

Building strong partnerships between industry and academia

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The EATRIS-Plus workshop on Best practices in public-private collaboration was held September 29-30, 2022, in Ljubljana, Slovenia. The agenda of the workshop covered a wide range of topics selected to highlight the benefits and challenges of public-private collaboration from both ends, with speakers from industry and academia. The workshop programme was designed to provide interactive communication and exchange of experience, as well as useful tips on legislation and intellectual property.



The workshop took place within the framework of the EATRIS-Plus project. EATRIS-Plus is a flagship project of EATRIS ERIC that aims to consolidate EATRIS infrastructure's capacities in the field of personalized medicine, in order to better serve academia and industry and increase the number of EATRIS Innovation Hubs with large pharma. One of the main means to achieve this goal is to expand our training opportunities and deliver new educational events and content. The workshop was part of the work package 7, led by prof. Dr. Irena Mlinarič-Raščan. The main organizers of the workshop included an enthusiastic team from University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Pharmacy (Slovenia), Biocat (Spain) and EATRIS central coordination (The Netherlands).

The speakers at the workshop were:

- Tamara Carapina, EATRIS, The Netherlands
- Nigel Wagstaff, EATRIS, The Netherlands
- Martin de Kort, EATRIS, The Netherlands
- Luigi Aurisicchio, Takis Biotech, Italy
- Lenart Girandon, Educell, Slovenia
- Ulf Nilsson, Galecto, Sweden
- Laura Lizama, Heecap, Spain
- Gregor Majdič, Animacel, Slovenia
- Xavier Aldeguer, Biocat, Spain
- Marko Anderluh, UL FFA, Slovenia
- Darja Ferčej Temeljotov, Novartis, Slovenia
- Luis Ruiz-Avila, Aquilon Cyl SL, Leukos Biotech SL, Spain

The workshop gathered 26 participants from 9 European countries, with a nice balance between researchers and tech transfer officers. The strong involvement of speakers from start-ups and biotechs allowed constructive dialogue between all parties involved in public-private partnerships.

Some impressions from participants of the workshop:

Amazing event, truly helpfull. I really enjoied it. Friendly atmosphere among experts! Katerina Novakova, BBMRI.cz and Masaryk Memorial Cancer Institute, Czech Republic) Excellent workshop! I think there should be more events like this in Europe, where academia and industry can talk to each other in the same room, about what works and what does not in the industryacademia collaboration. I liked especially that the talks were combined with practical sessions, so it was a real workshop. The organization managed to create an atmosphere where the public felt comfortable participating and interacting. Eva Crosas Ubeda Deutsches Elektronen-Synchrotron DESY

What an excellent training (and networking) opportunity! An excellent program that allowed us to tackle an essential subject in entrepreneurship and technology transfer, the academy-industry collaborations! This program was a field with great talks, real case studies, and incredible networking opportunities. Congrats to the organization for this exceptional event! Inês Sobral Escoval, CNC



More info about the workshop and EATRIS-Plus project:

https://eatris.eu/events/academia-industry-collaboration-keys-for-success/

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