

TTO Circle

The European Technology Transfer Offices Circle



Agenda TTO circle Tech-Chat “European Commission IP action plan” 16 December 2020

This webinar aims to present the European Commission Action Plan on Intellectual Property to help companies, especially small and medium-sized companies (SMEs), to make the most of their inventions and creations and ensure they can benefit our economy and society.

Chairperson: **Alessandro Fazio**, Head of the Joint Research Centre's Competence Centre on Technology Transfer.

12:00 Welcome Addresses

Giancarlo Caratti

Head of Technology Transfer and Intellectual Property,
European Commission, JRC

12:05 European Commission IP Action Plan

Wawrzyniec Perschke Policy Officer

European Commission, Directorate-General for Internal Market, Industry,
Entrepreneurship and SMEs

12:20 Round Table

Vivienne Williams

Co-founder and CEO of Cellix

Lorenz Kaiser

Senior Advisor and Director General of QIMIP (Quality Initiative for the
Management of IP)

Jean-Charles Guilbert

Senior advisor to the CEO for innovation, Chairman of MINATEC

Spela Stres

Head of Technology Transfer and Innovation Center,
Jožef Stefan Institute, Slovenia

12:40 Open discussions and questions

13:00 Concluding remarks and closing

Wawrzyniec Perschke and Giancarlo Caratti



Giancarlo Caratti is Head for Intellectual Property and Technology Transfer at the European Commission, managing its intellectual property and promoting technology transfer.

In 2015 he was Deputy Commissioner General for the EU participation in the World Expo Milano. He worked in the Universities of Florence and Pisa as teaching and research assistant in mechanical engineering.



Alessandro Fazio is Head of the Joint Research Centre's Competence Centre on Technology Transfer.

He started his career in investment banking with Deutsche Bank and Merrill Lynch. Between 2004 and 2011 Alessandro spent a number of years working in consulting and the early stage investment sector and was exposed to a wide variety of technologies and industries.

Alessandro has a keen interest in technology transfer and in how to support the growth and expansion of innovation eco-systems using a holistic approach covering capacity building, financing and infrastructure investment.



Wawrzyniec Perschke is Policy Officer in the Directorate-General for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs of the European Commission.

He is working on the policy of intellectual property (IP) support for SMEs and on selected projects in this area with EASME (Executive Agency for SMEs) and with EUIPO (EU Intellectual Property Office). His experience in the Commission includes work as an economist on broad IP issues (e.g. standard essential patents, IP management, access to and ownership of big data, and management of European Commission-EUIPO relations), on industrial policy for EU candidate countries and competitiveness analysis of EU Member States. Prior to work in the Commission he worked as an academic assistant (economics) at the College of Europe, Natolin campus.



Vivienne Williams is Co-founder and CEO of Cellix, a company providing microfluidic pumping solutions, biochips and automated platforms for cell-based assays.

Vivienne is experienced in the commercialization of analytical and life science tools; integrating technologies from diverse, multi-disciplinary fields and transforming these elements into robust, practical products is key to Cellix's growth. Vivienne is responsible for the establishment and growth of Cellix's network of distributors across the US, Europe and Asia and establishing Cellix's OEM business model.



Lorenz Kaiser is Senior Advisor and Director General of QIMIP (Quality Initiative for the Management of IP).

He is lawyer for R&D Contracts and IPR.

Before retiring in 2018 he has been Division Director for R&D Contracts and IPR at Fraunhofer-Gesellschaft responsible for the Departments "R&D Contracts", "Patents", "Public funding" and "Legal corporate Governance").

Dr. Kaiser has expanded professional experience of 35 years in these fields.



Jean-Charles Guibert is Senior advisor to the CEO for innovation, Chairman of MINATEC.

During his career in CEA (the largest French RTO, 15.000 staff, 4.3B€), Jean-Charles was actively involved in microelectronics in Leti, then during 12 years Director of the Technology Transfer activities of CEA, and is now senior advisor to the CEO.

In addition, Jean-Charles Guibert is Chairman of MINATEC, one of the largest innovation campus worldwide.

Jean-Charles Guibert is an expert for multiple authorities in charge of innovation and is Doctor Honoris Causa of INRS - Université of Quebec / Canada.



Spela Stres is Head of Technology Transfer and Innovation Center, Jožef Stefan Institute, Slovenia.

Appointed to the 10-Member Group in support of the Technology Facilitation Mechanism (TFM), United Nations. Coordinator of the national Enterprise Europe Network, President and funder of the Slovenian Association of Science and Technology Professionals, SI-TT, Ljubljana, Slovenia; Former Vice-President of the Association of Science and Technology Professionals (ASTP), The Hague, Netherlands.