

Workshop 5.0 Day 1, 24.11.2025

Spin it off: From student project/academic research to tech venture

(Get tickets: [Spin It Off: From Student Project/Academic Research to Tech Venture Tickets, Mon, Nov 24, 2025 at 1:00 PM | Eventbrite](#))

Discover how to turn your research or student project into a real-world tech venture through talks, workshops & networking.

13:00 – 13:30

Opening remarks

Panel talk: How I started – From lab to launch

13:30 – 14:15

Hear real stories from spin-off founders, researchers, and coaches about how they turned academic ideas into successful tech ventures.

14:15 – 14:45

Coffee break

Parallel sessions: Workshop or guest speaker

14:45 – 15:45

Dive into focused parallel sessions where you can choose between interactive workshops – developing your idea, defining your value proposition, or practicing your pitch – or insightful expert talks exploring how to navigate the local tech ecosystem, identify opportunities, and connect your research to real-world impact.

Creative challenge

15:45 – 16:15

Team up with fellow participants to tackle a realistic startup challenge – brainstorm, prototype, and pitch your solution in a fun, fast-paced session that puts creativity and collaboration to the test.



Live idea check

16:15 – 16:45

Three teams pitch their freshly developed ideas to a panel of founders, coaches, and researchers who share quick, constructive feedback to help turn early concepts into viable ventures.

Drinks & fingerfood

16:45 – 18:00

Wrap up the day with informal networking over drinks and finger food – a relaxed moment to connect with fellow innovators, founders, and researchers, exchange ideas, and spark future collaborations.

Workshop 5.0 Day 2, 26.11.2025
Lab visits and demos
(Get tickets: Contact Kevin.De.Pauw@vub.be)

13:00 – 13:30 **Welcome & introduction**

Visit FARI – AI research institute VUB-ULB

13:30 – 14:30

Carl Morch (Director of FARI)

Lab visit AI Experience Center and demos of robotics technologies

15:30 – 16:30

Kevin De Pauw (MFYS-VUB)

Lab visit Brussels Human Performance Lab (BLITS) and demos of VR-EEG technology

16:30 – 17:30

Bart Roelands (MFYS-VUB)

17:30 – 19:00

Networking



Workshop 5.0 Day 3, 27.11.2025
Brubotics – 10 years
(Get tickets: Contact Kevin.De.Pauw@vub.be)

In 2025, Brubotics celebrates 10 years of innovation in sustainable humanity-centered robotics, shaping a future through research and impact.

14:00 – 14:30 **Welcome coffee & networking**

14:30 – 15:30 **Inspirational insights in robotics**

15:30 – 16:30 **Impactful industry-research collaborations**

16:30 – 17:00 **Lab demos & networking**

17:00 – 18:00 **Spinoff pitches**

18:00 – 20:00 **Walking dinner & demos**

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