



MSCA DN Edible soft Matter

Second ESM Event

14 to 18 September 2026

Vendôme/Le Mans, France

Programme

Monday 14 September – BEL R&D Centre, Vendôme¹

8:00	Departure from hotel by bus
8:30 – 9:15	Welcome Breakfast & Introduction
9:15 – 9:45	Ice-breaker
9:45 – 10:15	Day 3 Pitch and Innovation Challenge briefing
10:15 – 13:00	Site immersion (Vendôme)
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch break
14:00 – 14:45	Q&A session
14:45 – 16:00	R&D & innovation overview R&D roles testimony
16:00 – 16:15	Coffee break
16:15 – 17:30	R&D roles testimony
17:30	End of session
17:30 – 18:30	Evening reception



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18:30 Departure by bus

Tuesday 15 September – Le Mercator Hotel, Vendôme²

8:30 – 8:40 Ice breaker

8:40 – 9:10 Fundamental Principles for Business Innovation

9:10 – 10:25 Insight

10:25 – 10:35 Coffee break

10:35 – 11:50 Ideation

11:50 – 12:50 Lunch break

12:50 – 13:00 Ice breaker

13:00 – 14:35 Concept stimuli and test (+ Bel case)

14:35 – 15:25 Prototyping & product validation (+Bel case)

15:25 – 15:35 Coffee break

15:35 – 17:30 Cross-functional ecosystem overview

17:30 End of session

Wednesday 16 September – Le Mercator Hotel, Vendôme

8:30 – 9:00	Ice breaker
9:00 – 10:45	Pitch training
10:45 – 11:00	Coffee break
11:00 – 13:00	Pitch presentations & feedback
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch break
14:00 – 15:30	Challenge launch & team setup
15:30 – 15:45	Coffee break
15:40 – 17:30	Wrap-up & next steps
17:30	End of session

Thursday 17 September – Le Mans University, Le Mans³

8:45 – 8:55	Short introduction by the REA Project Officer, Gergana Simeonova-Arida and the Project Coordinator, Laurence Ramos
8:55 – 9:30	Tour de Table: Presentation of the research team and description of their role within the network by all scientists-in-charge. Introduction of the Associated Partners.
9:30 – 9:45	REA Project Officer presentation: presentation on the purpose of the meeting.
9:45 – 10:15	Coordinator's report: Presentation of the Network and the progress

10:15 – 10:45 Coffee break

10:45 – 12:30 DCs presentation (12 min presentation + 3 min discussion)

12:30 – 14:00 Lunch break

14:00 – 15:30 DCs presentation (12 min presentation + 3 min discussion)

15:30 – 16:00 Coffee break

16:00 – 17:15 DCs presentation (12 min presentation + 3 min discussion)

17:15 – 18:15 Restricted session with the DCs*: the session is intended to allow the researchers to discuss with the REA representative about their experiences within the network in terms of training foreseen, supervision arrangements, progress and impact on their future careers.

18:15 – 18:30 Coffee break

18:30 – 18:45 Restricted session: Meeting between coordinator and Project Officer to discuss any issue.

18:45 – 19:10 Feedback and open discussion: Feedback from the REA Project Officer on the output of the network so far, on possible training areas for future exploitation or the impact on DCs' future careers development.

20:30 Dinner

Friday 18 September – Le Mans University, Le Mans

9:00 – 10:45 Poster session: Scientific discussions with the consortium

10:45 – 11:00 Coffee break

11:00 – 13:30 Supervisory Board meeting 3**

13:30 Lunch

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² RN10, 34 Rte de Blois, 41100 Vendôme.

³ Salle Pierre Belon, LMU Library, Tramway line 1, stop Campus Ribay

*For the meeting with the Project Officer, the DC representative(s) may summarize the DCs' feedback in a couple of slides to briefly present their experience in the network and the project (by highlighting what is positive and what could be improved). Questions could be also collected in advance as a basis for discussion during the meeting.

**See Supervisory Board meeting agenda

End of the Second ESM Event

See you soon!