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Brno, the Czech Republic

Venue: BVV Trade Fairs Brno, pavilion E, hall E2 (1. floor)

Subject: Invitation to conference Boosting Innovation Tour

Increasingly companies across the EU need access to **open innovation ecosystems**, to assist **upscaling new technologies, product testing and validation support**. Industrial research infrastructures, whether public, semi-public or private, refer to facilities, equipment and support services that address innovation across the entire value chain.

The cost of such **open innovation ecosystems** and their associated infrastructures can be very high, especially for **SMEs and start-ups**. Therefore the **European Commission, Member States and regions**, all collaborate on various open innovation tools to support fast-cycle development of new products and facilitation of market uptake: **Digital Innovation Hubs, Open Innovation Test Beds, Centres for Key Enabling Technologies** (KETs and regional centres), among others.

Technology Centre CAS, Ministry of Industry and Trade, JIC, Office of the South Moravian Region for Interregional Cooperation, CEITEC Brno University of Technology, Amires, Eurocentrum Brno, Moravian-Silesian Innovation Center and the **European Commission, DG Research and Innovation** coorganise **Boosting Innovation for EU Industry** conference, which will take place in **Brno, the Czech Republic** on the **19th November, 2019!**

Discussions will be focused on future actions targeting a **pan-European industrial ecosystem**. The main objective of the conference is to present different EU national and regional initiatives to support innovation, access to **research and technology infrastructure** and financial support to boost innovation beyond 2020.

The conference will showcase several **successful examples of innovation support** with special emphasis on **the Czech Republic**, with opportunity to provide feedback to high level EU representatives and discuss the needs of the local industry.

It will also provide a **great opportunity for networking and [matchmaking](#)** between companies, research institutes, universities, laboratories, agencies, clusters and other institutions from the Czech Republic and the wider region.

The EC representatives:

1. *Signe Ratso, Deputy Director General, DG RTD*
2. *Barend Verachtert, Head of Unit, DG RTD*
3. *Kateřina Borunská, DG RTD*
4. *Evangelos Meles, DG GROW*

External speakers:

1. *Jan Vitula, Deputy President of the South Moravian Region (tbc)*
2. *Martin Duda, Technology Agency of the Czech Republic (TACR)*
3. *Petr Pracna, Technology centre*
4. *Daniel Vřetečka, Ministry of Industry and Trade of the Czech Republic*
5. *Maurits Butter, TNO, The Netherlands*
6. *Tereza Šamanová, CzechInno*
7. *David Uhlř, JIC*
8. *Aděla Hradilová, MSIC*
9. *Lenka Švejcarová, Technology Centre CAS*
10. *Jaroslav Klřma, Tescan*
11. *Petr Střelec, Thermo Fischer Scientific*
12. *Petr Kapoun, SAB Aerospace*
13. *Aleř Filipenský, Evektor*
14. *Martin Trřilek, PSI*
15. *Rudolf Fryček, Amires*
16. *Vojtěch Adam, Nanteo*
17. *Michal Urbánek, CEITEC Nano*
18. *Zdeněk Fiala, INTEMAC and DIH DIGIMAT*
19. *Andreas Falk, Bionanonet, Austria*
20. *Kamila Walková, Invent Medical*
21. *Tomáš Szaszi, Honeywell*
22. *Lukáš Havlřček, Konica Minolta Laboratory Europe*
23. *Iseult Lynch, NanoCommons e-Infrastructure, UK*
24. *Lee Walker, NanoCommons e-Infrastructure, UK*
25. *Jaroslav Sochor, Esyst*
26. *Tomáš Palko, FundingBox*
27. *Jan Kubalřk, DEX Innovation Center*

Draft agenda (Please note that the conference will be held in English)

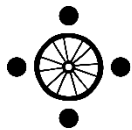
8:45 – 9:15	Registration
9:15 – 9:45	<p>Welcome speeches (7 min per speaker):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jan Vitula, Deputy President of the South Moravian Region • Barend Verachtert, DG RTD, Head of Unit Materials for Tomorrow Martin Duda, Technology Agency of the Czech Republic (TACR) • Petr Pracna, Technology Centre of the CAS
9:45 – 11:00	<p>Panel discussion: industrial and regional policy views on open innovation ecosystems</p> <p>Moderator: Barend Verachtert</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 3 min introduction per speaker, 25 min in total 2. Open discussion among moderator, panellists and audience, 50 min in total <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Signe Ratso, DG RTD, Deputy Director-General - Open Innovation Test Beds and Opportunities • Evangelos Meles, DG GROW • Daniel Všetěčka, Ministry of Industry and Trade of the Czech Republic (MPO) • David Uhlíř, JIC • Adéla Hradilová, MSIC • Tereza Šamanová, CzechInno • Petr Pracna, Technology Centre CAS • Maurits Butter, TNO
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee break with something tasty
11:30 – 12:30	<p>EU support for breakthrough innovation through European innovation council (EIC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Signe Ratso, DG RTD, Deputy Director General - <i>Why we need a European Innovation Council (EIC) – EU support for Innovators</i> • Kateřina Borunská, DG RTD - Pathfinder and Accelerator of the EIC - covering the entire innovation chain
12:30 – 13:30	Networking lunch to relax
13:30 – 15:00	<p>Successful examples of innovation support from industry and the region (1)</p> <p>Moderator: Adéla Hradilová (tbc)</p> <p>10 min presentation per speaker and 2 min for questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Zdeněk Fiala, INTEMAC and DIH DIGIMAT</i> • <i>Andreas Falk, Bionanonet, Austria</i> • <i>Jaroslav Klíma, Tescan</i> • <i>Petr Střelec, Thermo Fischer Scientific</i> • <i>Petr Kapoun, SAB Aerospace</i> • <i>Aleš Filipenský, Evektor</i> • <i>Tomáš Palko, FundingBox</i>
15:00 – 15:20	Coffee break with something yummy

<p>15:20 – 17:20</p>	<p>Successful examples of innovation support from industry and the region (2)</p> <p>Moderator: Petr Pracna (tbc)</p> <p>10 min presentation per speaker and 2 min for questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Kamila Walková, Invent Medical</i> • <i>Martin Trtílek, PSI</i> • <i>Rudolf Fryček, Amires</i> • <i>Vojtěch Adam, Nanteo</i> • <i>Michal Urbánek, CEITEC Nano</i> • <i>Tomáš Szaszi, Honeywell</i> • <i>Lukáš Havlíček, Konica Minolta Laboratory Europe</i> • <i>Iseult Lynch, NanoCommons e-Infrastructure, UK</i> • <i>Jaroslav Sochor, E syst</i> • <i>Jan Kubalík, DEX Innovation Center</i>
<p>9:15 – 17:00</p>	<p>Matchmaking and Brokerage Session for SMEs, start-ups and entrepreneurs with venture capital, industry and RTO's</p> <p>Venue: saloon S1-S2 neighbouring to hall E2</p>

Co-organizers of the event:



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