

Researchers and startups, join a free online event on 27 January

## **Funding journey: From research to commercialization**

Health Capital Helsinki is arranging an online event together with BioInnovation Institute (BII), based in Denmark, on Thursday 27 January, 11:00-15:00 (EET).

Receiving funding and even finding all the various funding opportunities are far from easy. And what do the funding institutions look for when they explore which early-stage life-science projects to fund?

These questions will be addressed by key players in the Nordic life science ecosystem during an online event with a unique possibility to book 1:1 meetings with the presenters from The Novo Nordisk Foundation, BioInnovation Institute and EIR Ventures.

The CEO of the biotech start-up Twelve Bio, Stefano Stella, will also share Twelve Bio's journey towards raising a large Series A investment. His experiences serve as inspiration for others who dream about following an entrepreneurial path in life sciences.

### **Schedule**

Date: Thursday 27 January 2022

Time: 11.00–15.00 Helsinki, EET

Content: 2 hours of presentations, 2 hours reserved for 1:1 meetings

### **PART 1: Presentations**

**11.00-11.15:** Welcome and introduction from Juha Paakkola, Director at Health Capital Helsinki

**11.15-11.35:** Presentation of NNF, Karin Hultman, Scientific Manager, Innovation at the Novo Nordisk Foundation: Novo Nordisk Foundation Innovation Grants

**11.35-11.55:** Presentation of BII, Giles Dudley, Director at BioInnovation Institute: Bridging the funding gap in the innovation ecosystem

- 5-minutes' break -

**12.00-12.20:** Presentation of EIR Ventures, Stephan Christgau, Founding Partner at EIR Ventures: The role of Venture Capital in Commercializing Life Science Innovation

**12.20-12.40:** Case story from a BII startup: Stefano TwelveBio

**12.40-12.55:** Questions

## **PART 2: 1:1 meetings**

**13.00-15.00:** Participants can pre-book meetings with the presenters prior to the event via Tavata.

### **Register here:**

Part 1: Presentations via Zoom

<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMscuiuqzkpG9PXgYtHm57SubOHeR0bAEj>

Part 2: 1:1 meetings

Create a profile for Tavata matchmaking platform and start booking meetings. Go to

<https://app.tavata.events/signup> and join the event with code: **GRUA** (note: capital letters)

## **Health Capital Helsinki**

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## **The BioInnovation Institute Foundation**

The BioInnovation Institute Foundation (BII) is an international non-profit foundation supported by the Novo Nordisk Foundation. BII operates an incubator to accelerate world-class life science innovation that drives the development of new solutions by early-stage life science start-ups for the benefit of people and society.

With continued positive development, The Novo Nordisk Foundation can provide up to EUR 470 (3,5 mia. DKK) to BII over 10 years to support early-stage life science projects and start-ups for the benefit of people and society.

Since the inauguration of BII in November 2018, BII has awarded 35 million euros to 68 high-growth start-up companies.

More information: <https://bii.dk>