



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***

