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DAY 1: 21 November 2018

9:45– 10:15	<p>Opening – Setting the scene</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Michael Esterl, Secretary General, Federal Ministry for Digital and Economic Affairs • Patrick Child, Deputy Director General, DG Research and Innovation, European Commission • Wilhelm Molterer, Managing Director, European Fund for Strategic Investment (EFSI), European Investment Bank (EIB) • Pier Luigi Gilibert, CEO European Investment Fund (EIF)
10:15–10:30	<p>Cooperation between national and European levels for mutual benefit:</p> <p>Signing ceremony for prolongation of InnovFin SME contract for Austrian Promotional Bank aws</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Michael Esterl, Secretary General, Federal Ministry for Digital and Economic Affairs • Pier Luigi Gilibert, CEO, EIF • Bernhard Sagmeister, Managing Director, Austria Wirtschaftsservice GmbH (aws) • Patrick Child, Deputy Director General, DG Research and Innovation, European Commission
10:30–11:00	<p>Keynote speech</p> <p>Hermann Hauser, chairman of independent High Level Group for the European Innovation Council (EIC HLG)</p>
11:00–13:00	<p>European Innovation Council</p> <p>Keynote Input: Stephane Ouaki, Head of Unit, Investments and SME's, DG Research and Innovation, European Commission (25 min)</p> <p>Moderators: Christian Frey, FFG (National Contact Point for SME) and Marcus Bidmon, FFG (National Contact Point for Risk Finance)</p> <p>Panel A: Innovation Actors: Stories, challenges and opportunities for growth, innovation and entrepreneurship (55 min)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mario Fallast, Co-Founder, smaXtec animal care (SME H2020 SME-Instrument) • Nils Berger, Viewpointssystem, CEO (SME H2020 SME-Instrument) • Matthias Biegl, Managing Director, Taurob GmbH, SME Eurostars • Philippe Vanrie, Head of EUREKA Secretariat – EUREKA Intergovernmental Innovation Network • Henrietta Egerth, CEO, Austrian Research Promotion Agency (FFG) • Albert van der Steen, TNO, EARTO member • Jana Kolar, Executive Director, CERIC-ERIC, Slovenia, EIC HLG member <p>Panel B: Blending finance for SMEs: mixing grants with equity and loans (40 min)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wolfram Krendlesberger, CFO and early-stage investor, Heliovis • Luigi Amati, CEO, Meta Group and Chairman of Business Angels Europe (BAE) • Jussi Kivikoski, Senior Director of Business Finland, Research and Innovation Counsellor • Marc D'Hooge, Managerial Adviser, Innovation Finance Advisory, EIB
13:00–14:30	<p>Lunch buffet at conference venue.</p>

