

## **KEYNOTE SPEAKER**

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**Biography.** Kathryn Cormican is a Professor of Systems Engineering and Director of the Enterprise Research Centre in the School of Engineering at the University of Galway in Ireland and a funded investigator in Lero – The Irish Software Research Centre. She leads a large multidisciplinary research team. Her work focuses on the design, development, and validation of novel processes and information systems to enable smarter user-centred solutions. She is currently leading three EU-funded projects comprising researchers and practitioners. She is internationally recognised for her contribution to research and has won many prestigious best-paper awards including the European Academy of Management best paper award in 2023. She has delivered several keynote addresses at international conferences and has published extensively in high-impact journals in her field. Kathryn directs an award-winning MSc programme specifically designed to equip graduates with the requisite skills needed for employment in the high-tech industry. She received the President's Award for teaching excellence in 2018 and was awarded Female Entrepreneurial Leader of the Year in 2022 by the Accreditation Council for Entrepreneurial and Engaged Universities.