

SPANISH PRESIDENCY OF THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

DEEP TECH VENTURES IN EUROPE: WHEN GAZELLES MEET DOLPHINS

15th September 2023 10.00-13.00 CET

Spanish Permanent Representation (Brussel, Belgium)

This workshop aims to delve into the potential that Deep tech entrepreneurship has to transform the technological excellence that exists in Europe into GDP; thus, articulating new supply chains that could help diversify into higher value-added markets integrating local suppliers and SMEs; creating high-quality jobs in deep tech start-ups; and ultimately ensuring the strategic autonomy of Europe that will benefit our economies and societies.

Like dolphins, Europe's future start-ups need to dive deeper into science in order to jump higher, becoming the next generation of gazelles that drive transformative change to create economic value and address the grand societal challenges of our time.

AGENDA

10.00 Welcome

10:05 Keynote presentation "Bringing technologies from lab to market: a venture builder view on key success factors; barriers and potential to produce industrial impact."

Asier Rufino

Founder and CEO of Tecnalía Ventures

10:30 High level panel: The importance of deep tech for the reindustrialisation and the creation new regional supply chains in Europe

Moderator: David González, Research Counsellor at the Spanish Permanent Representation

Teresa Riesgo

Secretary General for Innovation, Spanish Ministry of Science and Innovation

Willy Borsus

Vicepresident of Wallonia, Minister of Economy, Research, Innovation, Digital, Agriculture, Urbanism and Competence Centres

Joanna Drake

Deputy Director-General: Implementation, Impact & Sustainable Investment Strategies - Directorate-General Research & Innovation

11.00 COFFEE BREAK

11:20 Case study: European examples of Deep tech ventures with an industrial impact.

Raúl Verdú

PLD Space Co-Founder and Chief Business Development Officer

2nd speaker (tbc)

Case of a relevant Belgium Deep tech company with an industrial impact

11:50 Round table discussion “Practitioners’ view on barriers and key success factors to transform technological excellence into GDP.”

Chair: Andrés G. Inotai (Head of Unit, Innovation Policy and Access to Finance, DG Research&Innovation)

Members of the round table

Javier Ulecia

Managing Director and Founder Bullnet

Oihana Basilio

Researcher involved in the deep tech report elaborated by Fundación del Pino and MIT

Lisa Ericsson

Head of KTH Innovation

Diego Díaz Pilas

Global Head of Ventures & Technology, Iberdrola

12.35 Questions and answers / Interaction with the public

12.55 CLOSING WORDS

13.00 COCKTAIL