Research, Culture, Education and Youth*
- 10:05 10:20 Viewpoints from:
 Christian Ehler, Member of European Parliament
 Manuel Heitor, Portuguese Minister for Science, Technology and Higher Education
- 10:20 11:05 **"Speed dating" exchanges** on the relevance of the EIC for the economic recovery:
 - EIC for building businesses from breakthrough science:
 Speakers: Ingmar Hoerr (Founder and former CEO of CureVac), Louis de Lillers (CEO of CorWave) and Silvia Scaglione (President of React4Life)
 Moderation: Chris Sisserian (Head of Intelligence at Sifted)
 - EIC for investing in deep tech: Hermann Hauser (Co-founder of Amadeus Capital Partners), Irina Haivas (Partner at Atomico) and Veronika Oudova (Co-Founder and CEO of S-Biomedic) Moderation: Robin Wauters (Co-founder and editor-in-chief of Tech.eu)
 - EIC for creating innovation ecosystems for sustainability: Speakers: Jim Snabe (Chairman at Siemens and Maersk) and Stavriana Kofteros (Vice Chair Cyprus Research & Innovation Foundation, Angel investor) Moderation: Jean-Eric Paquet (Director-General for Research and Innovation, European Commission)

11:05 – 11:10 Closing remarks by Jean-Eric Paquet, Director-General for Research and Innovation, European Commission



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