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**KU Leuven Research & Development**  
**22 September 2015 Leuven, Belgium**

Founded in 1425, KU Leuven is one of the oldest universities in Europe. As a leading European research university and co-founder of the League of European Research Universities (LERU), KU Leuven pursues curiosity-driven and strategic frontier research as well as targeted and demand-driven research. The university consistently secures funding from the most select competitive research funds, among them the prestigious ERC Grants awarded by the European Research Council. Excellence in education is built on and cultivated through excellence in research. The university caters to more than 55,000 students, of whom 15,5% are international students from more than 140 countries. KU Leuven's three doctoral schools provide internationally oriented PhD tracks for more than 4,000 doctoral students. KU Leuven Research & Development (LRD) was established in 1972 as one of the first technology transfer offices in Europe. Over the years, LRD has developed a tradition of collaborating with industry, securing and licensing intellectual property rights, and creating spin-off companies. LRD is dedicated to building bridges between science and industry, and to transferring knowledge and technologies to the marketplace.

Site visits give valuable insights into the way that TT offices operate and of their organisation, genesis and underlying principles – vastly more than listening to any presentation or visiting any website. The take-home messages are likely to be very personal – it'll be down to individual members to decide what they can apply back in their own environment. But one way or another, this site visit offers an unique chance to gain new insights, exchange ideas and offer inspiration that will be relevant to your day job.

This one day event is structured to a series of talks – but with plenty of time for facilitated discussion.

**Programme:**

**13.00 Arrival and sandwich lunch**

**13.30 Technology transfer at Leuven – Overview**

Speaker: Paul Van Dun

**14.00 Legal Support and agreements**

Speakers: Joke Willems, Natalie Vansweevelt

**15.00 Patenting & licensing**

Speaker: Olivier Lescroart

**15.45 Coffee**

**16.00 Spin-outs and portfolio management**

Speaker: Rudi Cuyvers

**17.00 Wrap-up and closing**