

**EUROPEAN INNOVATION AGORA****SILICON VALLEY, USA****22 MARCH 2023****HIGH-LEVEL REPRESENTATIVES OF CORPORATE INVESTORS STARTUPS CITIES AND REGIONS ACCOMPANYING COMMISSIONER MARIYA GABRIEL****European Institutions**

| No | Name<br>Institution/Position  |
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| 1  | <b>Cristian Silviu Buşoi (Romania)</b><br>Member of the European Parliament and Chair of Committee on Industry, Research and Energy |
| 2  | <b>Tanya Hristova (Bulgaria)</b><br>Mayor of Gabrovo<br>Chair of SEDEC<br>Committee of The Regions                                  |
| 3  | <b>Henna Virkkunen (Finland)</b><br>Member of the European Parliament   |

**European Industry**

| No | Name<br>Institution/Position   |
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| 4  | <b>Robert Altes (Spain)</b><br>Global Head of Open Innovation – BBVA |
| 5  | <b>Clara Andreoletti (Italy)</b><br>CEO Eni Next                     |

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| 6  | <b>Nikolai Ardey (Germany)</b><br>Executive Director & Head of Volkswagen Group Innovation            |
| 7  | <b>Paolo Cerioli (Italy)</b><br>Eni Group Head of Open Innovation & Ecosystem Development             |
| 8  | <b>Ernesto Ciorra (Italy)</b><br>Chief Innovability Officer Enel Group                                |
| 9  | <b>Stefan Holzhauer (Germany)</b><br>Director for Technology Partnerships/Siemens Digital Industries  |
| 10 | <b>Tomás Klausung (USA)</b><br>Engagement Manager, Next 47  |
| 11 | <b>Armando Koerig Gessinger (Germany)</b><br>Chief Sales Officer, Wingcopter GmbH                     |
| 12 | <b>Yvonne Lutsch (Germany)</b><br>Investment Principal Bosch Group/RBVC                               |
| 13 | <b>Mascha Mandl (Germany)</b><br>Associate Innovation Manager, Siemens                                |
| 14 | <b>Alberto Onetti (Italy, USA)</b><br>Chairman Mind the Bridge, Professor Insubria University         |
| 15 | <b>Karina Rempel (Germany)</b><br>Head of Innovation Excellence, Factory Automation Business, Siemens |
| 16 | <b>Angelo Rigillo (Italy)</b><br>CEO Enel Innovation Hubs   |
| 17 | <b>Gabriel Sidhom (USA)</b><br>CEO of Orange Silicon Valley   |
| 18 | <b>Daniel Szabo (Germany)</b><br>CEO Körber Digital   |
| 19 | <b>Fabio Tentori (Italy)</b><br>Global Head of Innovation, Enel X                                     |
| 20 | <b>Michael Teodori (USA)</b><br>Policy and Advocacy Washington DC Rep. Office, Eni                    |
| 21 | <b>Paul White (France)</b><br>Sr. Director SAP.iO/SAP   |

## European Innovation Council (EIC) Board Members and Beneficiaries

| No | Name<br>Institution/Position  |
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| 22 | <b>Prof. Mark Ferguson (EU)</b><br>Chair of the EIC Board   |
| 23 | <b>Jan Goetz (Germany)</b><br>Member of the EIC Board and CEO and co-founder of IQM Quantum Computers       |
| 24 | <b>Jussi Hätönen (EU)</b><br>Head of EIC Unit, European Investment Bank                                     |
| 25 | <b>Svilen Rangelov (Bulgaria)</b><br>Co-Founder and CEO of Dronamics  |
| 26 | <b>Kinga Stanislawska (Poland)</b><br>Member of the EIC Board Founder of Experior VC & European Women in VC |
| 27 | <b>Maye Walraven (France)</b><br>General Manager for US of InnovaFeed                                       |

## European Institute of Innovation & Technology (EIT) Board Members and Beneficiaries

| No | Name<br>Institution/Position   |
|----|--|
| 28 | <b>Nora Khaldi (EU)</b><br>EIT Governing Board Member and Founder & Chief Executive Officer of Nuritas |
| 29 | <b>Federico Menna (EU)</b><br>Interim CEO EIT Digital  |

## Coalition of the Willing – Cities and beyond

| No | Name<br>Institution/Position  |
|----|---|
| 30 | <b>Dr. Oliver Bär (Germany)</b><br>Speaker of the Science Forum of Nuremberg Metropolitan Region, District President of the District of Hof |
| 31 | <b>Jan Bormans (Belgium)</b><br>CEO European Startup Network  |
| 32 | <b>Francesca Bria (Italy)</b><br>President of CDP Venture Capita – Italian National Innovation Fund   |
| 33 | <b>Emilia Alina Botezan (Romania)</b><br>Head of International Affairs and Foreign Investment Department/Cluj-Napoca City Hall              |

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| 34 | <b>Luis Cesar Castañeda (Spain)</b><br>Partner at Axon Partner Group   |
| 35 | <b>Steffi Czerny (Germany)</b><br>Managing Director and co-founder of Digital Life Design  |
| 36 | <b>Juan Garcia Gallardo (Spain)</b><br>Vice President Region of Castilla y Leon  |
| 37 | <b>Jukka Mäkelä (Finland)</b><br>Mayor of Espoo  |
| 38 | <b>Valentina Perrotta (Italy)</b><br>Acting Director of the Office for Research and Innovation policies in autonomous Province of Trento |
| 39 | <b>Pedro Rocha Vieira (Portugal)</b><br>Co-Founder & Global CEO of Beta-i  |
| 40 | <b>Svetoslava Simeonova (Bulgaria)</b><br>Co-founder of the Bulgarian-based company Sofia2Go   |
| 41 | <b>Constantinos Yiorkadjis (Cyprus)</b><br>Mayor of Nicosia/Chairman of the Board of the Directors of CYENS CoE                          |

## Universities

| No | Name<br>Institution/Position   |
|----|--|
| 42 | <b>Stefan Drüssler (Germany)</b><br>Managing Director/Chief Operating Officer UnternehmerTUM GmbH (affiliated institute of Technical University of Munich) |
| 43 | <b>Kenneth Finnegan (Ireland)</b><br>CEO of Tangent, Trinity College Dublin's Innovation and Entrepreneurship Hub  |
| 44 | <b>Prof. Ilkka Niemelä (Finland)</b><br>President of Aalto University  |
| 45 | <b>Mikkel Sørensen (Denmark)</b><br>Managing Director of DTU Skylab (DTU's Business Development and Innovation Hub)  |
| 46 | <b>Svein Stølen (Norway)</b><br>Chair of the Guild of European Research-Intensive Universities and Rector of the University of Oslo                        |

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| 47 | <b>Ludovic Thilly (France)</b><br>Chair of Coimbra Group of Universities and Vice-Rector for European Networks, University of Poitiers |
| 48 | <b>Prof Vasile Țopa (Romania)</b><br>Rector of the Technical University of Cluj Napoca   |

## Journalists

| No | Name<br>Media/Position   |
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| 49 | <b>Sven Astheimer (Germany)</b><br>Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung Wirtschaftsredaktion/Ressortleiter Unternehmen |
| 50 | <b>Michelle Chicco (Italy)</b><br>Wired Italy  |
| 51 | <b>Petar Georgiev (Bulgaria)</b><br>Reporter, BNT  |
| 52 | <b>Mihail Vrabchev (Bulgaria)</b><br>Cameraman, BNT  |