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ONLINE WORKSHOP

We are pleased to invite you to **Part 2** of our workshop series on ***Catalyzing Innovation: Infrastructure, Projects & People***. This session will feature insightful presentations from IMEC experts, focusing on innovation management, venture development, and entrepreneurship.

Workshop Details

Title: Catalyzing Innovation: Infrastructure, Projects & People (Part 2)

Date and Time: 26 September 2025, 9:00–11:30 am (Brussels Time / CEST)

Join via Microsoft Teams: https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_ZGQyOTAxYjYtMTNhOS00MDExLWI3MjMtZjhIOTJiYjYyMDgw%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%22a72d5a72-25ee-40f0-9bd1-067cb5b770d4%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%220aa349d8-511c-414b-9ef1-70e93445741b%22%7d

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Agenda:

- **9:00 – 9:50: From R&D to economical value: the role of Intellectual Property.**

Speaker: Dr. Steven Van Hoof

Bio: >15 years of experience in technology transfer and valorization of research, working on collaborations, licensing, business development, managing IP portfolio, incubation funding, and spin-off creation. Since 2023, in the role of Innovation Manager for imo-imomec (Hasselt University and imec). >10 years research experience: PhD in Chemistry from Ghent University, postdoc experience in both academic (Ghent University) and industrial context (Tibotec, JNJ Innovative Medicine).

- **9:50 – 10:40: Venturing at imec**

Speaker: Johan Haspeslagh

Bio: More than 25 years of experience in venturing at imec and 20 years in the telecom and data communications industry in companies like Telindus (now Proximus) and Alcatel (now Nokia). Joined imec in 1999 as an investment portfolio manager. In this role was engaged in >15 startup initiatives from the very start to exit. Currently, since retirement at the end of 2023, active as an independent consultant for high-tech initiatives and active in different start-up boards. During his career he authored several scientific articles a.o. in IEEE and is holder of different patents in circuit design and telecommunications.

- **10:40 – 11:30: The alchemy of innovation: from spark to structure.**

Speaker: Geert Palmers

Bio: Co-founder & Board member 3E, CEO 1999 – 2020. Solar PV digital and expert services in 40 countries, including performance asset management in a SAAS model of 25 GW over 20,000 sites, from its presence in Brussels, Paris, Barcelona, Cape Town, Raleigh, and Delhi. Creation of several spin-off companies (denergy.com, www.axys.com/flidar-windsentinel/, wattson.be, xant). Partner in Solv.world. Strategic advisor for technology companies in energy transition (supernode.energy, engazaat.com). Member of the European Technology Innovation Platform PV. 30 years in solar PV innovation.



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