Supporting Innovation in Spain

6 November 2015, 9:30 - 15.00
Guggenheim Museum, Abandoibarra Etorb. 2, 48009, Bilbao

Moderator: Fernando Torija

9.30  Registration

10.00 – 10.20  Opening remarks
Inigo Urkullu Renteria, Lehendakari, Basque Government

10.20 – 10.40  Overview of the EIB Group’s financing options
Birthe Bruhn-Léon, Director for Lending in Iberia, European Investment Bank (EIB)

10.40 – 11.20  Objectives and Opportunities of the InnovFin Programme
- Ignacio Puente González, Policy Officer, DG Research & Innovation, European Commission
- Diego Lucero, Structured Finance Manager, European Investment Fund (EIF)
- Marc D’hooge, InnovFin Programme Manager, EIF
- Piermario Di Pietro, Senior Advisor, Innovation Finance Advisory, EIB

11.20 – 11.50  Coffee break

11.50 – 13.30  Case studies:

1) Financing cutting-edge technology
Eduardo Giménez, Corporate Marketing Director, Ingeteam

2) Matching the needs of growth companies
Iñigo Ucin Azkue, CEO, Danobat Group

3) Collaborating with banks to support innovative SMEs and midcap companies
Jacobo Díaz García, Director of Products and Innovation, Bankinter

Question and answer session

13:30 – 13:50  Prospects for R&I in Spain
María Luisa Poncela García, Secretary-General for Science, Technology and Innovation, Ministry of Economy and Competitiveness

13:50 – 14:00  Conclusions
Román Escolano, Vice-President, EIB

14:00 – 15.00  Networking lunch