

Eugene Sweeney



Dr. Eugene Sweeney is currently the Managing Director of Iambic Innovation Ltd, based in the UK, which he founded in 2000. He has 40 years of experience taking ideas, intellectual property, research and early stage technologies to the market. His background is technical and commercial, and his career encompasses research, industry and investment.

He has also been working for over 25 years as an external expert and consultant for the European Commission in the areas of Innovation, IPR and ICT, and as an expert consultant on Innovation Management for the EIT (European Institute of Innovation and Technology).

As a young researcher during the 1970's, he formed his first spin-out company (The Technical Software Centre) in 1978 based on the idea of using the then new personal computers for professional engineering and design.

During the 1980's he worked in the early microcomputer and network industry where he was responsible for sourcing, developing and licensing-in new technologies and software, and taking them to market.

During the 1990's he worked for BTG plc, an international early stage technology investment and development organisation, where he was responsible for the management, development and commercialisation of a portfolio of IP and early stage technology investments in the electronics and IT sector, through equity investments, start-ups, licensing and joint ventures.

In 2000 he formed Iambic Innovation Ltd, to provide consultancy services related to innovation, commercialisation of new ideas, research results, and IP management. Clients include government and inter-government agencies, universities and research institutions, and companies large and small.

He is currently an external expert and trainer for the European Commission IPR Helpdesk, and a regular contributor to seminars and training courses concerned with the practical commercialisation of ideas and early stage technology, and IP and Innovation Management.

He currently a UK Principle Expert on the International (ISO TC279) and European (CEN TC389) Standards Committees on Innovation Management Systems (ISO 50501) and Intellectual Property Management (ISO 50505).