

# Event program

## 11:30 – 13:00 | **Strengthening the Baltic Life Sciences Ecosystem: From Vision to Global Impact**

The Baltic region – Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania – is shaping a new frontier in life sciences through strategic collaboration between academia, industry, and innovation institutions. This session brings together national leaders and innovators to advance the joint **Baltic Biotech HUB Action Plan**, developed under the BioConnect project, with a focus on actionable next steps to strengthen regional ties, address ecosystem gaps, and accelerate global positioning. In addition to unveiling the strategic goals of the Baltic Biotech HUB, the session will spotlight the individual strengths of each national life sciences ecosystem and feature presentations from six innovative companies – two from each Baltic state – illustrating the region’s scientific and commercial potential.

**Opening remarks** by Agne Vaitkeviciene, Vice-President, LithuaniaBIO

**Presentation: Baltic Biotech HUB – Vision & Strategic Action Plan**

Speaker: Andrii Shekhirev, Co-Founder, Biocatalyst Foundation, Latvia

**Presentation: Estonian life science ecosystem**

Speaker: Reet Reinart-Okugbeni, R&D Expert, Bio and Health Tech, Enterprise Estonia, Estonia

**Presentation: Latvian life science ecosystem**

Speaker: Igors Berkovics Co-Founder, Biocatalyst Foundation, Latvia

**Presentation: Lithuanian life science ecosystem**

Speaker: Tomas Andrejauskas, President, LithuaniaBIO, Lithuania

**Panel Discussion: Going Global: Positioning the Baltic Life Sciences Ecosystem on the World Stage**

**Panelists:**

Tomas Andrejauskas, President, LithuaniaBIO, Lithuania

Andrii Shekhirev, Co-Founder, Biocatalyst Foundation, Latvia

Vaido Mikheim Head of Startup Estonia

Ene Viiard, R&D Expert, Bio and Health Tech, Enterprise Estonia, Estonia

Jekaterina Kaliniene, Head of Life Science BioTech Lab, Innovation Agency Lithuania, Lithuania

Rolando Delgado, Riga Investment Agency, Latvia

**Ecosystem Highlights – Company Presentations**

Nando presented by Justinas Taruska, CEO, Lithuania

Caszyme presented by Monika Paule, Co-Founder & CEO, Lithuania

AIO tech presented by Petri-Jaan Lahtvee, Co-Founder & COO, Estonia

TFTAK presented by Andres Maser, BD Manager, Estonia

CellBox presented by Galis Mozolevskis, CEO & Co-Founder, Latvia

Longenesis presented by Maija Zake, Life Sciences Partnerships Manager, Latvia

## 13:00 – 13:30 | **Lunch Break**

## 13:30 – 14:00 | **Expanding Transatlantic Connections: Opportunities for Canada – Lithuania Life Sciences Collaboration**

This session will highlight opportunities for collaboration between Lithuania and Canada in the life sciences and innovation sectors. Featuring insights from Canadian diplomatic and business leaders, the discussion will focus on ways to strengthen scientific, commercial, and investment ties between the two countries. With Canada’s strong biotech and health innovation ecosystem and Lithuania’s agile R&D and startup landscape, this session aims to explore potential for joint research, trade cooperation, and partnership building in areas such as biotechnology, health data, and pharmaceutical services. Attendees will gain a deeper understanding of how to connect with Canadian stakeholders and how bilateral collaboration can support growth, innovation, and international expansion.

**Opening remarks** by Grazina Mykolaityte, Board Member, LithuaniaBIO

**Presentations:**

**Overview of Canada’s life sciences ecosystem, trade and innovation priorities**

Speaker: Nicolas Lepage – Economic Counsellor and Senior Regional Trade Commissioner, Embassy of Canada

**Practical advice for Lithuanian companies on doing business or partnering in Canada**

Speaker: Nick Simone – Vice President, Al Pace Global, Co-founder, Canada-Lithuania Chamber of Commerce

Closing remarks and Q&A

## 14:00 – 15:00 | **Lithuania – Taiwan Collaboration in Biomedical Innovation**

**Opening remarks** by Tomas Andrejauskas, President, LithuaniaBIO

This session highlights emerging collaboration opportunities between Lithuania and Taiwan in the field of biomedical technologies. Three innovative Taiwanese companies will present cutting-edge solutions in regenerative medicine, oncology, and minimally invasive surgical biomaterials. The session aims to spark dialogue, promote knowledge exchange, and explore avenues for scientific and commercial partnerships between the two innovation ecosystems.

