

13 March, 15:30 – 17:00

Session Title: Support for Startups

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Content: **The theme of the workshop is to examine the types of support that are available in different parts of Europe to robotics startup companies and to try and identify some best practice themes to inform discussions with National and regional governments. A secondary objective is to discuss the most effective way in which the robotics community can present the opportunities and needs of startups in the sector to the venture capital community, particularly at events in which many private sector representatives are expected to be present, such as Digital**

-Life-Design (DLD).

The format of the workshop will be three to four invited talks highlighting the most relevant activities in highlighted regions and countries followed by a round table debate focussing on the identification of best practice and next steps.

Agenda of the workshop: 15:30 - 15:35 Introduction: Renaud Champion
 15:35 - 15:55 Bristol & the South-west region of UK: Carol Jarvis
 15:55 - 16:15 Tuscany region of Italy: Paulo Dario, TBC
 16:15 - 16:35 Lessons learnt & funding opportunities in Germany: Michael Strohmayer
 16:35 - 17:00 Round Table: Chair Michael Strohmayer
 Participants: Carol Jarvis
 Paulo Dario
 Cecile Huet

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