

# EUROPEAN **INNOVATION FORUM**

## SILICON VALLEY

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### European Innovation Forum

**Venue:** The Battery, 717 Battery St, San Francisco, CA 94111, USA and online (hybrid event)

**Time:** 13:30-18:30 PST

To attend online: <https://research-innovation-community.ec.europa.eu/events/3nelSXj9TiVtuEelqgmrSj/overview>

### Preliminary agenda

**Master of Ceremony:** Kari Byron

PST	Programme
13:30-14:00	<b>Registration and Welcome coffee</b>
14:00-14:30	<b>Opening</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Opening keynote - Mariya Gabriel, EU Commissioner, European Union</li> <li>Introduction - Christian Busoi, Chairman ITRE committee of the European Parliament, Romania</li> </ul>
14:30-14:45	<b>The European Union's presence in Silicon Valley</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mariya Gabriel, EU Commissioner, European Union</li> <li>Marco Marinucci, CEO, Mind the Bridge</li> <li>Clara Andreoletti, CEO Eni Next, Italy</li> <li>Federico Menna, CEO of EIT Digital, EU</li> </ul>
14:45-15:15	<b>Panel discussion: How do European Union Universities make European Union innovation ecosystems attractive for innovators</b> <p>Moderation: Antoaneta Angelova-Krasteva, Director, Innovation, Digital Education and International Cooperation, Directorate-General for Education, Youth, Sport and Culture, European Commission</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prof. Vasile Țopa, Rector of Technical University of Cluj Napoca, Romania</li> <li>Prof. Svein Stølen, Chair of the Guild of European Research-Intensive Universities, Rector of the University of Oslo, Norway</li> <li>Prof. Ilkka Niemelä, Rector, Aalto University, Finland</li> <li>Prof. Narges Baniasadi, Stanford University, USA</li> </ul>
15:15-15:45	<b>Networking coffee break</b>

15:45-16:45	<p><b>Panel discussion: Aligning US and European Union innovation ecosystems. How does the New European Innovation Agenda create an effective innovation ecosystem in Europe?</b></p> <p>Moderation: Jan Bormans, Chair of the Coalition of the Willing to co-implement the Innovation Agenda</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mark Ferguson, chairman European Innovation Council, Ireland</li> <li>• Nora Khaldi, Governing Board Member European Institute of Innovation and Technology, Ireland</li> <li>• Tanya Hristova, Mayor of Gabrovo, Bulgaria</li> <li>• Juan Garcia Gallardo, Vice President of Castilla y León Region, Spain</li> <li>• Constantinos Yiorkadjis, Mayor of Nicosia, Cyprus</li> </ul> <p>Q&amp;A</p>
16:45-17:30	<p><b>Women investors in the US and the European Union</b></p> <p>Moderation: Anna Panagopoulou, Director European Research Area and Innovation Policy, Directorate-General for Research and Innovation</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Commissioner Mariya Gabriel</li> <li>• Kinga Stanislawska, member of the EIC Board and founder of Experior VC and European Women in VC</li> <li>• Saloni Multani, Partner at Galvanize Climate Solutions</li> <li>• Jussi Hatonen, Head of the EIC Unit, European Investment Bank</li> </ul> <p>Q&amp;A</p>
17:30-18:25	<p><b>Company perspectives: What makes the European Union attractive for start-ups?</b></p> <p>Moderation: Jean-David Malo, Director of the European Innovation Council</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms Maye Walraven, General Manager for US of InnovaFeed, France</li> <li>• Svilen Rangelov, CEO and Founder of Dronamics, Bulgaria</li> <li>• Jan Goetz, CEO IQM and EIC Board member</li> <li>• Ernesto Ciorra, Chief Innovability Officer, Enel Group, Italy</li> <li>• Nikolai Ardey, Executive Director and Head of Innovation, Volkswagen Group, Germany</li> </ul> <p>Q&amp;A</p>
18:25-18:30	<p><b>Closing words by Master of Ceremony</b></p>