

World EXPO 2020 – Dubai

TTO Circle EU - Arab countries Innovation conference: Paving the way for international research collaboration and technology transfer (hybrid event)

14 December 2021 at the Italian Pavilion

Description

The European Commission's Joint Research Centre (JRC) is organising, in collaboration with the World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO), the “EU- Arab countries Innovation conference: Paving the way for international research collaboration and technology transfer”, which aims to share policies, best practices, experiences and lessons learned between Europe and the Arab World.

This event is organised in the framework of the [European TTO Circle](#), a network of the technology transfer offices of the 36 major public research organisations in Europe.

The European TTO Circle partner organisations agreed to join forces on technology transfer to boost innovation in Europe through a set of initiatives, including: fostering the use of their knowledge portfolio; sharing best practices, knowledge and expertise; performing joint activities; establishing informal channels of communication with policymakers; and organising jointly training programmes. At present, the European TTO circle collectively represents 200 000 researchers and support staff, 35 000 patents and 4000 start-ups in Europe.

Chairperson: **Giancarlo Caratti**, Former Head of Intellectual Property and Technology Transfer, Joint Research Centre (JRC), European Commission

Programme - draft (Dubai, United Arab Emirates time)¹

14:30 – 15:00 **Welcome coffee and Registration**

15:00 – 15:30 **Opening Session**

- **Stephen Quest**, Director-General of the Joint Research Centre (JRC), European Commission
- **Maria Cristina Messa**, Italian Minister for University and Research
- **Daren Tang**, Director-General, WIPO
- **Ahmed Aboul Gheit**, Secretary-General of the Arab League (tbc)

15:30 – 16:15 **International capacity building and technology transfer initiatives**

- **Maria Cristina Russo**, Director for Global Approach & International Partnerships, Directorate-General for Research and Innovation, European Commission
- **Alejandro Roca Campagna**, Director, IP for Innovators Department, IP and Innovation Eco System Sector, WIPO
- **Jose Manuel Duran Cuevas**, Chief Representative for the MENA region of the CDTI-Spanish Agency of Innovation (Ministry of Science and Innovation)
- **Cecile Cavalade**, President ASTP, Europe’s premier association of knowledge transfer professionals

¹ Central European Time (CET) is 3 hours behind **Dubai**, United Arab Emirates time

16:15 – 16:30 **Coffee break**

16:30 **Round table discussion: International research collaboration: Challenges and opportunities**

Moderator: Olga Spasic, Head of Technology Transfer Section, IP for Innovators Department, IP and Innovation Eco Systems Sector, WIPO

- **Maria Chiara Carrozza**, President of the National Research Council of Italy
- **Mohamed Eddaoudi**, Director, Advanced Membranes and Porous Materials Research Center, King Abdullah University of Science and Technology
- **Jean-Charles Guibert**, Chairman of MINATEC CEA and TTO circle responsible for internationalization
- **Abdullah Saleh Almazroa**, Director-General of GCC Patent Office

17:00 **Round table discussion: International technology transfer and relationship with Industry: Lessons learned, synergies, challenges and opportunities**

Moderator: Muriel Attané, Secretary General of EARTO, the European Association of Research and Technology Organisations

- **Asier Rufino**, CEO, TECNALIA Ventures
- **Mohammed Aljafari**, Director of the Intellectual Property Commercialisation Office at iPARK, the Royal Scientific Society
- **IMEC (tbc)**
- **Abdelhamid El-Zoheiry**, President at Euro-Mediterranean University (EMUNI)
- **Corinne Hueber-Saintot**, Head of valorisation at CEA

17:30 **Concluding remarks and closing: Walid Abdelnasser**, Director, Division for Arab Countries, Development Sector, WIPO and **Giancarlo Caratti**
