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## **Polish Science and Start-Up Conference May 24th, 2024**

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The Polish Start-Up and Science Conference, held on May 24, 2024, brought together innovators, scientists, and entrepreneurs to explore the intersection of scientific research and startup development, with a focus on technology, biotechnology, and sustainable innovation. Co-organised by the Polish Academy of Sciences and the Polish Embassy in Paris, the conference emphasized Poland's growing role in supporting start-up ecosystems and fostering cross-border collaboration.

The event was inaugurated by Magdalena Sajdak, PhD, Director of the Polish Academy of Sciences Scientific Center in Paris, and Rafał Hryniewiecki, Head of the Economics Department at the Polish Embassy in Paris. Their remarks underscored the importance of supporting start-ups to drive innovation and economic growth in Poland and Europe.

The keynote speech was delivered by Zuzanna Stamirowska, PhD, a celebrated Polish innovator who received the Female Start-Up Award at VivaTech 2023. She shared her experiences as a start-up founder, emphasizing resilience, collaboration, and adaptability as crucial qualities for success in the fast-paced world of innovation.

The first panel 'The Role of Hubs in Transforming Research into Start-Ups' focused on the importance of innovation hubs in helping scientists translate their research into market-ready start-ups. Moderated by Dr. Christine Huttin from Aix Marseille University, the session included insights from Julien Nicolas, Michał Tabisz and Marcin Ratkiewicz, who discussed the role of hubs in providing essential resources for start-ups, including mentorship, infrastructure, and networking, importance of regional initiatives in Poland that foster research-based start-ups and the role of corporate partnerships in accelerating growth for start-ups by offering real-world market insights.

The second panel 'Biotechnology and Medical Technology – Innovations for Health', moderated by Dr. Jakub Chwiećko of BioForum, explored recent advancements in health-focused biotechnology and medical technology. Łukasz Rzeczkowski, Christophe Tallec and Ewa Trojan, PhD spoke about the potential of AI in diagnostics and personalized health care, importance of creating collaborative lab spaces that enable biotech start-ups to rapidly scale, and the essential role of biotechnology in developing new treatments.

The final session 'GreenTech Innovations – The Path to a Sustainable Future' addressed GreenTech innovations as essential to sustainable development. Moderated by Romain Rebour of French Tech, the panel included discussion conducted by Stéphane Batarière, Mateusz Maj, PhD and Antoine Dechezleprêtre, PhD on advances in electric vehicle technology, the role of GreenTech in reducing carbon emissions, and sustainable transportation solutions. OECD representative highlighted policy frameworks and international collaboration necessary to scale GreenTech innovations globally. The conference was followed by a networking session that allowed the participants to dive deeper into discussed topics.

The Polish Start-Up and Science Conference showcased Poland's commitment to building an innovation-friendly environment for scientists and professionals by supporting start-up hubs, fostering biotech and medical technology breakthroughs, and advancing GreenTech for a sustainable future. Each session emphasized the value of collaborative ecosystems, interdisciplinary research, and government support in driving forward-thinking innovation.

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10:00–14:00

## 10:00 Opening remarks

- Magdalena Sajdak, PhD – Polish Academy of Sciences Scientific Center in Paris
- Rafał Hryniewiecki, PhD – Polish Embassy in Paris, Economics Department

## 10:10 Keynote speech

Zuzanna Stamirowska, PhD – female start-up award at VivaTech 2023

## 10:20 Why we need hubs? Hubs as the essential tool for scientists for turning their research into start-ups

- Julien Nicolas – EuraTechnologies
- Michał Tabisz – Podkarpackie Centre for Innovation
- Marcin Ratkiewicz – Orange Innovation Poland

Moderator: Christine Huttin, PhD – Aix Marseille University

## 11:20 Biotechnology and Medical Technology – innovations for health

- Łukasz Rzeczkowski – LinkGevity, Infermedica, Trustedoctor, Further Group
- Christophe Tallec – Biolabs
- Ewa Trojan, PhD – Maj Institute of Pharmacology Polish Academy of Sciences

Moderator: Jakub Chwiećko, PhD – Association of Biotechnology Companies BioForum

## 12:05 GreenTech innovations – the way towards the sustainable future

- Stéphane Batarière – Ekoenergetyka
- Mateusz Maj, PhD – VivaDrive
- Antoine Dechezleprêtre, PhD – OECD, former Associate Professorial Research Fellow at the London School of Economics and Political Science

Moderator: Romain Rebour – French Tech