

VIADUCT project

Valorising public research to drive technology transfer
and commercialisation through creation of spin-offs

5th Interregional Thematic Workshop & Site Visit: “Funding and Financing Mechanisms”

4-5th of June 2025

Kaunas, Lithuania

In the framework of a two-day-event focusing on of the creation of spin-offs, the [VIADUCT project](#) organises an Interregional Thematic Workshop & Site Visit to address useful actions aimed at supporting the steps to move from the research results to the market.

The event addresses the semester’s theme: funding and financing mechanisms of spin-off creation. It allows a space for discussion and sharing of European Good Practices and/or Regional Challenges on the implementation and sustainability of funding models for spin-off ventures, fostering collaboration between stakeholders, and exploring innovative strategies to overcome financial barriers in the commercialization of research and technology.

The programme is aimed at European innovation ecosystems: higher education establishments and research bodies, SATTs, incubators, creators of start-ups and spin-offs, investors, innovation agencies, local authorities, etc. Participants will include stakeholders from your region and the seven partner ecosystems:

- [University of Zaragoza](#) from Spain
- [West Regional Development Agency](#) from Romania
- [SATT Conectus Alsace](#) from France
- [Kaunas Science and Technology Park](#), Public Institution from Lithuania
- [Western Development Commission](#) from Ireland
- [Municipality of Pieve di Soligo](#) from Italy
- [Council of Tampere Region](#) from Finland
- [ASTP](#) from the Netherlands

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Wednesday, 4 th June 2025	
Location: Vytautas Magnus University Multifunctional Science and Study Centre <u>V. Putvinskio g. 23, Kaunas, 44212 Kauno m. sav.</u>	
9:00-10:00	Registration and welcome coffee
10:00-10:10	Opening of the conference <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome speech by Paulius Nezabitauskas, Director of Kaunas Science and Technology Park
10:10-10:25	Introduction to VIADUCT project <ul style="list-style-type: none"> VIADUCT Flash Presentation
10:25-10:40	Stakeholders' and Partners' presentation
Peer Review and Interregional Workshop for Exchange of Experiences Funding and financing mechanisms: measures to facilitate access to finance and attract private investment, reducing the impact of de-risking	
10:40-11:20	Experts' insights on the workshop topic: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation on European perspectives on the topic of the semester by Karen Laigaard, Knowledge Transfer Consultant (ASTP, Association of European Science and Technology Transfer Professionals) Discussion
11:20-12:20 (60 min)	Peer Review on Good Practices (Part I) <i>(15 min presentations per GP, followed by Q&A and debate/feedback)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Financial instrument for the implementation of R&D projects by spin-off companies (Ministry of Education, Science and Sport, Lithuania) Tri-National HealthTech Days (France-Germany-Switzerland) for connecting startups with funding (SATT Conectus Alsace, France)
12:20	Walk to lunch location
12:30-13:30	Lunch
13:30	Return to the meeting location
13:40-15:10 (90 min)	Peer Review on Good Practices (Part II) <i>(15 min presentations per GP, followed by Q&A and debate/feedback)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regional Investment Accelerator – Business Acceleration Financial Instrument, financed by the West Regional Programme 2021–2027 (West Regional Development Agency, Romania) Finland (TBD) Ireland (TBD)
15:10-15:40	Experts' insights on the workshop topic: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation by a representative of the Innovation Agency on Lithuania on the perspectives on the topic of the semester Discussion
15:40-16:00	Closing remarks
19:00-21:00	Dinner in the city centre

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Thursday, 5 th June 2025	
Location: Science Island <u>Karaliaus Mindaugo pr. 50, Kaunas, 44307 Kauno m. sav.</u>	
9:00-10:00	Registration and welcome coffee
10:00-11:00	Study Visit in Science Island – Lithuania’s first Science and Innovation Promotion Centre <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Science Island is a great example of how public funding and investment can support innovation and create space for future spin-offs and startups. During the visit, we’ll explore how this national project was financed and how it aims to promote science entrepreneurship and innovation. This is a chance to see how strategic funding can turn big ideas into reality - and how similar approaches could support spin-off development in other regions. <i>(Find out more here: https://mokslosala.lt/en/home-page/)</i>
11:00-12:00	Guest speakers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Tomas Tamulevičius from the spin-off company Nanoversa: strategies for attracting funding, addressing key challenges, and outlining future development plans Representative from the private equity fund: private funding opportunities (TBD)
12:00-12:20	Communicating VIADUCT project <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dedicated time for interviews, photos and video recordings for communication and outreach purposes
12:20	Walk to lunch location
12:30-13:30	Lunch
13:30	Return to the meeting location
Peer Review and Interregional Workshop for Exchange of Experiences – Funding and financing mechanisms: measures to facilitate access to finance and attract private investment, reducing the impact of de-risking	
13:40-14:40 (60 min)	Peer Review on Regional Challenges faced by spin-offs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fundraising for spin-offs (SATT Conectus Alsace, France) How can a small Municipality take action to attract private funds? (Municipality of Pieve di Soligo, Italy).
14:40-15:40 (60 min)	Policy Improvements as a result of VIADUCT cooperation <i>(5 min presentations, followed by Q&A and debate/feedback)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reflection by the Lead Partner on policy improvements achieved and prospects for new improvements. Partners share their policy improvements/developments towards them: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council of Tampere Region (Finland) SATT Conectus Alsace (France) Western Development Commission (Ireland) West Regional Development Agency (Romania) Kaunas Science and Technology Park (Lithuania) Municipality of Pieve di Soligo (Italy)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ University of Zaragoza (Spain) • Overall conclusions: level of consecution of objectives/bottlenecks.
15:40-16:00	Closing remarks
16:00-17:00	Study Visit in Science Island – Planetarium <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This immersive planetarium visit highlights how cutting-edge science communication and public engagement can inspire innovation and creative thinking. By showcasing the intersection of science, technology, and imagination, it reflects the kind of forward-looking mindset that supports the growth of spin-offs and innovative ventures.
17:00	Farewell and networking