Reinforcing Knowledge Valorisation: conceptualizing, mapping and creating stronger synergies among research-industry interface agents for a stronger uptake of knowledge by the economy and society

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#### **Main Aim**

The Portuguese Ministry of Science, Technology and Higher Education in cooperation with the National Innovation Agency, the Foundation for Science and Technology and the European Commission will organise a European-level event on knowledge valorisation. The 2-days event aims to bring together representatives from Higher Education Institutions, industry, intermediary organizations, and decision-makers to discuss the challenges and opportunities in knowledge valorisation and explore collaborative actions and initiatives to address them.

#### Rational

In the fast-paced and interconnected world of today, innovation plays a crucial role in driving economic growth, creating jobs, and promoting societal progress. To attain these objectives, effective collaboration between Higher Education Institutions, industry, and society is essential. Intermediary organizations play a critical role in facilitating these collaborations and driving successful outcomes.

The *Tour de Capitales* main goal is to foster a collaborative environment that promotes knowledge valorisation bringing together representatives from academia, industry, intermediary organizations, and decision-makers to discuss the challenges and opportunities in knowledge valorisation and explore collaborative solutions and initiatives to address them. The event will contribute to the development of innovative solutions for knowledge valorisation in Higher Education Institutions and the establishment of a network of stakeholders in knowledge valorisation.

The *Tour de Capitales* will consider plenary sessions, panel discussions, and interactive workshops. The plenary sessions will feature keynote speeches from distinguished speakers who will share their insights and experiences on knowledge valorisation. The panel discussions will provide an opportunity for stakeholders to discuss specific topics related to knowledge valorisation, such as the challenges of intellectual property management, the role of universities in knowledge valorisation, capacitation and mobility of human resources, technological sovereignty, diversity and inclusiveness, and the impact of knowledge valorisation on regional development. The interactive workshops will allow participants to discuss emerging topics related to knowledge valorisation towards the development of collaborative solutions.









# **DAY ONE**

#### 08:15-09:15

**Registration & Welcome coffee** 

#### 09:30 - 10:30

# **Opening remarks**

Welcome by the National Innovation Agency; António Grilo

Foundation for Science and Technology; Madalena Alves

Portuguese Minister of Science, Technology and Higher Education; Elvira Fortunato (video message)

European Commissioner for Innovation, Research, Culture, Education and Youth; Iliana Ivanova (video message)

Secretary of State for European Affairs; Tiago Antunes

#### 10:30 - 12:00

#### Bridging the Gap between Research and Society: The pivotal role of Knowledge Valorisation

The first panel of the event will set the scene and discuss the role of knowledge valorisation. This refers to the process of creating social and economic value from knowledge, by linking different areas and sectors and by transforming research results into sustainable solutions and policies that benefit society. It is essential for supporting the transition towards a sustainable economy and for addressing societal and environmental challenges. The panel will adopt a common line on policy principles and measures to maximize the transformation of research and innovation results into solutions that benefit society. Boosting knowledge valorisation requires dedicated resources and skills, continued and up-scaled efforts in developing knowledge transfer and brokerage professionals and facilitators who act as intermediaries between relevant research and innovation actors.

### Moderator: National Innovation Agency; António Grilo

- EARTO European Association of Research & Technology Organizations, Secretary General; Muriel Attane
- GALP, Innovation Director; Ana Casaca
- PATLIB Patent information centres, European Patent Office, Principal Advisor; Telmo Vilela
- Nova University of Lisbon, Vice Rector; Isabel Rocha
- Directorate-General for Research and Innovation, European Commission, Kirsi Haavisto, Head of Unit for Valorisation Policies and IPR

### 12:30 - 14:00

Lunch break and network

#### 14:00 - 15:00

# Science driven knowledge valorisation

This panel aims to focus on the crucial role of Higher Education Institutions in driving innovation and knowledge valorization. Discuss how higher education institutions can effectively promote collaboration between academia and industry to develop and commercialize innovative solutions for social, economic, and environmental challenges. The panel will explore how universities can create an environment that fosters entrepreneurship and supports researchers and innovators in turning their ideas into successful businesses. Topics will include strategies for promoting technology transfer, intellectual property









management, funding opportunities, intersectoral mobility between academia and industry, open science, and policies to support university-industry partnerships. Through these discussions, the panel aims to identify best practices and lessons learned in promoting innovation and knowledge valorization in higher education institutions and to identify future challenges and opportunities for universities in driving sustainable development in Europe and around the world.

### Moderator: Foundation for Science and Technology, António Bob Santos

- CCSISP, President of the Polytechnic of Bragança; Orlando Rodrigues,
- ERASMUS+ Agency, Head of Unit for Higher Education; Gustavo Alva Rosa
- INPI- National Institute of Industrial Property, Head of Patents and Utility Models Department;
  Maria Inês Silva
- +ATLANTIC Collaborative Laboratory, CTO Ocean; Artur Costa

### 15:00 – 15:15 Coffee break and network

#### 15:15 - 16:15

### Driving Sustainable Growth through Knowledge Valorisation

The final panel session aims to bridge the gap between expectations and reality in terms of public intervention in knowledge valorisation and to align policy with common priorities such as the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the goals of the European Green Deal. Highlighting the importance of creating value from publicly funded research and strengthening it through complementary funding. The panel will explore the role of Higher Education Institutions and intermediary organizations in identifying and supporting innovative ideas, fostering collaboration between academia and industry to deliver more efficiently new solutions for building a greener, cleaner, and healthier future. The discussions will provide valuable insights into the strategies and policies needed to ensure that Europe can tackle future challenges through science-driven innovations and technologies that contribute to sustainable development.

