

**EUROPEAN INNOVATION AGORA****SILICON VALLEY, USA****22 MARCH 2023**

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European Innovation Agora**Venue:** The Battery, 717 Battery St, San Francisco, CA 94111, USA and online (hybrid event)**Time:** 13:30-18:30 PSTTo attend online: <https://research-innovation-community.ec.europa.eu/events/3nelSXj9TiVtuEelqgmrSj/overview>**Preliminary Agenda****Master of Ceremony:** Kari Byron, EXPLR Media, USA

PST	Programme
13:30-14:00	Registration and Welcome Coffee
14:00-14:30	Opening Moderation: Kari Byron, EXPLR Media, USA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opening keynote: Mariya Gabriel, European Commissioner, EU • Introduction: Christian Buşoi, Chairman ITRE Committee of the European Parliament, EU
14:30-14:45	The European Union's presence in Silicon Valley Moderation: Kari Byron, EXPLR Media, USA Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mariya Gabriel, European Commissioner, EU • Clara Andreoletti, CEO, Eni Next, Italy • Marco Marinucci, CEO, Mind the Bridge, USA • Federico Menna, CEO, European Institute of Innovation & Technology (EIT) Digital, EU
14:45-15:15	Panel discussion: How do European Union universities make European Union innovation ecosystems attractive for innovators Moderation: Antoaneta Angelova-Krasteva, Director, Innovation, Digital Education and International Cooperation, Directorate-General for Education, Youth, Sport and Culture, European Commission, EU Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prof. Narges Baniyasi, Stanford University, USA • Prof. Ilkka Niemelä, President of Aalto University, Finland

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prof. Svein Stølen, Chair of the Guild of European Research-Intensive Universities, Rector of the University of Oslo, Norway • Prof. Vasile Țopa, Rector of the Technical University of Cluj Napoca, Romania
15:15-15:45	Networking coffee break
15:45-16:45	<p>Panel discussion: Aligning US and European Union innovation ecosystems. How does the New European Innovation Agenda create an effective innovation ecosystem in Europe?</p> <p>Moderation: Jan Bormans, Chair of the Coalition of the Willing to co-implement the Innovation Agenda, Belgium</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prof. Mark Ferguson, Chairman of the European Innovation Council, EU • Juan García Gallardo, Vice President of Castilla y León Region, Spain • Tanya Hristova, Mayor of Gabrovo, Bulgaria • Nora Khaldi, Governing Board Member of the European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT), EU • Constantinos Yiorkadjis, Mayor of Nicosia, Cyprus <p>Q&A</p>
16:45-17:30	<p>Women investors in the US and the European Union</p> <p>Moderation: Anna Panagopoulou, Director European Research Area and Innovation Policy, Directorate-General for Research and Innovation, EU</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mariya Gabriel, European Commissioner, EU • Jussi Hätönen, Head of the European Innovation Council Unit, European Investment Bank, EU • Saloni Multani, Partner at Galvanize Climate Solutions, USA • Kinga Stanisławska, Member of the European Innovation Council (EIC) Board and Founder of Experior VC and European Women in VC, Poland <p>Q&A</p>
17:30-18:25	<p>Company perspectives: What makes the European Union attractive for startups?</p> <p>Moderation: Jean-David Malo, Director of the European Innovation Council, EU</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nikolai Ardey, Executive Director and Head of Innovation, Volkswagen Group, Germany • Ernesto Ciorra, Chief Innovability Officer, Enel Group, Italy • Jan Goetz, CEO IQM and EIC Board Member, Germany • Svilen Rangelov, CEO and Founder of Dronamics, Bulgaria • Maye Walraven, General Manager for US of Innovafeed, France <p>Q&A</p>
18:25-18:30	Closing words by Master of Ceremony, Kari Byron, EXPLR Media, USA