

# EU Innovation Catalyst

Deeptech Investments & Policies  
for a Future-proof Economy

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La Tricoterie  
158, Rue Théodore Verhaegen  
1060 Saint-Giles

## >> Agenda



# STEP STARTUPS

10:30

Registration & Welcome coffee

11:10

**Welcome** [Thomas Our](#), CEO | EU-Startups

11:15

**Opening remarks**

[Eoghan O'Neill](#), Senior Policy Officer | European Commission's DG Connect

11:30

**Projects Presentation**

StepUp StartUps, [Sandra Saiz Rodriguez](#), Coordinator of StepUp StartUps and Project Manager of European Projects | [Barrabés.biz](#)

Innovation Radar Bridge [Thomas Ohr](#), CEO | EU-Startups

11:50

**Current State of Europe's Startup Ecosystems**

Data insights [Thomas Kösters](#), CEO | DEEP Ecosystems

Data analysis thematic reports and Survey results among EU-funded innovators  
[Matthieu Demolin](#), COO | Dealroom.co

12:10

**Success story: Dealflow Matchmaking Platform**

[Thijs Povel](#), CEO | Dealflow.eu

12:30

**Panel discussion**

**Smart Policies: Innovations Aligned for Success**

[Jekaterina Novikova](#), Directorate General for Research and Innovation | European Commission

[Dragoş Tudorache](#) MEP Co-Rapporteur of the AI Act | European Parliament

[Ana Barjasic](#), Board member | European Innovation Council

[Arthur Jordaô](#), Executive Director | ESNA - Europe Startup Nations Alliance

Moderated by [Luisa González](#), Head of European Projects | EU-Startups

13:10

Networking lunch

14:10

**Panel Discussion**

**Unlocking the Investment Potential of EU-Funded Innovators:  
Catalysing growth through supportive policies"**

[Alessandra Scotti](#), Institutional relations and scouting | Lift

[Matthieu De Beule](#), Co Founder & CEO | FEops

[Astrid Bartels](#), Head of the Access to Finance unit in DG GROW | European Commission

[Anne Lidgard](#), Director, Senior Advisor | Vinnova

Moderated by [Sarah Luvisoto](#), Head of Marketing and Communications | ESNA

14:50

**Panel Discussion**

**Opportunities Created by the Digital Markets Act for Startups  
and Investors**

[Eoghan O'Neill](#) Senior Policy Officer, Digital Platforms | European Commission

[Marcin Waldowski](#) Product Development Director | Blik

| Oxera

Moderated by [Sarah Luvisoto](#), Head of Marketing and Communications | ESNA

15:30 - 16:30

Networking drinks

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