

# Eureka Global Innovation Summit 2022

## Good to meet again, in-person and online

On 22-23 June, the Portuguese Eureka Chairmanship team organised the Global Innovation Summit 2022 (GIS 2022) at the Estoril Convention Center in Portugal. This year, the event was inspired by the Atlantic, its innovations and how collaboration across the region can foster a more sustainable future. The event brought back the in-person component that we all greatly missed, with a hybrid event offering both in-person and virtual attendance options, expanding the event's reach to a larger scale and engaging the audience through an interactive event app with livestreaming. The event hosted over 1,700 attendees (in-person and online).

### Canada and South Korea gain full membership of Eureka

The Eureka Global Innovation Summit was also the place for a special official announcement. On 22 June, the Eureka network announced that the Republic of Korea and Canada have become Eureka full-member countries, which strengthens the international character of Eureka and underlines the value of

global collaboration. Both countries were previously associated partners of Eureka. Furthermore, Chile was reassociated to the network. Eureka ministers decided that non-European countries can now also become full members of the Eureka network in order to promote innovation.

### The Eureka Clusters at GIS2022

All Eureka Clusters, including ITEA,

contributed to this year's event as well. During the entire event, attendees could visit the joint Clusters booth and several country booths. Representatives from all Clusters and other Eureka instruments were present to advise on the international funding landscape and the tools and opportunities available to businesses, as well as to exchange ideas on how



^ Panellists of the Clusters sessions at the Global Innovation Summit clearly explained the Clusters' benefits

organisations could best benefit from participating in Eureka.

Eureka Clusters were also part of the Eureka Academy session that took place in the afternoon of day one of the event. This session allowed participants to learn more about the range of support and services offered by the Eureka network, the procedures to follow and how to best prepare your possible project participation.

On 23 June, the Eureka Clusters jointly organised a session called 'How do Clusters generate strong impact for participating organisations and countries in the field of digital transition?' In this session, attendees learned about the strong outcomes and impact of collaborative projects, both from industry and from the side of policymakers.

► **Best product and service innovation – IMPACT project**

The ITEA project IMPACT was a finalist thanks to its results focusing on personalised diagnosis and treatment planning, minimally-invasive and robotic-assisted surgery, workflow optimisation and data intelligence. IMPACT has made healthcare more efficient, accurate and cost-effective..

► **Best Woman in Leadership – Sigrid Eldh from the TESTOMATproject**

The nomination of Sigrid Eldh recognises her strong and important role as the project leader of the ITEA TESTOMATproject that managed to push the state of the art in test automation towards agile development, allowing companies to identify their own 'next level' through a Test Automation Improvement Model while optimising their testing with dozens of open-source tools.

sufficient energy is available. This plays a significant role in the use of renewable energy such as wind power or solar energy. A central innovation of SPEAR is the mirroring of the energy consumption of the production plant by simulating extended behavioural models on low-cost hardware. This allows highly flexible and cost-effective approaches to be explored and implemented and the planning and execution of the production system to be optimised through accurate simulation of the production processes. This supports efforts such as Industry 4.0 and Smart industry.

We would like to congratulate IMPACT, Sigrid Eldh (TESTOMATproject) and SPEAR on their impressive achievements!



**Recognition of ITEA projects and Community members**

During the GIS, the Eureka Innovation Awards were presented in five categories. The Eureka Innovation awards, a competition launched by the Portuguese Chair of Eureka in collaboration with the national funding agencies of the Eureka network, recognised and celebrated projects and innovations that stand out because of their outreach, impact and value for business and society. We are very proud of the ITEA projects and Community members, which were very well-represented in this competition:

► **Best sustainability innovation – SPEAR project**

The ITEA SPEAR project was the winner in the sustainability category, which was one of the main focus areas of the event. Project leader Anton Strahilov was present to receive the award and addressed his words to the full project consortium for the great work that has been achieved together. One focus of the project was on the energy optimisation of production processes, production lines and buildings. Energy-intensive processes, for example, can be shifted to time windows where cheaper and

**A closing with new opportunities**

In the closing session, Eureka Chairperson and CEO Miguel Bello Mora, together with President of ANI Joana Mendonça and Minister of Science, Technology and Higher Education Elvira Fortunato, closed the Eureka Global Innovation Summit 2022 by celebrating the successes of the event and the Portuguese Chairmanship. Their number one goal was to increase the global outreach of the Eureka network and they certainly managed that. We look forward to the new opportunities that this will bring to the Clusters and ITEA!