

## Meet the speakers for:

### Innovation ecosystem – the key tool for the regional development in the 21st. century

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#### Invited speakers:



**Dr. Astrid Hintze**

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Studied of economics at the University of Rostock and the Free University of Berlin. Astrid Hintze was significantly involved in the development of Hamburg's cluster policy and the advancement of the city's innovation policy. She was extensive knowledge on innovation and strategy. In October 2011, she switched to research on regional clusters at Helmut Schmidt University / University of the Federal Armed Forces. Dissertation: "Development and implementation of a cluster umbrella brand conceptualization based on structuration theory using the example of the aviation cluster Hamburg Metropolitan Region" (2018). She was head of the project Co-Learning Space for Hamburg Clusters (2016-2019). Guest lecturer in organization at the Hamburg University of Applied Sciences. Since 2020, she teaches organization and decision-making at Helmut Schmidt University / Universität der Bundeswehr.



**Prof. Žaneta Stasiškienė**

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Prof. Žaneta Stasiškienė is Director of the Institute of Environmental Engineering Kaunas University of Technology (KUT) and the Leader of scientific group "Smart and sustainable cities" at the University. Also she is the Chairman of Joint Environmental Engineering PhD Committee at KUT. The main research interests are Sustainable development of a city, Circular city and industry, Sustainable industry, Climate change mitigation and Circular economy. Žaneta is the author of more than 80 scientific publications.



**Cecilia Maini**

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Cecilia Maini has extensive track record and experience in management of projects aiming towards innovation and technology transfer in the Life Science sector, with a special focus on SMEs, Research Institutes and Academia. She has also hands on experience as tutor for the Life Sciences Laboratories of the Emilia-Romagna High Technology Network and, in particular in technology scouting, strategy and action plans. She facilitates and coordinates groups of experts (research and industry) aiming at defining strategies and drivers of innovation at a regional and national level. On policy level she supports the development of the Emilia-Romagna Region Smart Specialization Strategy with the specific competence of the Health and Wellness thematic area.



**Nicolas Dubouloz**

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Nicolas is Director for Higher Education, Research and Technology Transfer (Centre-Val de Loire Regional Council). He is In charge of the regional Higher Education, Research and Innovation Strategy and of regional policies supporting academic research. Regional research programs include the « Biopharmaceuticals » program involving a complete set of laboratories and companies (large groups, PMEs and start-up), and including specific actions aimed at developing partnerships at both national and international levels



**Sławomir Sołtys**

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Sławomir Sołtys is innovation specialist in Lublin Centre for Research on Innovativeness, which is the unit of Marshal Office of Lubelskie Voivodeship responsible for RIS3. Due to his previous experience in the field of technology transfer and project management, gained at the Medical University of Lublin, he deals with the entrepreneurial discovery process in the life science sector. As a member of the Lublin Centre for Research on Innovativeness team he is involved in the RIS3 update process as well as monitoring and evaluation of its implementation. He is an expert in international projects dedicated RIS3, responsible for developing action plans.



**Michael Lüdtke**

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**Dr. Hinrich Habeck**

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Hinrich Habeck has been Managing Director of Life Science Nord Management GmbH since March 2012. He studied Biology and Philosophy in Freiburg and Tuebingen. After graduating from the Eberhard-Karls-University in Tuebingen, Habeck joined a spin-off company from the Max-Planck-Society (Exelixis, Inc.) and received his Ph.D. in Molecular Biology from the Tuebingen University. Prior to joining Life Science Nord Habeck worked as Product Manager for Greiner Bio-One and as Director Technology Management at the IP asset management company Ascenion. Life Science Nord is the project and service company of the federal states of Hamburg and Schleswig-Holstein to support life science activities in Northern Germany. The agency bundles and networks life science activities for an internationally competitive cluster and is the central contact for questions related to biotechnology, medical technology, and pharmacy in the region.

**Barbora Kováčová**

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Barbora graduated from the Faculty of Economics of the Technical University in Košice with a focus on economics and public administration management. She currently works



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as the head of the regional development and planning department at the Office of the Košice Self-Governing Region. She has long been involved in the development of cross-border and transnational cooperation, worked as a project manager in the European grouping of territorial cooperation Via Carpatia and currently provides a contact point agenda for the ENI Hungary-Slovakia-Romania-Ukraine cross-border program.

Martin holds degrees from economic policy and technology management. He has implemented 8 complex international projects focused on life science research or innovation environment in most of them in the leadership role. He is freelance advisor for co-creation and innovation management mostly for the R&D focused companies. He co-funded and acts as CEO of biotech start-up PerBiotiX, which focuses on development and commercialization of new products within the field of gut microbiome and personalised medicine. He is member of organising committee of the International Scientific Conference of Probiotics and Prebiotics which is the main conference for basic research within the field of gut microbiome. He also acts as member of ARCOBIOME research centre focused on development of novel treatments of nosocomial infections and faecal transplantation.



## Agenda

<b>08:45 – 9:00</b>	<b>Online space open for the participants</b>
9:00 – 9:05	Welcome - <i>Dr. Jurgita Siugzdiniene</i> (Lithuanian Minister of Education, Science and Sports)
9:05 – 9:20	Opening speech and presentation of ELISE project – <i>Prof. Žaneta Stasiškienė</i> (Kaunas University of Technology)
9:20 – 9:40	Innovation ecosystem from EU perspective – <i>Gabriel Rissola</i> (DG Joint Research Centre)
9:40 – 10:00	Innovation as driver of regional development – speaker TBA
10:00 – 10:10	Q&A
10:10 – 10:35	INTERREG Europe – challenges and opportunities – <i>Joint Secretariat of INTERREG Europe programme</i>
<b>10:35 – 10:45</b>	<b>Coffee Break</b>
10:45 – 11:55	<p>Panel discussion – 6 countries and 7 plans that answer questions such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How to improve innovation policies in the Life Science Sector?</li> <li>• How to support innovative companies?</li> <li>• How can innovation actors benefit from international cooperation?</li> </ul> <p><b>Moderator:</b> <i>Martin Haranta</i> (Cassovia Life Sciences, Slovakia)</p> <p><b>Panellists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Prof. Žaneta Stasiškienė</i> (Kaunas University of Technology, Lithuania)</li> <li>• <i>Cecilia Maini</i> (ARTER, Italy)</li> <li>• <i>Nicolas Dubouloz</i> (Région Centre-Val de Loire, France)</li> <li>• <i>Sławomir Soltys</i> (Lubelskie Voivodeship, Poland)</li> <li>• <i>Michael Lüdtke</i> (BioCon, Germany)</li> <li>• <i>Hinrich Habeck</i> (LSN, Germany)</li> <li>• <i>Barbora Kováčová</i> (Košice self-governing region, Slovakia)</li> </ul>
<b>11:55 – 12:00</b>	<b>Closing speech (<i>Prof. Žaneta Stasiškienė</i>)</b>