

AGENDA

AUSTRIAN EIC ACCELERATOR PLATFORM

DATE/TIME: October 9, 2025
13:30 – 16:30

LOCATION: ISTA Campus Klosterneuburg, Moonstone Building
Am Campus 1, 3400 Klosterneuburg

13.00 **Registration & Welcome Coffee**

13.30 **Opening & Welcome**

- Stefan Riegler – Head of Directorate Research and Innovation, Federal Ministry of Economic Affairs, Energy and Tourism (BMWET)
- Margit Noll, Head of European and International Programs, Austrian Research Promotion Agency (FFG)
- Keith Sequeira – Head of Unit, European Innovation Council, DG Research & Innovation, European Commission (EC)
- Markus Wanko – Founding & Managing Partner, xista Science Ventures

SESSION 1 STRATEGIC AND POLICY OUTLOOK

EIC in focus: Current and future developments, outlook to FP10

- Keynote: Keith Sequeira – Head of Unit, EIC, EC

EU Startup & Scaleup Strategy in focus

- Stefan Riegler – Head of Directorate for Research and Innovation, BMWET
- Cedric Adam – Policy Officer, DG Research & Innovation, EC
- Sarah Klaffner – Startup Council, BMWET
- Markus Raunig – Chairman Austrian Startups & Startup Council, BMWET

The latest EIC Success Stories from Austria in Focus

ECOP, Holloid, Easelink, Turbulence Solutions

Increasing the impact: Supporting Tools & National Instruments

- Giorgio Mutinati – National Contact Point EIC/EIE, FFG

From Science to Impact – The Role of EIC Programme Managers

- Samira Nik – Programme Manager for Quantum Tech & Electronics, European Innovation Council and SMEs Executive Agency (EISMEA)

15.15 **Coffee Break**

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SESSION 2

INTERACTIVE DIALOGUE

15.30

Inspirational Inputs: National & European Approaches

- Lorenz Höppl – Project Lead, Federal Agency for Disruptive Innovation (SPRIND), Germany
- Martin Theyer – Innovation & Startup Advisor

Interactive Breakout Sessions

- EIC & FP10: Iraklis Agiovlasis – National Contact Point EIC/EIE, FFG, & Karl Schiller – Senior Expert, Seed Finance, aws
- Startup & Scaleup Strategy: Markus Raunig, BMWET Startup Council & Sarah Klaffner – BMWET
- Financing & Trusted Investors Network: Markus Wanko – xista Ventures & Stefan Haubner – BMWET Startup Council

Closing & Outlook

- Georg Panholzer – Austrian Delegate for EIC/EIE, BMWET
- Iraklis Agiovlasis – National Contact Point EIC/EIE, FFG
- *Markus Wanko - xista Science Ventures - Leading over to BigX

16:15

Networking & Transition to bigX Conference (starts at 17:00)

Travel instructions

The ISTA Campus is located in Klosterneuburg, just outside Vienna. We recommend travelling by public transportation due to limited parking spaces at the campus.

ISTA Shuttle Bus Nr. 142

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<https://ist.ac.at/en/campus/how-to-get-here/>

Exclusive Shuttle Bus from Schwedenplatz at 12:15

ISTA provides a Shuttle Bus exclusively for participants traveling from Vienna, before the event begins.

The ISTA Shuttle Bus will start at 12:15 from U1 Schwedenplatz and will be free of charge for participants travelling to our event. The Shuttle Bus is going to park at the [bus parking lot close to the BP petrol station](#) and will bear the sign **ISTA**.