



Touchpoints

Find your HealthTech research partner in Brussels

17 October 2024 - 15h00 – 19h00
VUB Health Campus, Laarbeeklaan 103, 1090 Jette

Aim

VUB, UZ-Brussels, MEDVIA and LifeTech Brussels join forces to organise a matchmaking event introducing the members (companies) of the Flemish and Brussels HealthTech clusters to the research expertise and facilities available withing the VUB-UZ Brussel ecosystem.

Companies and organisations looking for scientific expertise, a research partner for their next HealthTech project, access to top-notch (clinical) research infrastructure, university hospital clinical research and knowledge will learn about the different collaboration models and get direct access to the researchers via 1-on-1 meeting possibilities.

The plenary session will give a high-level overview of the VUB – UZ Brussels' assets and expertise in the HealthTech domain. The 1-on-1 sessions, booths with demos will provide the opportunity to discuss more in depth with the respective experts.

The event will be in English.

Programme

- **14u30-15u00** **Arrival with coffee and Registration**
(Gebouw A - auditorium Velkeniers)
- **15u00-17u00** **VUB – UZ Brussels ecosystem** - *auditorium Velkeniers*
 - **15u00 – 15u10 Welcome**
 - Peter Schelkens - vice-rector Innovation & Valorisation Relations, VUB
 - Olivier Naeyaert – Directeur Algemeen Beheer UZ Brussel
 - **15u10 – 16u15 Overview HealthTech expertise and infrastructure**
 - Karine Breckpot - Director Research, University Medical Center/Core Facilities
 - Elvira Haesendonck - Chair Board of Directors, Green Energy Park/Research Park Zellik
 - 2 minute Pitches HealthTech industrial research groups and medical expertise centres

- **16u15-16u30 Financing industry – university collaboration in Flanders and Brussels**
 - Kristine Debruyne, VLAIO instruments
 - Aiko Gryspeirt, Innoviris instruments
- **16u30 – 17u00 Panel discussion – How to innovate in a context of HealthTech regulations – Moderation: Birgit Morlion – VUB**
 - Medtronic – name TBC (*name speaker will be confirmed soon*)
 - Jens De Vos - Precirix
 - Pieter Slagmolen - Materialise
 - Steven Vandeput – beMedTech
 - Myriam Dieleman - LifeTech Brussels representative
 - Roel Smolders - MEDVIA representative
- **17.30-19.00 Networking, booths, finger food - VUB restaurant Jette**
- **17.30-19.00 One-on-one meetings - VUB restaurant Jette**

Links to research expertise and core facilities:

- Core-facilities:
 - Health campus Jette core facilities:
<https://gf.vub.ac.be/research-core-facilities.php>
 - VUB core facilities and infrastructure platforms:
<https://www.vub.be/en/our-research/our-vision-and-mission/optimal-research-environment/core-facilities-and-infrastructure-platforms>
- Research expertise:
 - Groups of Excellence in applied Research (health – care – pharma): [https://www.vubtechtransfer.be/industrial-research-fund-iof-research-groups-0?f%5B0%5D=industrial-research-fund-iof-research-groups-iof-research-groups%3Ahealth---care--pharma&sort by=title&sort order=DESC&page=1](https://www.vubtechtransfer.be/industrial-research-fund-iof-research-groups-0?f%5B0%5D=industrial-research-fund-iof-research-groups-iof-research-groups%3Ahealth---care--pharma&sort%20by=title&sort%20order=DESC&page=1)
 - UZ-Brussel: <https://www.uzbrussel.be/web/guest/expertise>

Why should you attend?

Whether you are a startup or a well-established company active in the broad field of Health technology, this event provides a unique opportunity to connect with top researchers and clinical experts from the university hospital. Discover new collaboration possibilities and advance your innovation projects through cutting-edge research, access to top-notch infrastructure and a wide range of clinical collaboration models.

Target audience

- Companies and organisations in need of scientific expertise, research partners and/or access to research infrastructure.

Registration

- Free registration. Event is free but a no-show fee of 50 EUR will be charged.