

## Speakers' bios

**Brendan Barnes** is the Director for Data Protection, IP and Global Health at European Federation of Pharmaceutical Industries and Associations (EFPIA).

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**David Foster** has a background in providing large scale distributed computing services for the scientific community. As head of electronic communications at CERN he was the lead on the creation of the international networking environment for the LHC and World Wide computing grid. Previously he had worked on the provision of central management systems for distributed desktop computing at CERN. David has been deputy head of IT at CERN for several years, and represented CERN on many IT related EU projects, before taking on the current assignment of Head of Data Privacy Protection. He holds MBA and LL.M and PhD degrees.

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**Mariann Karcza** is a Policy Officer, Legal Expert and Internal Control Coordinator in the Strategy Unit of Health Directorate at the European Commission's Directorate-General Research and Innovation. She has been working in the Commission since 2006 in different services and dealing with different legal files and administrative procedures of the Commission, including EC decision making process. Before she joined to the Commission, she was working mainly in the field of legislation; law approximation of the Hungarian National law with the EU. She was a chief legal adviser in the negotiation with European Commission concerning the accession of Hungary related to the Environmental and Social Chapters. She holds an LL.M in International Trade Law from the University of Budapest 'ELTE'.

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**Declan Kirrane** is the Chairman and Managing Director of ISC. His expertise covers IP, R&D consortia development, management and dissemination in areas such as ICT, health, security, defence, space and related policies, legislation, programmes and funding mechanisms. Prior to ISC, Declan was

responsible for the dissemination of the European Union's Framework Programme for Research and Technological Development and Demonstration (FP). Declan has a background in analysing the relationship between public and private R&D investment and the impact on R&D performance. He has worked extensively on science policy evaluation methodologies and technology options for policy and decision makers. He was the contractor that established the CORDIS News Service for the Commission in 1994 and has edited CORDIS focus and Innovation and Technology Transfer Newsletter, both published by the European Commission. He is a graduate of University College, Dublin and the Dublin Institute of Technology.

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