

# European Virtual Human Twins Initiative

## High Level Launch Event

### Agenda

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Barcelona Supercomputing Center

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Time	Session	Speakers
15:00 15:30	<i>Arrivals – Reception</i>	
15:30 16:00	<b>Ceremonial Session: Launch of the European Virtual Human Twins Initiative</b>	
	<b>Opening remarks &amp; Policy considerations</b> (10 min)	<b>Dr. Thomas Skordas</b> Deputy Director-General Directorate General for Communications Networks Content and Technology (DG CONNECT), European Commission
	<b>Keynote speech</b> (5 min)	<b>Dr. Juan Cruz Cigudosa</b> Secretary of State for Universities, Science and Innovation Spanish Presidency of the EU
	<b>Keynote speech</b> (5 min)	<b>Ms. Laia Arnal</b> Representative Generalitat de Catalunya Director General of Knowledge Transfer and Society, Department of Research and Universities
	<b>Keynote speech</b> (6 min)	<b>Mr. Grégory Abate</b> Deputy Secretary General, Dassault Systèmes
16:00 16:15	<b>The Virtual Human Twins Manifesto</b>	
	<b>Presentation of the VHT Manifesto</b>	<b>Professor Alfonso Valencia</b> Director of Life Sciences Department, Barcelona Supercomputer Center Professor, ICREA (Catalan Institution for Research and Advanced Studies)
	<b>Handshaking &amp; Photography</b>	<b>All Representatives present in the room</b>

	<b>Round Table: Why do we need a European Virtual Human Twins Initiative?</b>	
	<i>Clinical research, Industry and Innovators, Patient representatives, Academia</i>	
	<b>Virtual Human Twin Demonstration</b> (5 min) <i>Courtesy of: Science Museum, London</i>	<b>Dr. Mariano Vazquez</b> Co-Founder & Chief Technology Officer, ELEM Biotech Research Group Leader, Barcelona Supercomputing Centre
	<b>Introductory Comments</b> (5 min)	<b>Ms. Saila Rinne</b> <i>Acting Head of Unit, eHealth, Wellbeing and Ageing Unit, Directorate, Digital Society, Trust and Cybersecurity</i> Directorate General for Communications Networks, Content and Technology (DG CONNECT), European Commission
16:15 17:20	<b>Round Table discussion</b> (50 min + 5 min for wrap-up)	<p><i>Moderator:</i></p> <p><b>Professor Liesbet Geris</b> Executive Director, Virtual Physiological Human Institute Collen-Francqui Research Professor in Biomechanics and Computational Tissue Engineering at the University of Liège and KU Leuven</p> <p><i>High Level Ecosystem Representatives:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr. Luca Emili</b> Chief Executive Officer, InSilicoTrials Member of the Cloud Security Consultative Group, European Medicines Agency</li> <li>• <b>Ms. Elisabeth Kasilingam</b> Chief Executive Officer, European Multiple Sclerosis Platform Vice President, European Patients Forum</li> <li>• <b>Dr. Frank Rademakers</b> Emeritus Professor, Cardiology, KU Leuven Former Chief Medical Technology Officer, UZ Leuven</li> <li>• <b>Ms. Elisa Gastaldi</b> Head of Government Affairs &amp; EU Policy, Siemens Healthineers</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Joland Rutgers</b> Vice President and Head of Innovation Excellence, Philips</li> <li>• <b>Professor Irène Vignon-Clementel</b> Director Of Research, INRIA Saclay Île-de-France Research Center</li> </ul>
17:20 17:25	<b>Closing Remarks</b> Dr. Thomas Skordas, European Commission Dr. Juan Cruz Cigudosa, Government of Spain	
17:25 17:30	<b>Handshaking - Photography opposite Mare Nostrum 5</b>	
17:30 18:00	<b>Reception</b>	