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**DeepTech & Innovation Online School**  
**Sustainable Product Design in a Digital Age**  
**Monday, 3rd to Friday, 7th November 2025**

**AGENDA**



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## DAY 1 *Deep Tech and Sustainable Product Design*

Date: **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2025**

Host: **Prof. Dermot Brabazon, Dublin City University**

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9.45 - 10.00	<b>Registration to the Zoom Platform</b>
10.00-10.10	<b>Opening of the Online School</b> Prof. Dermot Brabazon, Dublin City University
10.10 - 10.30	<b>EIT RawMaterials: Driving Innovation and Skills for the Raw Materials Sector</b> Dr. Fabio Ferri, Education Manager, EIT RawMaterials, <a href="https://eitrawmaterials.eu/">https://eitrawmaterials.eu/</a>
10.30 - 11.00	<b>Getting ready for the labour market of today and tomorrow: the role of the EIT Campus.</b> Mr Gerard Dominguez, Head of Capacity Building at EIT Campus, <a href="https://eit-campus.eu/">https://eit-campus.eu/</a>
11.00 - 11.30	<b>A-SIDE project presentation</b> Prof. Dermot Brabazon, Dublin City University
11.30 - 12.00	Break
12.00 - 12.30	<b>SAIFA project, EuroHPC JU AI Factory Antennas, The Serbian Artificial Intelligence Antenna Factory</b> Dr Dusan Vudragovic, Institute of Physics Belgrade, <a href="https://www.eurohpc-ju.europa.eu/eurohpc-ju-selects-ai-factory-antennas-broaden-ai-factories-initiative-2025-10-13_en">https://www.eurohpc-ju.europa.eu/eurohpc-ju-selects-ai-factory-antennas-broaden-ai-factories-initiative-2025-10-13_en</a>
12.30 - 13.00	<b>The Role of the Centre for Water for Sustainable Development and Adaptation to Climate Change (WSDAC), C2C under auspices of UNESCO, in Promoting New Technologies in the Water Sector</b> Dr Brankica Majkić-Dursun, director WSDAC, Jaroslav Černi Water Institute, Belgrade, <a href="https://wsdac.jcerni.rs/">https://wsdac.jcerni.rs/</a>
13.00-13.30	<b>What is Deeptech? Intersection of Deep Tech and Sustainability</b> Prof. Fatima Zivic, Vodena, University of Kragujevac
13.30-14.00	<b>Leveraging Life Cycle Thinking (LCT) Tools to Guide Sustainable Design and Certification in Innovation-Driven Sectors</b> Dr Irene Mazzei, University Bergamo
14.00-15.00	Lunch
15.00-15.30	<b>F6S creating opportunities and synergies in DeepTech</b> Dr Raquel Almeida, Co-founder & EU Projects Developer, F6S, <a href="https://www.f6s.com/">https://www.f6s.com/</a>
15.30-16.00	<b>ILIAD3: an Applied Research Competence Center for AI-based Image and Data Processing</b> Prof. Barthélémy Serres, University of Tours, <a href="https://iliad3.univ-tours.fr/english-version">https://iliad3.univ-tours.fr/english-version</a>
16.00-16.30	<b>Sustainability in Materials Design and Development</b> Prof. Hakan Yilmazer, Gebze Technical University
16.30-17.00	<b>Artificial Intelligence for Sustainable Product Design: From Data to Innovation</b> Prof. Christophoros Nikou, University of Ioannina
17.00-17.30	Practical Assignment Session, End of day 1

