BIOPHOT

INDUSTRY DAY

HEALTHCARE · TOGETHER, FASTER FROM LAB TO PATIENT

24 November 2026
Registration from 9:30

RSU Study and Science Complex
Konsula iela 21, Riga

PROGRAMME

Working language – English

9:30 — **REGISTRATION AND COFFEE**

10:00 — **EVENT OPENING**
Why is collaboration a matter of public health and the national economy?
Dr. Agrita Kiopa, Vice-Rector for Science, Rīga Stradiņš University (RSU)
Representative of the Ministry of Economics
Dace Kārkle, Director, National Institute of Research and Innovation (NIRI)

10:15 — **WHAT DOES BIOPHOT OFFER TO INDUSTRY?**
Dace Kārkle, Director, National Institute of Research and Innovation (NIRI)

10:30 — **HOW TO ACCELERATE THE UPTAKE OF INNOVATION IN HEALTHCARE**
The Lithuanian experience
Dr. Giedrė Kvedaravičienė, Director, The Biobank of Lithuanian Population and Rare Disorders

10:50 — **EUPATI: PATIENTS AS PARTNERS IN INNOVATION**
How to identify patient needs early, involve patients in product development and clinical trials, and strengthen patient capacity?
Dr. Tamás Bereczky, Strategic Advisor, Patient Agency & Integrated Care Expert; representing EUPATI – European Patients' Academy on Therapeutic Innovation

11:10 — **FROM RESEARCH TO PRODUCT: THE BBCE STORY**
How institutional collaboration leads to new biomaterials and medical technologies?
Prof. Dr. sc. ing. Kristīne Šalma-Ancāne, Director, Institute of Biomaterials and Bioengineering, Riga Technical University; Baltic Biomaterials Centre of Excellence (BBCE)

11:30 — **MODERATED PANEL "THREE TRUTHS, ONE GOAL" – FROM PROTOTYPE TO PATIENT**
Patients, industry, regulators and researchers discuss what early patient involvement brings to each of them, where collaboration gets stuck, and how to move faster together
Panellists: Marta Augucēviča, Gatis Ozoliņš, Inese Čakstiņa-Dzērve, Dr. Giedrė Kvedaravičienė and industry representatives

13:00 — **NETWORKING LUNCH**
Exhibition of selected BioPhoT posters and prototypes

13:45 — **MODERATED WORKSHOP "REALITY CHECK"**
Parallel tables across 4 thematic blocks – mapping collaboration interests between industry, research teams, patients and regulators

14:45 — **THE WAY FORWARD**
Key insights, collaboration interests and agreement on next steps

15:00 — **TOUR OF THE FACULTY OF PHARMACY'S FINISHED DOSAGE FORMS LABORATORY**
Limited number of participants – sign up at registration

15:40 — **COLLABORATION MATCHMAKER & AFTERPARTY**
Ready to find your next breakthrough partner? A rapid-fire round of 40-second lightning introductions – broadcast your profile, scan the room, and map out who you need to connect with during the afterparty!

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