**AGENDA**

**Horizon 2020 & Horizon Europe**

**European Innovation Council (EIC)**

**Roadshow**

**15 July 2019**

**Venue: Georgian Innovations and Technologies Agency,**

**Innovation Street # 7 Okrokana**

 ***Registration online****:* <http://tiny.cc/l46d9y>

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| **Time** | **Activity** |
| 13:30 – 14:00 | **Registration** |
| 14:00 – 14:15 | **Welcome words:*** ***Nikoloz Alavidze*,** Deputy Minister of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia
* ***Irine Abuladze*,** Deputy Minister of Education, Science, Culture and Sport of Georgia (tbc)
* ***Catalin Gherman***, Deputy Head of Cooperation, EU Delegation
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| 14:15 – 14:40 | **Why an EIC? - Policy Session*****Nicolas SABATIER****, Advisor to the Director of the European Innovation Council* ***(EIC Task Force, European Commission****.* |
| 14:40 – 15:30 | **Panel Discussion** *on the EIC, the State of Play on innovative SME development in Georgia and the Role of EIC in supporting internationalization of Georgia’s innovative SMEs (working topic discussion)*Participants:* ***Nicolas SABATIER****, Advisor to the Director of the European Innovation Council (EIC) Task Force, European Commission.*
* ***Avtandil Kasradze***, Chairman at GITA - Georgia's Innovation and Technology Agency;
* ***Mariam Keburia***, Head of the Office of International Relations and Fundraising, Shota Rustaveli National Science Foundation of Georgia;
* ***Mzia Kutateladze***, Director of George Eliava Institute of Bacteriophages, Microbiology and Virology;
* ***Colin Donohue***, Start-up Grind Chapter Director;
* ***Vamekh Kherkheulidze,*** Elven Technologies;

Moderator***: Eric-Olivier PALLU****, EIC Task Force, European Commission* |
| 15:30 – 15:50 | Coffee break & Networking |
| 15:50 – 16:10 | **Enhanced EIC Pilot: The new Pathfinder Scheme**Eric-Olivier PALLU, EIC Task Force, European Commission |
| 16:10 – 16:30 | **Enhanced EIC Pilot: The new Accelerator Scheme**Eric-Olivier PALLU, EIC Task Force, European Commission |
| 16:30 – 17:00 | **Q&A, Wrap-up of the day** |

On March 18 the European Union Commission launched the [Enhanced European Innovation Council (EIC) pilot](https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/horizon2020/en/h2020-section/european-innovation-council-eic-pilot) to support researchers, firms and innovators developing high-risk, breakthrough innovations with the potential to create new markets and boost jobs, growth and prosperity in Europe.

The related [2019-2020 Work Programme](http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/data/ref/h2020/wp/2018-2020/main/h2020-wp1820-eic_en.pdf) provides for a financial allocation of about **EURO 2 billion** including a number of already existing instruments and some novelties that will anticipate the Horizon Europe 2021-2027 Programming. In particular the **EIC Pathfinder** pilot (FET Open and FET Proactive) will support ambitious collaborative research projects aiming at developing radical and innovative technologies. The **EIC Accelerator** pilot (SME Instrument) will be dedicated to companies and start-ups with a radically new highly risky, and thus, non-bankable idea underpinned by a business plan for rolling out marketable innovation solutions and with a potential to scale up.

This event is promoted by the EU Delegation in Georgia and organised in collaboration with the Ministry of Education, Science, Culture and Sport of Georgia and Georgian Innovation and Technology Agency, Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia. It has the objective to present the operational details envisaged by the European Commission under the Enhanced EIC Pilot for 2019 and 2020.

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