**Event:** **Strategic management of R&D activities in academia and industry**

**When:** FRIDAY, 8 NOVEMBER 2024, 9:30 – 13:00

**Where:** *Conference hall of the Library's Science Communication and Information Center (Saulėtekio al. 5)*

**Brief description**: this event is a part of a project management seminar series organized by the Strategic Development Department of Vilnius University. This event will focus on the management challenges of Vilnius University's large and ambitious projects, like TRACEGET Competence Centre under the Missions’s programme, executed at the Life Sciences Centre. Such projects require a combination of both strategic and project management paradigms, including both research and business project management skills. During this event the speakers will share their insights in the strategic management of R&D activities in academia and industry.

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| **Event program**: | |
| 9.30 - 10.00 | **Vice-Rector Prof. Edita Sužiedelienė and**  **the Leader of EMBL PI and TRACEGET projects at Vilnius University prof. Virginijus Šikšnys**  **Introduction of Translational Gene Technology Centre TRACEGET), and European Molecular Biology Laboratory (EMBL)** |
| 10.00 - 10.45 | **Jessica Vamathevan, Director of Strategy at European Molecular Biology Laboratory (EMBL)**  **Building and executing EMBL’s strategy ‘Molecules to Ecosystems’**  In her talk Jessica Vamathevan will cover the approaches taken to develop the ambitious vision of EMBL's strategy, ‘Molecules to Ecosystems,’ which aims to study the molecular basis of life in the context of changing environments, expanding our understanding of biological mechanisms and inform solutions for human and planetary health. We will discuss the foundational principles that guided the development of this strategy and some ongoing initiatives involved in executing this comprehensive framework that fosters transformative, interdisciplinary science, new ways of collaboration, and increased value for society. |
| 10.45 - 11.15 | *Coffee and networking* |
| 11.15 - 12.00 | **Dr. Arvydas Lubys, the leader of TRACEGET Science Committee**  **Management Insights for Academia: Best Business Practices from a Global Innovation Leader**  In his presentation, Dr Arvydas Lubys will share insights from over two decades of experience in science and innovation management, gathered while working at Fermentas UAB and the largest biotechnology company ThermoFisher Scientific, managing, developing, and expanding the Vilnius R&D team. The presentation will cover topics such as strategy development and implementation at both team and individual levels, project and time management, sensing of innovations, reducing barriers between scientists in different businesses, and the use of LEAN methods in R&D – and how this know-how could be explored in efficient Competence center management. |
| 12.00– 12.30 | **Daumantas Gudelis, Head of Major Project Management Unit at Development Department, Central Administration**  **Construction of a new building for the Faculty of Chemistry and Geosciences and the TRACEGET Competence Center** |