Bridging the gap between laboratory innovation and the market

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Abstract

Through concrete case studies from the Italian Institute of Technology (IIT), the seminar illustrates how scientific research can translate into industrial innovation, new ventures, and economic impact. From intellectual property commercialization to the creation of deep-tech startups, and from industry partnerships to major European programs, the seminar analyzes the factors enabling technology transfer and the adoption of emerging technologies—with a particular focus on AI, advanced materials, and neuroscience. It highlights how expertise, strategic vision, and collaboration between research and industry are the key elements in transforming knowledge into value..

Short bio

As Head of Industrial Innovation at the Italian Institute of Technology (IIT), he brings over thirty years of experience spanning corporate finance, innovation, and technology transfer. Following a career in corporate finance and structured finance transactions, he focuses on developing strategic partnerships between research and industry, leveraging intellectual property, and fostering the growth of deep-tech startups. He spent five years contributing to business development for the Graphene Flagship—Europe's leading advanced materials program—and serves as an EISMEA expert in technology transfer, entrepreneurship, and innovation.

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