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<p>14:30–16:35</p>	<p>Panel C: Next steps towards blended finance (50 min)</p> <p>Keynote Input: Stephane Ouaki, Head of Unit, Investments and SME's, DG Research and Innovation, European Commission</p> <p>Moderator: Georg Panholzer, Head of Subdivision, Federal Ministry for Digital and Economic Affairs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alexander Reissner, CEO & Founder, Enpulsion GmbH • Paul Braathen, CEO, ToCircle Industries A.S., Norway • Martin Theyer, Partner, PKF-Consulting, H2020 Finance Academy Coach • David Sonnek, CEO, Industrifonden, Sweden • Jerome Fonteneau, Portfolio and Operations Director, Harbert European Growth Capital Fund (HEGCF) • Joe Schorge, Managing Partner, Isomer Capital, VC Fund and Venture EU Fund [Pan-European fund-of-funds] <p>Equity – Keynote input (25 min):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regina Hodits, German PE and VC Association, Spokesperson of BVK and Managing Partner/Wellington Partners, Input based on study 'Venture Capital – Fuelling Innovation and Economic Growth' • Rudolf Kinsky, President Austrian Venture Capital Association (AVCO): Austrian perspective <p>Panel D: Stimulating innovation finance through fund-of-funds (50 min)</p> <p>Keynote Input: Hubert Cottogni, Head of Mandate Management, EIF</p> <p>Moderator: Kurt Leutgeb, Head of Business Unit Guarantees and Equity, aws</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mauro Yovane, Principal, Axon Partners Group, Venture EU [Pan-European fund-of-funds] • Joe Schorge, Managing Partner, Isomer Capital, Venture EU Fund [Pan-European fund-of-funds] • Henri Grundsten, Finnish Industry Investment, Chairman EFVIN – European Venture Fund Investors Network • Viktorija Vaitkevičienė, PEGVC Fund of Funds Manager INVEGA, Lithuania • Regina Hodits, Managing Partner, Wellington Partners, perspective from Germany • Pekka Mäki, Managing Partner, 3ts Capital Partners [example for investment in CEE]
<p>16:35–17:00</p>	<p>Coffee break</p>
<p>17:00–18:00</p>	<p>Panel E: How can equity bloom in Austria?</p> <p>Keynote Input: Daniel Beck, EIF: European Venture and Angel Funding – the Austrian example</p> <p>Moderator: Matthias Bischof, Head of communication, aws</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Martin Rohla, Business Angel, Goodshares • Karl Lankmayr, CEO, aws Mittelstandsfonds • Erich Tauber, CEO, Themis Bioscience • Oliver Holle, Managing Partner, Speedinvest • Christoph Boschan, CEO, Vienna Stock Exchange
<p>18:00–18:10</p>	<p>Day 1 Closing remarks</p>
<p>20:00</p>	<p>Gala Dinner „Aula der Wissenschaften“ (Hall of Sciences, City centre)</p>

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<p>09:30–10:15</p>	<p>Opening of Day 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stephane Ouaki, Head of Unit, Investments and SME's, DG Research and Innovation, European Commission • Ulrike Rabmer-Koller, President of SMEUnited, Vice President of the Austrian Federal Economic Chamber • Wilhelm Molterer, Managing Director, European Fund for Strategic Investment (EFSI), European Investment Bank (EIB), Keynote Input: From EFSI to Invest EU
<p>10:15–10:30</p>	<p>Pioneers – Presentation of the results of the Pitching</p>
<p>10:30–11:30</p>	<p>Panel F: The role of guarantees to boost investments of innovative Start-ups, SMEs and Midcaps?</p> <p>Keynote input:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two InnovFin Case Studies of Companies in a nutshell (TecSense/CEO Johannes Krottmaier and indoo.rs/CEO Rainer Wolfsberger) • Alessandro Tappi; Chief Investment Officer, EIF <p>Moderator: Matthias Bischof, Head of communication, aws</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ignacio Puente, Policy Officer/Project Advisor, European Innovation Council and Financial Instruments, European Commission • Guy Selbherr, CEO, Bürgschaftsbank Baden-Württemberg Germany • Christian Dubarry, Head of European Affairs, BPI France • Halina Wiśniewska, Managing Director BGK Bank Gospodarstwa Krajowego, Poland • Bernhard Sagmeister, Managing Director, aws, AECM President
<p>11:30–12:00</p>	<p>Coffee Break</p>
<p>12:00–12:40</p>	<p>Breaking Frontiers: novel finance approaches and how to overcome gender gaps in finance</p> <p>Panel G: Finance and Gender – turning equality into mainstream [45 min]</p> <p>Keynote Input: Shiva Dustdar, Head of Division, Innovation Finance Advisory, EIB</p> <p>Moderator: Veronika Pelikan, editor of magazine port41 – this is how entrepreneurship works!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Selma Prodanovic, Vice President Austrian Angel Investors Association, Board Member European Business Angel Network • Doris Steinmüller-Nethl: Carbon Competence (diamond technologies), entrepreneurship & finance experience
<p>12:40–12:50</p>	<p>European Finance Instruments – Cooperation between company level and European level:</p> <p>Signing ceremony of InnovFin IDFF loan agreement with F2G</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ralf Schmid, CFO, F2G • Ian Nicholson, CEO, F2G • Stephane Ouaki, Head of Unit, Investments and SMEs, DG Research and Innovation, European Commission • Adrian Kamenitzer, Director Equity, New Products and Special Transactions, EIB

