May 10 th, 2024 Growth Stage 14:15h

Mediterranean Conference Centre
Old Hospital Street, Valletta VLT 1645, Malta



## Agenda:

#### 14:15 Welcome and Introduction

<u>Luisa Gonzalez</u> *Head of European Projects* | EU-Startups

### 14:25 The current state of Startups and Venture Capital in Europe

<u>Thijs Povel</u> *CEO* | Dealflow <u>Yoram Wijngaarde</u> *CEO* | Dealroom

## 15:00 Panel Discussion Innovating for a Stronger Europe

Carolina Rossi, Head of Network and Strategic Initiatives | ESNA

<u>Eoghan O'Neill</u> Senior Policy Officer | European Commission

<u>Brian Camilleri</u> Chief Officer | Malta Enterprise

<u>Lili Kankaya</u> Horizon Europe Senior Executive | Malta Council for Science and Technology

# 15:40 Navigating EU-funding Opportunities and Policy Challenges for Startups

<u>Bart Becks</u> *Board Member* | European Innovation Council <u>Marie Latour European Affairs Director</u> | Euro Funding <u>André Xuereb</u> *Founder* | Merqury Cybersecurity

Moderated by Sarah Luvisotto, Head of Marketing and Communications | ESNA

### 16:10 Strategies for Collaboration between Policy Makers and Innovators

<u>Marise Almeida</u> COO and CFO | Nitrogen Sensing Solutions

<u>Thijs Povel CEO</u> | Dealflow

<u>Peter Vaník Market Development & Entrepreneurship Consultant</u> | EUSPA - EU Agency for the Space Programme

### **16:40** Closing Remarks

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