



## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **International Forum «Innovation 2019»**

*August 27, 2019*

Lviv, Ukraine

**On August 27, 2019 at 2 pm at the Lviv Polytechnic National University there will be a big International event "Innovation 2019". The Event will be aimed at supporting innovation development and international cooperation.**

**Organizers:** Enterprise Europe Network Consortium (EEN - Ukraine), Institute of Physics of NAS of Ukraine and IT company SoftServe.

**The Goal of the event:** increasing science and Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs) cooperation, to encourage it has to develop and expand their own innovation potential and international cooperation.

Innovation-2019 acts as platform for the meeting of scientists, innovators and inventors, manufacturers of leading innovative technologies, founders of startup and spin-off companies with representatives of enterprises and potential partners or consumers interested in innovative technologies, accelerators of investment projects, representatives of Investment Institutions and Ministries, experts in the economic field and consultants in the field of intellectual property protection.

Innovation 2019 is a strategic networking event that will consist of 3 work sessions:

- 1) discussion of the strategy of innovative development of Ukraine and presentation of funds and programs aimed at supporting innovation and start-up organizations in different countries of the world.
- 2) study of innovative infrastructure in Ukraine and the world (speeches by representatives of Technoparks and various associations).
- 3) the choice of the top 3 startups to receive valuable prizes and the choice of winner, who will receive a travel grant from the leading IT company Softserve to present their development at the startup competition in Europe.

Please note that a number of very promising Ukrainian startups have already been selected for the semi-final of the competition! You will be able to hear presentations of such innovations as: an electric bicycle capable of traveling more than 250 kilometers on a single charge; clothing that measures blood pressure and heart rate; large flying drone; device for ecological recycling of garbage; jalousie for a windows that can be used like solar panels, etc.

On this occasion, we invite you to take part in a discussion on the peculiarities of establishing innovative infrastructure and strategy of innovative development of Ukraine, learn about the peculiarities of the work of Technoparks and Science and Innovation Funds in Ukraine and different countries of the world, find an international partner for the implementation of your idea in innovation, as well as participate in individual b2b meetings.

**Invited participants:**

- Representative of the office of Vice Prime Minister for European and Euro-Atlantic Integration of Ukraine Ivanna Klympush-Tsintsadze (tbc).
- Director General of the Directorate of Science of Ukraine, Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine, Dmytro Cheberkus.
- Acting Director at Innovation Development Fund (Ukrainian Startup Fund), Pavlo Kartashov.
- Head of the National Fund of Research, Academician of the NAS of Ukraine, Prof. Leonid Yatsenko.
- Directorate for Innovation and Technology Transfer of Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine, Maryna Zenova.
- Head of Research, Development and Innovations Department, Neno Rakić (Croatia).
- Chairman of SoftServe, Yaroslav Lyubynets, (Ukraine).
- Head of the Investment Department of the Lviv Regional State Administration, Roman Matys, (Ukraine).
- Member of the Entrepreneur Berlin Startup Community, Daniel Jach, (Germany).
- CEO of Sophia Antipolis Foundation, Philippe Mariani, (France).
- Hi-Tech Consultants, Aleksandr Bakowski, (Poland).
- CEO of Nando Europe and Unboxed startup companies, Justin Taruska, (Lithuania).

**We invite media representatives to open and cover the work of the Scientific and Social Event  
"Innovation 2019"!**

**Participation in the event is free!**

**Time and place:**

August 27, 2019, beginning at 2 pm, Conference hall of the Lviv Polytechnic National University (12, Stepan Bandera ave., Lviv).

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**Waiting for you at the International event "Innovation 2019"!**