



Transforming Open Responsible Research  
and Innovation through CHARM



# TORCH ANNUAL FORUM

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## Cluster 2 – Business&Society and academic cooperation

1:30 pm – 3:00 pm

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# Agenda



13:30 – 13:35 : Opening

13:35 – 13:45 : Presentation of « BEAT HEALTH »

Prof. Benoît Bardy (University of Montpellier, France)

13:45-13:55 : Presentation of « Bluephage»

Dr. Anicet Blanch (University of Barcelona, Spain)

13:55-14:05 : EU-CONEXUS : Innovation Roadmap for accessing communities and presentation of « Inobiostar »

Associate Prof. Rasa Viederyte (Klaipeda University, Lithuania)

14:05-14:15: Gedeon Richter Plc. (partner of ELTE)

Dr. Zoltán URBÁNYI, Manager of Biotechnology Research Department, Gedeon Richter Plc.

14:15-14:25 : UNITE! « Open Innovation Community integrating different stakeholders »

Joseph Bordonau and Juan Jesus Pérez (Polytechnic University of Catalonia, Spain)

14:25- 14:55 : Discussion

14:55-15:00 : Conclusion remarks

# Welcome !



## **CHARM'EU : Challenge-driven, Accessible, Research-based, Mobile European University**

Partner institutions : ELTE Budapest (Hungary), Trinity College of Dublin (Ireland), University of Barcelona (Spain), University of Montpellier (France), Utrecht University (the Netherlands).

- **Prof. Benoît Bardy** : professor in Movement and Health Sciences at the University of Montpellier, neuroscientist and consultant in the art and science of movement. He is also the founder of "EuroMov", the European centre for research, technology and innovation at the crossover between Movement, Health, and Digital Sciences. He is an honorary senior member of the Institut Universitaire de France (IUF).
- **Dr. Anicet Blanch** : Founder and CTO of Bluephage, researcher at the Water Research Institute (IdRA) of the Faculty of Biology.
- **Dr. Zoltán URBÁNYI**: Manager of Biotechnology Research Department, Gedeon Richter Plc.

## **EU-CONEXUS : European University for Smart Urban Coastal Sustainability**

Partner institutions : La Rochelle University (France), Agricultural University of Athens (Greece), Klaipeda University (Lithuania), La Universidad Catolica de Valencia (Spain), University of Zadar (Croatia) and Technical University of Civil Engineering Bucarest (Romania).

- **Associate Prof. Rasa Viederyte** : associate professor in Economics Department at Klaipeda University. Representative of EU-CONEXUS.

## **UNITE! : University Network for Innovation, Technology and Engineering**

Partner institutions : Aalto University Espoo/Helsinki (Finland), KTH Royal Institute of Stockholm (Sweden), Technical University of Darmstadt (Germany), Grenoble INP-UGA (France), Politecnico di Torino Italy (), Politechnic University of Catalonia (Spain), Lisbon University (Portugal).

- **Associate Prof. Joseph Bordonau** : associate professor in Electronic Engineering (UPC-Barcelona Tech). Representative of UNITE! Alliance.
- **Prof. Juan Jesus Pérez** : Vice-Rector de Política Internacional de la UPC, professor representative of UNITE! Alliance. Researcher in Molecular and Industrial Biotechnology group. Department of Chemical Engineering.



# Cluster 2 – « Business&Society and academic cooperation »



Clusters in TORCH Annual Forum seek to combine [R&I impact/actions and sustainable factors](#).

[TORCH WP5 « Strengthening cooperation between universities and enterprises »](#) has for objectives to connect universities to innovation ecosystems, to create an innovation community and to give partnerships and transfer activities a new dynamic by propelling them on a European Scale.

We have identified different success stories coming from partner universities. These success stories include cooperation of researchers with different non-academic actors, creation of spin-offs/start-ups, boosting innovations and other activities.

The objective of this cluster is to present these [best initiatives](#) and demonstrate how they are contributing to sustainability in post pandemic world.

# Discussion points



- 1) Based on these good experiences/best cases, how to go beyond and improve even more the cooperation between academia and Business&Society?
- 2) How did the 2 years of sanitary crises impact this cooperation? (share positive elements)
- 3) How to go beyond national borders and create a common way of cooperation between academia in the EU and business?

# Closing remarks



- 5 different insights into cooperation between the academia and business and society : thank you for sharing with us your experience!
- Opportunity to meet colleagues from two other European Alliances, it will hopefully lead to more cooperation and exchanges
- Feedback from the discussion :
  - How to go beyond
  - Positive impact of sanitary crises on RI and sustainable projects
  - How to go beyond national borders
- We will share ppt presentation + minutes and report of the cluster
- We stay in touch!

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