



PHOTONICS PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP



Agenda Photonics Partnership Annual Meeting 2025

15 & 16 May 2025
Hotel Le Plaza Brussels

15 May 2025		
17:00	<i>Registration & welcome reception</i>	
18:00	Light show – 20th anniversary of Photonics21	
18:15	Welcome & strategy towards FP10	Lutz Aschke , Photonics21 President & CEO Photonics Systems Group
18:25	Video message by Executive Vice-President Henna Virkkunen	
18:30	Keynote <i>EU perspectives for Photonics</i>	Gustav Kalbe , Acting Director DG CNECT European Commission
18:50	Keynote <i>Beyond Silicon: Photonics as the Key to Europe's AI Leadership</i>	Michael Förtsch , CEO Q.ANT GmbH
19:10	Fireside Chat <i>The Future of Photonics in the European Funding Ecosystem</i>	Gustav Kalbe , Acting Director DG CNECT European Commission Moderated by Maryline Fiaschi , CEO Science / Business
19:40	Award ceremony Photonics21 Innovation Award	Lutz Aschke , Photonics21 President & CEO Photonics Systems Group Roberta Ramponi , Photonics21 Chair of the Selection Committee & AEIT-CORIFI
19:50	<i>Networking dinner</i>	



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16 May 2025		
09:00	Welcome	Lutz Aschke , Photonics21 President & CEO Photonics Systems Group
09:05	Photonics funding opportunities	Werner Steinhögl , Head of Sector Microelectronics & Photonics Industry, DG CONNECT, European Commission Jason Jung , Policy Officer Microelectronics & Photonics Industry, DG CONNECT, European Commission
09:20	Chips JU activities in photonics	Yves Gigase , Head of Programmes Chips JU
09:35	Q&A: Photonics funding and Chips JU activities	Werner Steinhögl , Head of Sector Microelectronics & Photonics Industry, DG CONNECT, European Commission Yves Gigase , Chips JU Office
09:45	PIXEurope photonics pilot line	Valerio Pruneri , Group Leader ICFO
	<i>15 Minutes break for change of rooms</i>	
10:15	Workshop: Photonics Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda for FP10 (Work Groups 1-6)	Mohand Achouche , III-V Lab Thomas Rettich , Trumpf Thomas Mayerhöfer , Leibniz IPHT Jan-Erik Källhammer , Magna Sweden Éric Belhaire , Thales Lien Smeesters , B-Phot End-user representatives
12:15	<i>Lunch break</i>	
13:45	Workshop: Photonics Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda for FP10 (Work Group 7)	Mike Wale , Professor UCL and Full Professor Emeritus TU/e
15:45	Conclusions and next steps	Lutz Aschke , Photonics21 President & CEO, Photonics Systems Group