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<p>12:50–13:30</p>	<p>Panel H: Novel approaches on how filling existing financing gaps (45 min)</p> <p>Moderator: Fatima-Nassima Ferahtia, DG Research and Innovation, European Commission, Investments and SME'</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shiva Dustdar, Head of Division, Innovation Finance Advisory, EIB: Thematic Investment Platforms (including first example: Circular Bioeconomy) • Henri-Francois Boedt, Senior Loan Officer, EIB: InnovFin Infectious Diseases Finance Facility • Gwennael Joliff-Bottrell, DG Research and Innovation, European Commission: InnovFin Energy Demo Finance Pilot and the new 'Clean Energy Investment Fund' • James Mawson, Founder and Editor-in-chief, Global Corporate Venturing
<p>13:30–15:00</p>	<p>Lunch buffet at conference venue</p>
<p>15:00–16:20</p>	<p>Panel I: Towards a competitive European Deeptech Ecosystem – an Access4SMEs 'policy trial' Inspirational Talk</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maarten Oonk, Director New Business, Deloitte Center for the Edge <p>Moderator: Gianluigi Di Bello, Head of EU Liaison Unit, Agency for the Promotion of European Research</p> <p>Keynote input/European Commission Perspective:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Viorel Peca, Head of Unit for FET, DG Connect, European Commission • Ramona Samson, Investments and SME's, DG Research and Innovation, European Commission • Carlo Napoli, Head of Open Innovation Culture, ENEL • Fabrizio Porrino, SVP Global Public Affairs, FacilityLive • Stefano Carosio, Managing Director, UniSMART • Michael Riffler, Head of Research & Innovation, GeoVille Information Systems and Data Processing GmbH
<p>16:20–16:30</p>	<p>Access 4 SMEs – Presentation of the results of the Pitching</p>
<p>16:30–16:50</p>	<p>Closing Session & Wrap up – messages to policy and public</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keith Sequeira, Member of Cabinet, DG Research and Innovation, European Commission • Ulrich Schuh, Director General, Federal Ministry for Digital and Economic Affairs
<p style="text-align: center;">End of day 2</p>	

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PITCHING SESSIONS

DAY1 & DAY 2

<p>Pitching sessions additional info (taking place in parallel, in a separate room): NOTE: companies for the pitching sessions are already selected by the organisers, but visitors are welcome.</p>	
<p>DAY 1 14:00–18:30</p>	<p>Pitching format 1: Pioneers pitching</p> <p>Pioneers (www.pioneers.io) is established as Europe's prime innovation platform with a unique database of 17,000+ company profiles in the deep tech-startup environment with extensive experience in the fields of event organization, consulting and investments.</p> <p>Preliminary Agenda of Pioneer's pitching session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Startup Pitches + Q&A • Investor Pitches + Q&A • Investment Workshop • World Cafè Session • Results Presentation
<p>DAY 2 10:15–13:15</p>	<p>Pitching format 2: Euroquity pitching, powered by Access4SMEs</p> <p>Euroquity (www.euroquity.com) is a powerful network connecting companies, investors and business partners with over 1.500 investors and investments of 500M since 2008.</p> <p>Preliminary agenda of Access4SMEs/Euroquity pitching session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation by Companies • Elevator Pitch Session: 20 early stage companies pitch for tickets from 200k€ to 2M€. • Open Deals Session: 8 more mature companies that show great growth perspectives pitch together with their current investor for tickets from 2M€ to 20M€. • Results Presentation