

### Speaker profiles



#### **Marc Dechamps**

BioWin Wallonia

Marc Dechamps is a biologist with extensive experience of more than 30 years in the Pharmaceutical industry, with expertise in market development for new products including infectious diseases, immunological disorders, cancer, CNS diseases and vaccines. Since 2016 Marc has founded XMF consulting, a company which supports biotechnological companies in the field of ATMP,.. with strategic advising and management leadership. Marc served as Managing Director of Delphi Genetics, interim CEO of eTheRNA Immunotherapies, Director International Affairs of BioWin. Marc is currently President of CEBR , the Council of European BioRegions and serves as expert for R&I projects, investment dossiers and ensure the international representation of BioWin.



#### **Jan Larosse**

Friends of Smart Specialisation

Jan Larosse worked for 25 years as innovation policy adviser for the Flemish government and the European Commission: on innovation indicators, cluster policy, system innovation, industrial policy, etc. He initiated the ‘Vanguard Initiative for New Growth through Smart Specialisation’. After retirement he advises European and regional transformation policies and supports social innovation for citizen initiatives. He is co-founder of the ‘Friends of Smart Specialisation’.



## **Vytautas Tuminas**

Smart Health DIH - Lithuania

Vytautas Tuminas has been working in the field of Business Development. He has been managing the Bod Lenses since 2014 - from the beginning of this project. Now the BOD Group's Free Form RX progressive lens laboratory BOD LENSES is one of the most modern in Europe. One of the most important things – BOD LENSES are start using artificial intelligence, whose special algorithms will select the lenses that best meet every costumer's needs. Top Skills: Project Management, EU funding, Management Consulting.



## **Sameena Conning**

EIT Health

Sameena Conning has worked in corporate and external affairs roles in the pharmaceutical, biotech and healthcare industries for 25 years. Sameena joined EIT Health as External Affairs Director, overseeing Public Affairs, the EIT Health Think Tank and Communications in September 2018. Prior to this, she worked for Biogen UK and Ireland, Novartis in Basel, Switzerland, and AstraZeneca, UK and Global HQ. Before AstraZeneca, she worked for more than ten years in healthcare consultancy including over two years in New York heading up the Healthcare PR Practice at Burson-Marsteller.

