**Industry 4.0**

**Ensuring technological progress**

**Study visit for SMEs and Research Institutions**

**11-12 May 2023**

NCBR Office in Brussels|BSP, Rue Belliard 40, 1040 Brussels, Belgium

**Main goals:**

1. To present European landscape and funding opportunities for technological progress.
2. To network with EU stakeholders, associations, and thematic organizations active in Brussels.
3. To create a platform for exchange with other innovative European SMEs and RI.

**DRAFT AGENDA**

**DAY 1**

**09:00 - 09:30 Registration and welcome coffee**

**09:30 - 09:40 Official opening**

**09:40 - 11:00 Tour de table**

Short presentations of the participants, including their plans, innovative ideas and potential areas for collaboration (up to 2 min each)

**11:00 - 12:30 Directions and challenges of the European R&I policy in context of Industry 4.0**

* + - * Industry 4.0. Renewed EU Industrial Strategy and Industrial Alliances,   
        DG RTD, European Commission
      * The Green Deal Industrial Plan: putting Europe's net-zero industry in the lead, DG GROW, European Commission
      * Introduction to EU Innovation Ecosystem, European Regions Research and Innovation Network, ERRIN
      * Industry in the European Legislation, Business and Science Poland

Moderated Q&A

**12:30 - 14:00 Lunch**

**14:00 - 15:30** Key challenges for technological development

**How Industry 4.0 can benefit from Horizon Europe**

* **Industry 4.0 in Horizon Europe calls for proposals** Cluster 4: Digital, Industry and Space

Cluster 5: Climate, Energy, Transport

* + - * **European Partnerships:**

European Factories of the Future Research Association (EFFRA)

Processes for Planet (A. SPIRE)

Moderated Q&A

**16:00 - 17:00 Meeting @ Brussels Agency for Business Support**

**19:00 - 20:30 Networking dinner**

**DAY 2**

**09:00 - 09:30 Welcome coffee**

**09:30 - 11:00 Funding opportunities::**

* + - * **European Innovation Council**
      * Living Labs
      * EIT Manufacturing
      * EIT Digital

Moderated Q&A

**11:00 - 11:30 Coffee break**

**11:30 - 13:00 Business and R&I – benefits of joint actions. Roundtable with best practices from:**

Brainport Eindhoven  
Accio Cataluna Trade and Investment  
Vanguard Initiative   
Eurochambers  
European Association of Research and Technology Organisations (EARTO)

**13:00 - 14:00 Farewell lunch**