

## R&I Days PROGRAMME Hybrid Event: Brussels & Online

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Time slot	GOLDEN HALL (1000P)	SILVER HALL (300P)	COPPER HALL (500)	
14:00	Opening Day 1	Streaming of the session	Streaming of the session	
14:00 - 14:10	Keynote President von der Leyen TBC			
14:10 – 14:20	Opening remarks Cssr Zaharieva			
14:20 – 15:05	Beyond the Horizon: future funding for R&I			
15:05 - 15:15				
	CHOOSE EUROPE TO START AND SCALE			
15:15 – 16:00	Building a Startup Powerhouse: The European Startup and Scaleup Strategy			
16:00 - 16:30		COFFEE BREAK		
16:30 – 17:00		Research and Technology Infrastructures as catalysts for European Startup and Scaleup	Scaleup funding for Europe's competitiveness	
17:00 - 17:10				
17:10 – 17:40		A European "ARPA" approach - funding breakthrough innovations in Europe	Let's talk business — how to commercialise breakthrough research	
17:40 - 18:00				
18:00 – 18:30	Dual-use research and innovation: opportunities and challenges			
18:30	Closing of the Opening day			

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09:00	Opening Day 2	Streaming of the session	Streaming of the session	
SECURING EUROPE'S PLACE AT THE FOREFRONT OF SCIENTIFIC DISCOVERY				
09:00 – 09:30	Securing Europe's place at the forefront of scientific discovery			
09:40 – 10:20	Making the EU the most attractive place for Life Sciences			
10:20 - 10:50		COFFEE BREAK		
10:50 – 11:20		Strengthening the EU clinical research ecosystem	10h40 - 11h20 Al-powered research: a competitiveness opportunity for Europe	
11:20 - 11:30				
11:30 – 12:00		The cities of the future	Building the Resource for AI Science in Europe (RAISE)	
12:00 – 13:15		LUNCH BREAK		
13:15 – 14:00	Driving R&I Forward: roadblocks and accelerators for the EU automotive competitiveness			
MAKING A REALITY OF THE EU'S 'FIFTH FREEDOM' – RESEARCH, INNOVATION AND KNOWLEDGE				
14:00 – 14:30	ERA Act, are you brave enough?			
14:30 - 14:35				
14h35 – 15h15	Choose Europe for Science			
15:15 – 15:40		COFFEE BREAK		
15h40 – 16h10		Protecting Academic Freedom worldwide: The role of Science Diplomacy and Research Security	Empowering Women in R&I	
16:10 -				
16h30 – 17h15	Time's Up: Urgent Action Needed to Achieve the 3% R&D			
17h15	Conclusions			

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