### Moderator: Secretary of State for the Presidency of the Council of Ministers, André Moz Caldas

- Directorate General of Economic Affairs, Director; Fernanda Ferreira Dias
- Universidade Nova de Lisboa, Pro-Rector; Júlia Seixas
- European Commission Representation in Portugal; Team Leader and Deputy Head of Representation; António Vicente
- Member of the European Parliament; Maria da Graça Carvalho

# 16:15 – 16:45 Closing remarks

Foundation for Science and Technology; Madalena Alves National Innovation Agency; António Grilo









# **DAY TWO**

### 08:30-09:30

**Registration & Welcome coffee** 

#### 09:30 - 10:00

### **Opening Remarks**

National Innovation Agency; António Grilo DG Research and Innovation; Kirsi Haavisto

### 10:00 - 12:30

### Workshops

The proposed themes will be all related to the codes of practices developed, and under development, by the European Commission and the interaction of each theme will be facilitated by an experienced moderator who will guide the discussion, ensure everyone has a chance to contribute, and keep the conversation on track.

Code of practice on the management of intellectual assets	Code of practice on standardization	Codes of practice on industry- academia collaboration and citizen engagement
Commission Recommendation,	Presentation of the Commission	Presentation of the main
Florentina Golisteanu, Legal and	Recommendation, Federica	elements of the upcoming
Policy Officer for Valorisation	Baldan, Legal and Policy Officer	Codes of practice followed by
Policies and IPR, Directorate-	for Valorisation Policies and	Q&A, Kirsi Haavisto, Head of
General for Research and	IPR, Directorate-General for	Unit for Valorisation Policies
Innovation, European	Research and Innovation,	and IPR, Directorate-General for
Commission	European Commission	Research and Innovation,
Training: Michele Dubbini, IP	Training:	European Commission
Helpdesk	Livia Mian, Project Manager,	
	Innovation Team, CEN-	
	CENELEC	
	Suzete Sim-Sim, IPQ	

# 12:30 – 14:00 Lunch Break & Networking

#### 14:00 - 16:00

#### **Breakout Sessions**

During the afternoon, three parallel sessions will be organized, the main objective of each session is to translate the positioning, suggestions and possibly the identification of future lines of work regarding the topics discussed in the morning sessions. To standardise the conversation and possible outcomes, a single









guideline will be developed to be used by the three-panel moderators. Each afternoon session will have a maximum of 35 participants and will also be attended by foreign academic experts and intermediary organisations. The results of the three debates will be presented in the following panel:

Breakout Session Technology Transfer Offices	Breakout Session Technology and Innovation Centres	Breakout Session CoLab
Moderator: National Innovation Agency;	Moderator: National Innovation Agency,	Moderator: Foundation for Science and
Helena Costa	João Ferreira	Technology, Gonçalo Zagalo
Porto University; André Fernandes	INESC-TEC; Daniel Vasconcelos	DTx; André Matos
Coimbra University; Luís Saraiva Silva	CENTIMFE; Rui Tocha	BUILT CoLAB; João Moutinho
Nova University of Lisbon; Hélder Lopes	IPN; José Ricardo Aguilar	VectorB2B; Sofia Côrte-Real
Setubal Polytechnic Institute; Elis	IMM; Pedro Silva	Alma Science; Tatiana Costa
Ossmane	INEGI; José Sampaio	BIOREF; Francisco Gírio
Algarve University; Sofia Vairinho	ISEG; Manuel Laranja	Smart Energy Lab; Rui Martins
PATLIB; Telmo Vilela		Catapult; Christopher Dungey
ISCTE; Sandro Mendonça		INRIA; Hélène Kirchner

# 16:00 – 16:15 Coffee Break & Networking

#### 16:15 - 17:00

# **Conclusions and Next Steps**

Moderators from the parallel sessions will summarize the main challenges, opportunities, and good practices identified by the thematic groups and highlight any key themes or issues that emerged across the different parallel sessions. Also providing an opportunity to discuss potential next steps or actions providing an opportunity to discuss potential next steps or actions that can be taken to build on the outcomes of the event and to promote continued collaboration between the intermediary organizations.

# Moderator: National Innovation Agency; Anabela Carvalho

- National Innovation Agency; Helena Costa
- National Innovation Agency, João Ferreira
- Foundation for Science and Technology, Gonçalo Zagalo

# 17:00 – 17:30 Closing Remarks

National Innovation Agency; Silvia Garcia

Foundation for Science and Technology; António Bob Santos







