

# Applied Research and Industry Collaboration Workshop

Thursday, 11 October, 2018 | 10.00am - 2.30pm



## Industry Leader Development Program

The Victorian TAFE Association and the International Specialised Skills Institute (ISSI) are pleased to continue its Industry Leader Development Program. The Program is proudly supported by the VTA and the ISSI's Incoming Industry Leader Program .

Two workshops will be held (one on 11 October and another on 12 October) that will provide fresh perspectives and knowledge to advance Victorian VET.

## About TKNIKA

The workshops will be delivered by experts from TKNIKA, one of Europe's leading VET promotional organisations. TKNIKA an institute of innovation created by the Basque Ministry of Education. Its mission is to place Basque Vocational Training at the European forefront by developing innovative projects in the areas of technology, education and management. A core part of its activities is to make research and applied innovation fundamental elements of Vocational Education and Training in the Basque country.

## About the facilitators

### Miren Canellada

Since 2009, Miren Canellada has coordinated innovative technological projects in Basque Technical Colleges as part of Advanced Material's Project Management division. She is currently collaborating with companies and technological centres on innovative projects related to composite materials. Prior to joining TKNIKA, Miren was project leader and R&D manager in Hidro Rubber Ibérica (Lesaka, Spain), a rubber part manufacturing company which develops parts for the automotive industry.



Miren holds a PhD in polymers from the University of Pau et Pays de l'Adour in France, specialising in non-metallic new materials (plastics, elastomers, composites, biomaterials and nanomaterials) and their industrial applications.

### Mikel Leunda



Mikel Leunda is part of TKNIKA's Applied Innovation division and since 2014 has coordinated innovative technological projects in Basque's Technical Colleges. He is currently managing two major projects, including the TKgune programme, which is a network composed of 35 VET centres that offers technological services to Basque SMEs; and a project to develop applications for drones (both aerial and underwater).

Mikel holds a masters in industrial engineering specialising in mechanical structures from the Mondragon University in the Basque Country.

## About this workshop

Industries need to innovate and change to produce different, better and more competitive products, processes and services. This workshop will outline a program from the Basque Country to build industry innovation by fostering collaboration between the Basque equivalent of TAFE institutes and SMEs to work on applied innovation projects in strategic industries.

The workshop will cover:

- Approaches to support strategic industries, which are identified as those that build regional employability and competitiveness.
- How to establish specialist strategic environments in which VET centres and SMEs can collaborate.
- Advancing the creation of value as a basic process in the area of competitiveness through innovation.
- Developing innovation projects in emerging areas of specialization and industries.
- Generating and transferring knowledge and achieving the development of new opportunities.

## Who should attend?

The workshop is open to TAFE leaders, policy makers and practitioners.

## Where?

Victoria University Conference Centre  
City Flinders Campus  
Level 12, 300 Flinders Street, Melbourne

## Registration

Details on how to register are available at the VTA website . Click [here](#) or visit:

<https://vta.vic.edu.au/events-information/industry-leadership-development-program>

Registrations will close 4 October, 2018, or until places are filled.

## Cost

Attendance is **FREE** and includes a light lunch.

Numbers are strictly limited, so act fast!

## Enquiries

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