

How to build MedTech startups and startup ecosystems

Hybrid workshop will tackle the question; how to build more support for Croatian MedTech projects in their path towards commercialization. There will be a system overview of the UK and Croatian MedTech ecosystems and two Croatian MedTech startups will present their journeys.

The speakers will include

- **Tony Kypreos** - an entrepreneur, venture builder, and investor with nearly three decades of experience across startups, corporates, and venture capital, helping scientists turn breakthrough research into scalable, purpose-driven ventures. He focuses on human and planetary health, AI-enabled innovation, and regenerative systems, and works with universities, institutes, and corporates to design venture studios and commercialization programs. Tony also teaches and mentors at King's College London and the University of Cambridge and advises global innovation initiatives including UNDP Accelerate2030 and the UK Government's Global Entrepreneur Programme.
- **Davor Šakić** - an associate professor and PhD in Pharmaceutical Sciences, with research experience spanning Ludwig-Maximilian University and the University of Oxford. He specializes in turning fluorescence-related challenges into measurable, reliable product outcomes. His startup, **TINFE**, exists to make fluorescence measurements truly trustworthy. By focusing on physics-based correction, traceability, and transparent methodology, TINFE enables teams to defend their results, reproduce them confidently, and accelerate their work without sacrificing quality.
- **Jasmina Isaković**, PhD - the Acting Vice Chairperson in the Department of Medicine at the European University Cyprus – Frankfurt Branch. She has worked on medical device design, preclinical testing, and translation of research into patentable innovations. Her expertise includes molecular neuroscience, computational biophysics, and neurological disorders with inflammatory components. She is the CEO and co-founder of **EMHANCE**, a Croatian MedTech startup developing a non-invasive, AI-powered neurotechnology platform for personalized treatment and remote monitoring of brain disorders. The company has raised €80k to date and secured an additional €120k in grants and other non-dilutive funding, including the €75k Women TechEU grant. EMHANCE completed cell-culture validation and is now progressing toward animal studies and clinical translation.

The workshop will be held on **17.03. at 10:00 in the Great Hall at FESB, Ruđera Boškovića 32**. It will also be possible to follow the workshop through the link:

<https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/39787647793596?p=VzkNaxMIlyp5rBMB78>