



NAME : Daria Gołębiewska-Tataj

JOB TITLE : Founder & CEO at Tataj Innovation

Independent member of the Supervisory Board.

Curriculum Vitae

Dr. Daria Tataj is an expert on innovation networks, a social science entrepreneur, and a senior R&I policy advisor. In 1997, Daria received a doctorate in humanities from the Polish Academy of Sciences. Driven by the vibrant, entrepreneurial economy, she left academia to graduate from an International MBA program by Warsaw University of Technology, LBS, HEC, and NHH Bergen. Daria started working for an investment banking firm specialised in telecom, media, and the internet. Later she joined a VC fund where she was responsible for deal log management, exit strategies, and governance of different portfolio companies (recycling, ASP, telecom). She also gained experience managing EUR 30 million EU/EBRD SME Finance Facilities in the two largest consumer banks in Poland. In 2006, she returned to academia to teach leadership and change management in her alma mater. In 2010, she went for a post-doc at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, where she later became an affiliate faculty at the Center for Entrepreneurship at the College of Engineering. In 2015, Daria published the book 'Innovation and Entrepreneurship. A New Growth Model for Europe beyond the Crisis'. The book showed the academic underpinnings of the EIT and the KIC model based on her research on global innovation ecosystems, as well as the hands-on experience of setting up the EIT. Between 2008-2014, Dr. Tataj served as a member of the founding EIT Governing Board and its Executive Committee. She was a vocal advocate of entrepreneurship - as an integral element of the Knowledge Triangle, as the funding and governance principle of the EIT, and as the competitive, risk-taking culture of the KICs. In 2015, EU Commissioner for R&I appointed Dr. Tataj to the RISE Group which advised him directly on the Horizon 2020 and the Horizon Europe Framework Programs. She was involved in setting up policies for the European Innovation Council and the mission-oriented approach. Between 2017-2019, Dr. Tataj served as the Chair of the RISE Group. She continues to advise the Commission on people, planet, and prosperity as a member of the ESIR Group. At present, Daria is committed to building her science-based startup. Last year the company was selected for an American acceleration program and successfully entered the market. Its strategic solutions address the pain of online teamwork, virtual engagement, building strong partnerships, and innovation networks. The core product is the Network IQ assessment process which allows getting real-time feedback on potential team dysfunctions and skill gaps. The company's first clients are universities in the UK and The Netherlands. Daria is an experienced board member who has been serving on profit and non-profit boards. Her thought leadership and active support of young talents gained Daria numerous recognitions. Notably, she is the World Economic Forum Digital Leader 2017 and Social Innovator 2014 in Poland. Daria has a world-wide personal network of leaders in business and government. She systematically publishes on social media and has over 23k followers on LinkedIn. In private, she loves learning languages and living abroad with her family.

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