

Expert Panel for Policy Support to Montenegro



Daria Tataj (Chair):

Daria Tataj is a strategy advisor, board member and entrepreneur. Since 2015 she has been a member of the RISE High-Level Expert Advisory Group to Carlos Moedas, the EU Commissioner for Research, Innovation and Science and in 2017 she was appointed as Chairwoman of the RISE Group. She also advises the World Economic Forum, the European Space Agency, multinational companies, start-ups and is regularly invited to speak about disruptive innovation and the network society around the world. Her book *Innovation and Entrepreneurship: A New Growth Model for Europe beyond the Crisis* was endorsed by the Holberg Prize winner Manuel Castells as 'a fundamental, innovative book on innovation that will reshape the way we think about innovation and may yield the most needed policy lessons for a new model of growth in the aftermath of the economic crisis'. Dr. Tataj was one of the architects of the European Institute of Innovation and Technology and its Knowledge and Innovation

Communities serving for six years as an Executive Member of the EIT founding Board.

Daria is the CEO of Tataj Innovation, a strategy and investment firm helping cities build innovation districts. Her Network Thinking™ Growth Model helps companies and governments redesign strategies how to build entrepreneurial ecosystems. An alumna of the World Economic Forum Global Agenda Council and the Fortum Digital Leader, Daria has been recognized as a 'Social Innovator 2014' in Poland and an emerging global woman business leader by FORTUNE Magazine. Born in Poland, she currently lives and works in Barcelona.



Totti Könnölä (Rapporteur):

Dr Könnölä is an experienced manager and advisor in the area of innovation, entrepreneurship, digital, sustainability and strategic, transformative policy intelligence. He has attained experience in Europe and the US in the areas of management, research and innovation and entrepreneurship and especially in: i) the JRC-IPTS of the European Commission and the European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT), ii) research and technology organisations and iii) venture caps, consultancies and industries; In particular, by founding and heading two digital innovation consultancies and being a member of the Advisory board in start-ups Global Energy Alliance (2018) and FOM Asesoramiento Tecnológico (2018), Könnölä has gained first-hand practical experience in start-ups and their challenges.

During his work in eGauss Business Holding I+T as Director of International Business Development, he worked with start-ups, their value definition and financing, including public support instruments and funding schemes for early-stage start-ups like ENISA. As policy officer in EIT, he was involved with KICs, learning from their practices with start-ups and entrepreneurship support. Especially as a chair of the EIT Working Group on Outreach, looked for measures engaging start-ups and (potential) entrepreneurs. Könnölä is an adjunct professor in business and engineering schools and an accredited public university professor by the Ministry of Education of Spain. He holds Dr.Tech and Lic. Tech in Systems Analysis from Helsinki University of Technology and MSc in Environmental Economics from Helsinki University.



Domen Bole (Expert):

Domen Bole is an experienced practitioner in the development of innovation ecosystems including the development of innovation strategies, institutions and support programs. He started his career as a researcher and built a strong background in entrepreneurship as a (co) founder of 3 start-ups, manager of 2 scaleups and as a LEAN coach for over 400 teams and SMEs in the Western Balkans region. 11 years ago, he started working in the development and management of intermediary institutions of the innovation ecosystem, closely related to the governments, always proactively developing and executing social goals. Since 2013, Domen started applying the LEAN approach in the development of the triple helix and innovation ecosystem.

In the past years, Domen acts as a key expert in several flagship projects in Western Balkans in the area of public policies for entrepreneurship, start-ups and innovation., transferring his expertise by developing local innovation initiatives in co-creation with local staff and implementing through learning by doing. As Slovene, he has in-depth knowledge of the local culture and languages in the Western Balkans which is essential for successful bottom-up research and development.



Jean-Michel Dalle (Expert)

Jean-Michel is Director of Agoranov, France's leading science-based incubator, since 2003 and a professor at University Pierre & Marie Curie (UPMC). Over the past decade, Agoranov's incubation and acceleration program have given birth to more than 250 innovative start-ups, among which success stories Critéo (listed on the NASDAQ), Anevia, Biophytis and Pixium (listed on Euronext) and Aldebaran Robotics, among others. These companies altogether represent 5000 direct active jobs and have raised 300+ M€ from private investors around the world.

Jean-Michel is Co-sponsor of a 13 m€ seed capital VC fund managed by I-Source Gestion (2000-2002), and he also contributed to the creation of a 25m€ science-based seed capital VC fund managed by Seventure, under the auspices of Fonds National d'Amorçage. During 2008-2009, he was Managing Director of Oséo, now BPI France, France's public innovation bank, in charge of innovation. Jean Michel has been part of the expert panel of the H2020 PSF Specific Support to Romania, where he analysed and made recommendations for the improvement of the Romanian start-ups and scaleups ecosystem