## DAY 2 *AI and Data Science in Sustainable Product Design and Energy Sector*

Date: **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2025**

Host: **Prof. dr Ana Kaplarevic Malisic, Vodena, University of Kragujevac**

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10.00 - 10.30	<b>AI-driven innovations in manufacturing and business</b> Prof. Boban Stojanovic, Vodena, University of Kragujevac
10.30-11.00	<b>Data-Driven Surrogate Models for Sustainable Design and Optimization</b> Prof. Peyman Mahouti, Gebze Technical University
11.00 - 11.30	<b>DeepTech in Cybersecurity Products</b> Prof. Sedat Akleylek, Gebze Technical University
11.30 - 12.00	Break
12.00 - 12.30	<b>Supercomputing and Big Data - Industry Use Cases</b> Prof. Milos Ivanovic, Vodena, University of Kragujevac
12.30 - 13.00	<b>AI Tools and Best Practices for Software Development</b> Dr Sergii Shelpuk, Shelpuk AI Technology Consulting, <a href="https://www.shelpuk.com/">https://www.shelpuk.com/</a>
13.00 - 13.30	<b>SMARTICITY energy software – smart electricity</b> Mr Nikola Bojović, Vodena, Kragujevac, Serbia, <a href="https://vodena.rs/">https://vodena.rs/</a>
13.30 - 14.00	<b>Machine Learning Applications for Sustainable Product Design in Energy, Environment, and Health</b> Prof. Özgün Yücel, Gebze Technical University
14.00-15.00	Lunch
15.00-15.30	<b>The Role of Atomistic Calculations in Energy Materials Research: From Hydrogen Capture to Battery Innovation</b> Prof. Stevan Armaković, University of Novi Sad
15.30-16.00	<b>Data management for local-level transition plans – energy and climate</b> Prof. Mitar Perusic, University of East Sarajevo
16.00-16.30	<b>Technology adoption by Energy sector SMEs</b> Dr Maite Couto-Ortega, Mondragon University
16.30-17.00	<b>The Fuel Cell: An Energy Converter of the future</b> Prof. Cécile Autret Lambert, University of Tours, Gremam Laboratory
17.00-17.30	<b>Sustainable Antenna Design for 5G and Beyond Applications via Deep Learning</b> Prof. Peyman Mahouti, Gebze Technical University
17.30-17.40	End of day 2

## DAY 3 Sustainable Product Design in Transport Sector

Date: **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2025**

Host: **Prof Fatima Zivic, University of Kragujevac; Dr Aleksija Đurić, University of East Sarajevo**

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10.00 - 10.30	<b>Railway transformation</b> Mr Milos Stevanovic, Head of Production, Siemens Mobility d.o.o. Cerovac, <a href="https://www.mobility.siemens.com/rs/en.html">https://www.mobility.siemens.com/rs/en.html</a>
10.30-11.00	<b>Sustainable vehicle design – a way for future mobility</b> Prof. Jovanka Lukic, Faculty of Engineering, University of Kragujevac
11.00 - 11.30	<b>AI-Driven Quality Optimization: Real-World Case Studies from Industrial Practice</b> Dr Nemanja Pajic, ZF Serbia
11.30 - 12.00	Break
12.00 - 12.30	<b>Critical Raw Materials for a Resource Efficient Circular Economy</b> Prof. Inam Ul Ahad, Dublin City University
12.30 - 13.00	<b>Sustainability in Conventional and Advanced Metallic Products Manufacturing</b> Prof Hakan Yilmazer, Gebze Technical University
13.00 - 13.30	<b>Leveraging AI for predictive maintenance</b> Dr Javier Mendez Gomez, HTEC, Munich, Germany, <a href="https://htec.com/">https://htec.com/</a>
13.30 - 14.00	<b>Additive Manufacturing as a Digital Technology</b> Dr. Eanna McCarthy, Dublin City University
14.00-15.00	Lunch
15.00-15.30	<b>Study of finishing operation for thin-walled structures processed by LPBF additive manufacturing with Taguchi approach</b> Lucas Chevailler, University of Tours
15.30-16.00	<b>Managing the Invisible Highways: Transforming Urban Air Traffic into Opportunity</b> Vladimir Spinko, Chief Executive Officer of Aery Bizkaia, Spain
16.00-16.30	<b>The role of precise material model characterization in optimization of sheet metal forming processes</b> Prof. Gábor J. Béres, John Von Neumann University
16.30-17.00	<b>Design Thinking as Problem-Solving Methodology</b> Iker Egizabal, Team Coach & Researcher Mondragon University
17.00-17.30	<b>Joining Technologies in the Transport Sector: A Review</b> Dr Aleksija Đurić, University of East Sarajevo
17.30-17.45	<b>Physico-chemical analysis of the passive film formed on 316L stainless steel in alkaline media and prediction of its behavior using machine learning approaches</b> Dr Kaouthar Bouguerra, Université de Tours
17.45-17.50	End of day 3