**Presentations:**

From Lab to Market: R&D and Commercialization of Dual-Phase Hydrogels in Partnership with Lithuanian Organizations Dr. Yuchi Wang, ITRI

Driving Cross-Border Biomedical Innovation: Lithuania-Taiwan Success Stories and Future Opportunities, Dr. Yuchi Wand and Ching-Mei Chen, EXPERCY

LXPB5268 combined with neoadjuvant chemotherapy in early-stage Triple-Negative Breast Cancer patients – Dr. Liang-Chih Liu & Dr. Chih-Yin Kuo, LAUNXP BIOMEDICAL

Turnkey solutions for Minimal Invasive Surgery Biomaterials & Implants – Prof. Hsu-Wei Fang ph.D., WEECRO

## 15:00 – 16:30 | **Central European Life Sciences Synergy: Building a Regional Innovation and Biomanufacturing Powerhouse**

Central Europe is gaining recognition in the global life sciences arena thanks to its combination of research excellence, innovation-driven startups, and industrial capacity. Poland, Lithuania, and Czechia each offer distinct yet complementary strengths: Poland provides scale and pharmaceutical services; Lithuania contributes world-class R&D and academic collaboration; and Czechia brings a dynamic biotech community supported by active research institutions and investors. This session explores how these national ecosystems can work more closely together – aligning capabilities, coordinating resources, and identifying shared priorities – to elevate the region’s collective impact in biotechnology and health innovation.

**Opening remarks** by Agne Vaitkeviciene, Vice-President, LithuaniaBIO

**Poland Life Sciences Ecosystem & Collaboration Potential**

Speaker: Magdalena Kulczycka, Biotech Innovation Institute, Poland

**Czech Life Sciences Ecosystem & Collaboration Potential**

Speaker: Petra Kinzlova, CEO, Prague.bio, Czech Republic

**Panel Discussion: Power in Partnership: Connecting CE Innovation, Industry & Investment**

**Panelists:**

Magdalena Kulczycka, Biotech Innovation Institute, Poland

Petra Kinzlova, CEO, Prague.bio, Czech Republic

Aleksandra Kubica-Misztal, COO, Founder, DiCella, Poland

David Passov, CEO, Biomapas, Lithuania

**Company Presentations – Showcasing Central European Innovation**

Syvento presented by Anna Michalska, Marketing Manager, Poland

Bioton presented by Dariusz Gurtowski, MS&T Director, Poland

VUGENE presented by Juozas Gordevicius, Founder & CTO, Lithuania

Biomapas presented by David Passov, CEO, Lithuania

## 16:30 – 17:15 | **Switzerland – Lithuania: Collaborating with a Global Leader in Life Sciences**

Switzerland is one of the undisputed global leaders in life sciences – home to industry giants, world-renowned research institutions, high-value manufacturing, and a robust innovation ecosystem supported by strong government policies and investment capital. Its strategic positioning in the heart of Europe, paired with an emphasis on quality, precision, and long-term thinking, makes the Swiss ecosystem a critical hub for biotech, medtech, and pharma.

In this session, Eglė B. Thomas – a Lithuanian expat based in Switzerland and a senior advisor to several technology companies and investment groups – will introduce the key elements that make the Swiss model so successful. With experience spanning strategy, finance, and executive-level advisory roles, she will offer insights into how Swiss players collaborate, scale, and shape global trends.

Additionally, the session will showcase two Lithuanian case studies: one from industry and one from academia, highlighting how collaboration with Swiss ecosystem members has created value, opened markets, and accelerated innovation.

This session will help Lithuanian stakeholders better understand where and how to connect with the Swiss ecosystem – to learn, co-develop, and explore partnerships that can scale globally.

**Presentation „Insider’s Guide to Swiss Innovation: Strategies, Success Stories and Startup Scaling from the Baltics“**

Speaker: Egle B. Thomas, PhD MBA, Founder/CEO Strategix GmbH, Switzerland

**Case Studies: Lithuanian – Swiss Collaboration**