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09:30 AM
Welcome & Opening addresses

Plenary
Intro and framing



Co-initiator Innoteque
Oana Craioveanu

Co-founder Impact Hub Bucharest and Cluj-Napoca



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Andrei Roth

General Manager, Recognos Romaniae



Dean Thompson

U.S. Chargé d'Affaires ad-interim



Mrs. Stella Ronner-Grubačić

Ambassador of the Kingdom of Netherlands to Romania



Matan Safran

Commercial Attache, Embassy of Israel



Mihai Tudor

Vice Chair of the Romanian-American Foundation's Board of Trustees

10:00 AM
The Foundations of the Innovation Ecosystem

Keynote addresses
The essentials of a successful innovation ecosystem.



Moderator

Irina Anghel-Enescu

Managing-Director South Eastern European Private Equity and Venture Capital Association



Costin Grigore Borc

Vice-Prime Minister of Romania



Dr. Yehoshua (Shuki) Gleitman

Chairman GIBF – Guangzhuo Israel Biotech Fund



Winslow Sargeant

Managing Director of S&T, LLC; former Chief Counsel for Advocacy in the US Small Business Administration

11:15 AM
Coffee Break and Refreshments

11:45 AM
The Role of the Government

Keynote addresses / Panel

What role does government play in spurring innovation? Frameworks for fostering innovation

- Role of the government and the different approaches
- Laws, regulations and property rights
- Funding, promoting free markets, tax incentives
- R&D governmental support



Moderator

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Adrian Curaj

High Representative of the Prime Minister for ecosystem development based on science, innovation and entrepreneurship associated to ELI-NP pan-European infrastructure

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**Jaap Broersen**

Program Leader International Innovation Cooperation at Netherlands Ministry of Economic Affairs

**Uzi Bar-Sadeh**

Bilateral Programs Manager at ISERD, Office of the Chief Scientist, Israel

01:15 PM**Lunch Break and Networking****02:30 PM****Academia as a Catalyst for Innovation****Panel**

The role of Academia in fostering innovation. Technology Transfer between academia and the private sector

- Examining the different models and approaches of leading Israeli & American universities
- Identifying how academic institutions can benefit from entrepreneurs
- Examining universities' key role in R&D and how can they benefit from the final results

**Moderator****Roxana Voicu Dorobanțu**

Ph.D., Associate Professor with the Bucharest University of Economic Studies (ASE), Romania

**Dr. Steve Olson**

Executive Director of the Center for Innovation Excellence at Kennesaw State University, Atlanta

**Marius Mitroi**

Co-Director at Founder Institute Bucharest, former Head of Innovation Funding Department UEFISCDI

**Răzvan Rughiniș**

Professor at the Department of Computer Science, University Politehnica of Bucharest, and Co-founder of the Innovation Labs

**Tal Catran**

Accelerators Guru & Seasoned Start-ups Builder

**Livia Ilie**

Leading the development of an entrepreneurial ecosystem in Lucian Blaga University of Sibiu

04:00 PM**Coffee Break and Refreshments****04:20 PM****Success startups stories****Short presentations**

This session aims to allow successful entrepreneurs to share some of their stories, with special focus on the way the innovation ecosystem in their respective country played a role in their success

**Andrei Pitiș**

Founder Vector Watch

**Eran Tirer**

CEO EZSource

**Sam Mallikarjunan**

Principal Marketing Strategist for HubSpot

**Zohar Gendler**

Managing Partner and CEO, NGT

05:40 PM**Closing remarks & sharing****07:00 PM****Reception**

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