## DAY 4 Sustainable Product Design in BioTech Sector

Date: **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2025**

Host: **Prof. Dr. Muhammet Uzuntarla, Gebze Technical University**

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10.00 - 10.30	<b>Changing Drug Design Through the Use of Artificial Intelligence</b> Prof. Dimitrios Fotiadis, University of Ioannina
10.30-11.00	<b>AI-generated pharmaceutical formulations, Horizon Europe project i-GREENPHARM</b> Prof. Vassilis Stathopoulos, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens; Prof. Mohamed Elbadawi, Queen Mary University of London, <a href="https://igreenpharm-project.eu/">https://igreenpharm-project.eu/</a>
11.00 - 11.30	<b>AI-First Pharmaceutical Innovation, DeepCeutix startup, <a href="https://www.deepceutix.com/">https://www.deepceutix.com/</a></b> Prof. Mohamed Elbadawi, Queen Mary University of London
11.30 - 12.00	Break
12.00 - 12.30	<b>Healthcare Technologies in the Era of DeepTech</b> Gebze Technical University Prof.Dr. Muhammet Uzuntarla
12.30 - 13.00	<b>Photonics as a Tool for Deeptech</b> Dr. Ronan McCann, Dublin City University
13.00 - 13.30	<b>DeepTech in Human-Centered and Sustainable Wearable AI</b> Prof. Saban Ozturk, Gebze Technical University
13.30 - 14.00	<b>Strategic Neurobranding in the Digital Age</b> Prof. Snezana Mojsovska Salamovska, University of "St. Kliment Ohridski" Bitola, North Macedonia, EIT project NanoBioTech Nexus, <a href="https://eit-hei.eu/projects/nanobiotech-nexus/">https://eit-hei.eu/projects/nanobiotech-nexus/</a>
14.00-15.00	Lunch
15.00-15.30	<b>Challenges Faced in Establishing a Drug Discovery Startup</b> Ana Bouchet, Co-founder and CEO, Lifesome Therapeutics start-up, Madrid, Spain, <a href="https://lifesometherapeutics.com/company/">https://lifesometherapeutics.com/company/</a>
15.30-16.00	<b>Microelectronics and Sensors: from IoT to high energy physics</b> Prof. Luigi Gaioni, University of Bergamo
16.00-16.30	<b>Diabetes market analysis focused on the manufacturer of early detection products</b> Dr Maider Beitialarrangoitia, Mondragon University
16.30-17.00	<b>Reverse engineering and finite element methods for geometry reconstruction in medical applications</b> Mrs. Klaudia Papp, John Von Neumann University
17.00-17.30	<b>Deep Tech in the Browser: Building Global Access to Atomistic Calculations for Molecular Research</b> Prof. Stevan Armaković, University of Novi Sad
17.30-18.00	Practical Assignment Session, End of day 4

## DAY 5 Innovation & Entrepreneurship: Business and Innovation Management

Date: Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2025

Host: Prof. dr Giovanna Campopiano, University of Bergamo; Prof Yorgos Goletsis, Univeristy of Ioannina

