



EIT Session Description

“In the spotlight: the voice of EIT's young pioneers”

R&I Days - 23 June 2021

Context and Session Description

Innovation is the cornerstone of EU's efforts to tackle major socio-economic and environmental challenges, while leading Europe to its post-pandemic era. The EIT, dedicated to delivering concrete results to major EU policy priorities, wants to empower the new generation of innovators to not only maximise their potential, but be an actual part of EU's response to those challenges.

The session will put in the *spotlight* EIT's young pioneers in order to hear their personal experiences of how they went about realising their projects, as well as their thoughts on the impact the pandemic had in the R&I field and their activities. Furthermore, the session will highlight EIT's unique ability in creating fully-fledged innovation ecosystems – literally *from student to entrepreneur*, and on how it has been providing innovative Europeans the tools necessary to kickstart companies with world-leading aspirations.

The workshop will kick-start with a message from the DG EAC Director General Mrs. Themis Christophidou, who will frame the content of the session and the contribution of young people as the driving force behind positive change. The discussion - in the form of an “informal interview” - will reflect on young innovators' ideas of how to help make EU fairer, more resilient, digital and green.

Speakers and panellists

Moderator: MEP [Eva Kaili](#), Chair of STOA, Panel for the Future of Science and Technology

Opening message: Mrs. [Themis Christophidou](#), Director General of DG EAC

[Gary Lewis](#), CEO and Co-founder Resourcify

[Kristaps Krafte](#), Founder and CEO of Vigo Health

[Cristina Aleixendri Muñoz](#), COO & Co-founder at bound4blue