

Take-Away Recommendations To Improve People's Lives Through Inspiring and Completing Innovation Ecosystems

- **Focus on innovation ecosystems: unfold, re-arrange and complete the entire social and economic fabric in which innovation is embedded.** Foster and facilitate the complex interplay between the diverse arrays of actors, institutions, organisations, rules and resources, whose interactions are decisive for the evolution, adaptation, reinvention, creation, and utilisation of new ideas. More deeply involve scientists, entrepreneurs, investors, universities, business and politics to cooperate closely in order to bring growth and employment by means of innovative thinking.
- **Innovate governance mechanisms:** improve policy coherence within EU institutions, with and among Member States. Develop innovative processes to align stakeholder objectives, in particular long-term corporate strategies and public policy objectives using creative collaborative governance methods. Enhance impact assessments before, during and after decision-making, and ensure better science communication.
- **Innovate policies for competitiveness:** significantly and rapidly reduce regulatory rigidities. Favour mutuality and co-creation between public and private sectors. End silo thinking in the research-innovation-market access value chain, broaden the public funding approach, and make use of public procurement. Adopt an inclusive approach to IPR, and use resilience thinking to develop new approaches to sustainability and a resource efficient, circular economy.
- **Embrace social innovation:** pay more attention to the societal processes and factors in which innovation needs to be embedded, beyond state and market, and innovate welfare systems in order to address inequalities and improve social protection. Promote education via continuous learning, digital education and a revamped polytechnic education and apprenticeships. Incentivise researchers and strengthen bottom-up innovation. Manage unintended side-effects of innovation to make citizens more open towards innovation.