



EUROPEAN RESEARCH & INNOVATION DAYS

R&I Days PROGRAMME Hybrid Event: Brussels & Online

16
SEPTEMBER
2025

All sessions will be live streamed on YouTube and R&I Community platform

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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		
14:10 – 14:20	Opening remarks Commissioner 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	Dual-use research and innovation: opportunities and challenges
17:40 – 18:00			
18:00 – 18:30	AI-powered research: a competitiveness opportunity for Europe		
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 – 09:40	Making the EU the most attractive place for Life Sciences		
09:40 – 10:00			
10:00 – 10:30	Securing Europe's place at the forefront of scientific discovery	Strengthening the EU clinical research ecosystem	Let's talk business – how to commercialise breakthrough research
10:30 – 11:00	COFFEE BREAK		
11:00 – 11:30		The cities of the future	Building the Resource for AI Science in Europe (RAISE)
11:30 – 11:45			
11:45 – 12:15	Science Communication		
12:15 – 13:15	LUNCH BREAK		
13:15 – 14:00	Driving R&I Forward: roadblocks and accelerators for the EU automotive competitiveness followed by Signature of a MoU with Commissioner Zaharieva		

MAKING A REALITY OF THE EU'S 'FIFTH FREEDOM' – RESEARCH, INNOVATION AND KNOWLEDGE

14:00 – 14:30	ERA Act, are we 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	€820 Billion on the Table: can Europe afford to ignore the Gender Gap in STEM careers?
16:10 – 16:30	COFFEE BREAK		
16h30 – 17h15	Time's Up: Urgent Action Needed to Achieve the 3% R&D Investment Target		
17h15	Conclusions		

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