

# Strengthening Spin-Out Support Systems: Bridging Research, Innovation, and Policy for a Competitive Deep Tech Europe

## Enabling Research Commercialization and Sustainable Innovation through Coordinated EU and National Strategies

8th October 2025 | Faculty of Management, Izolska vrata 2, Koper

### PROGRAMME

| Time          | Description  |
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| 08.30 - 09.00 | <a href="#"><u>Registration</u></a>  |
| 09.00 - 09.30 | <b>Welcome addresses</b><br><b>Klavdija Kutnar</b> , Rector, University of Primorska<br><b>Tomaž Boh</b> , Director-General Science Directorate, Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Innovation<br><b>Urša Jerše</b> , Coordinator of UNIK@TT consortium, Head of Technology Transfer Office at University of Ljubljana<br><b>Robert Blatnik</b> , Coordinator of KTO consortium, Head of Technology Transfer Office at Jožef Stefan Institute |
| 09.30 - 10.00 | <b>Key note: Backing the Bold: How SPRIND Builds the Future Through Disruptive Innovation and Mission-Driven Funding.</b><br><b>Connecting National Ambition with European Opportunity to Empower Deep Tech and High-Risk Innovation.</b><br><b>Olav Carlsen – Innovation Manager – SPRIND</b>   |
| 10.00- 11.05  | <b>Round table: Bridging the Gap: Synergizing Science, Research, and Innovation in the New EU Funding Landscape</b><br>Chair: <b>Andreja Kutnar</b> , Acting Department Chair, InnoRenew CoE (UP IAM)  |
|               | <b>Panelists:</b><br><b>Tomaž Boh</b> , Director-General Science Directorate, Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Innovation<br><b>Olav Carlsen</b> , SPRIND<br><b>Žiga Lampe</b> , Assistant Director of Strategic Development and Internationalisation Department at Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Slovenia  |
| 11.05 - 11.20 | <i>Break</i>   |
| 11.20 - 13.10 | <a href="#"><u>Best innovation with commercial potential: Pitch competition</u></a> (in English)<br><br>Chair: <b>Robert Blatnik</b> , Jožef Stefan Institute  |
| 13.10 - 14.20 | <i>Light lunch at Titov trg 4, Koper</i>   |

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| 14.20 - 14.40 | <b>Award announcement:</b> <a href="#">Best innovation with commercial potential</a> (in English)<br><b>Award announcement:</b> <a href="#">WIPO National award for enterprises</a><br><b>Award announcement:</b> <a href="#">WIPO National award for innovators</a> |
| 14.40 - 14.50 | <i>Break</i>   |
| 14.50 - 16.30 | <b><a href="#">Paper presentations: scientific papers on technology transfer and intellectual property</a></b> (in English)<br>Chair: <b>Jana Hojnik</b> , University of Primorska   |
| 16.30 -       | <i>Final networking</i>  |

To participate please fill-out the [registration form](#).

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