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10.00 - 10.30	<b>Pitching for Support: Focus on the Customer, End User, Funder</b> Prof. Emer Ní Bhrádaigh, Dublin City University
10.30-11.00	<b>Unlocking Intellectual Property</b> Mr Peter Olwell, Dublin City University
11.00 - 11.30	<b>Entrepreneurial Experimentation</b> Dr Davide Hahn, University of Bergamo
11.30 - 12.00	Break
12.00 - 12.30	<b>XRL: Exploitation readiness level: A sustainable maturity framework for the commercial valorisation of your technology</b> Prof. Laida San Sebastian from Mondragon University
12.30 - 13.00	<b>Impact finance and measurement</b> Dr Fatima Badgaoui
13.00 - 13.30	<b>Rethinking Innovation and Entrepreneurship through Sustainable Product Design</b> Prof. Yorgos Goletsis, Nikolaos Alexandros Theodorou, University of Ioannina
13.30 - 14.00	<b>From Laboratory to Marketplace</b> Dr Nikolaos Alexandros Theodorou, University of Ioannina
14.00-15.00	Lunch
15.00-15.30	<b>Market research for new business ventures</b> Prof. Maria Rosa Scarlata, University of Bergamo
15.30-16.00	<b>Sustainable Business Model Innovation</b> Prof. Tommaso Minola, University of Bergamo
16.00-16.30	<b>Innovation Thinking for Entrepreneurs: Creativity and Critical Thinking</b> Prof. Lela Andreevska, University of "St. Kliment Ohridski" Bitola, North Macedonia, EIT project NanoBioTech Nexus, <a href="https://eit-hei.eu/projects/nanobiotech-nexus/">https://eit-hei.eu/projects/nanobiotech-nexus/</a>
16.30-17.00	<b>Shallow Tech vs Deep Tech</b> Mr Terence Bowden, Dublin City University
17.00-17.30	<b>Practical Entrepreneurship in an University Setting – Startup Experience from DCU Alpha and Video recordings from Start-ups pitching for Investment</b> Mr Terence Bowden, Dublin City University
17.30-18.00	Practical Assignment Session, End of day 5

## 2 weeks follow up for Practical Assignment - Pitching presentations

Date: **Monday to Friday 10-21 November 2025**

Hosts: **Prof Yorgos Goletsis, Univeristy of Ioannina, Prof. dr Giovanna Campopiano, University of Bergamo; Prof. Fatima Zivic, Vodena, University of Kragujevac**

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Monday, Nov 10	
16.00-17.30	<p><b>Pitching for Support: Trainees' presentation (1-3 slides, pdf) and Mentoring</b></p> <p>Students will be granted full audio and video access to Zoom to present their solutions: Pitch for support to solve some of the challenges that we provided or for their own idea propositions.</p> <p><b>Recommended Pitch Structure:</b></p> <p>Problem/Need</p> <p>Target Group - Early Adopters</p> <p>Market - Basic Segmentation</p> <p>Product/Service</p> <p>The Team</p> <p>How Do You Earn?</p> <p>Call to Action (CTA) – What are you asking for – what support do you need?</p>
Wednesday, Nov 12	
16.00-17.30	<p><b>Pitching for Support: Trainees' presentation (1-3 slides, pdf) and Mentoring</b></p> <p>Students will be granted full audio and video access to Zoom to present their solutions: Pitch for support to solve some of the challenges that we provided or for their own idea propositions.</p>
Friday, Nov 14	
16.00-17.30	<p><b>Pitching for Support: Trainees' presentation (1-3 slides, pdf) and Mentoring</b></p> <p>Students will be granted full audio and video access to Zoom to present their solutions: Pitch for support to solve some of the challenges that we provided or for their own idea propositions.</p>
Monday, Nov 17	
16.00-17.30	<p><b>Pitching for Support: Trainees' presentation (1-3 slides, pdf) and Mentoring</b></p> <p>Students will be granted full audio and video access to Zoom to present their solutions: Pitch for support to solve some of the challenges that we provided or for their own idea propositions.</p>
Wednesday, Nov 19	
16.00-17.30	<p><b>Pitching for Support: Trainees' presentation (1-3 slides, pdf) and Mentoring</b></p> <p>Students will be granted full audio and video access to Zoom to present their solutions: Pitch for support to solve some of the challenges that we provided or for their own idea propositions.</p>
Friday, Nov 21	
16.00-17.30	<p><b>Pitching for Support: Trainees' presentation (1-3 slides, pdf) and Mentoring</b></p> <p>Students will be granted full audio and video access to Zoom to present their solutions: Pitch for support to solve some of the challenges they that we provided or for their own idea propositions.</p>