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Institutional Information



» **ISTID Info Session on European Research Council (ERC)**

SAVE the DATE! 26th March 2025 @ Técnico

Have you already heard, or not, about ERC and wonder if this is an opportunity for you?

If you do **not know** what **ERC** is, you **have heard about it** but are not sure if it is for you or if you **have tried to apply and did not succeed**, then **this info session is for you**.

Take this opportunity to better understand what ERC is about, what support do you have inside and outside Técnico and what will be the next steps after this first session.

Registration until 21st of March [HERE](#)

Additional information and Agenda [HERE](#)

» **HORIZON EUROPE 2025 | Week 11 Statistics**

Last week the results from European Innovation Council Pathfinder Challenges 2024 Call were communicated to the consortia.

Check IST and IST-ID participations in the table below.

Congratulations to ISR and iBB!!!

| EIC Pathfinder Challenges | Proposals | | Projects | |
|---|-----------|--------|----------|--------|
| | IST | IST-ID | IST | IST-ID |
| Solar-to-X devices for the decentralized prosumption of renewable fuels, chemicals and materials as climate change mitigation pathway | | | | |
| Towards cement and concrete as a carbon sink | | | | |
| Nature inspired alternatives for food packaging and films for agriculture | | 2 | | iBB |
| Nanoelectronics for energy-efficient smart edge devices | 1 | 3 | | |
| Strengthening the sustainability and resilience of EU space infrastructure | | 1 | | ISR |

» IST-ID renewed its membership in EARMA for 2025!

EARMA stands for European Association of Research Managers and Administrators, and its members work at the forefront of building the European Research Area (ERA). As the interface between research funding organisations and the scientific community, bridging cultural and legal differences between countries, and between academia and industry, contributing to policy consultations, and managing the smooth running of research projects.

EARMA is an active member of the wider international RMA community and is a founding member of the International Network of Research Management Societies (INORMS).

Why are we an EARMA member?

Check out all the membership benefits [HERE](#)

Policy News



» **A Union of Skills to equip people for a competitive Europe** (source: European Commission)

Europe is facing a skills and labour gap. To overcome this, Europe needs a radical step change in ambition and action. Delivering on the commitment in its [Political Guidelines](#), as well as the [Draghi Report](#), the European Commission has presented the [Union of Skills](#). By bridging the gap between labour supply and demand by identifying skills shortages across European countries, a Union of Skills will support this Commission's work; from [boosting competitiveness](#) to ensuring the transition to a [clean economy](#). [Research projects](#) funded under Horizon Europe are contributing to this initiative by proposing holistic approaches to skills development, with a focus on ensuring Europe's social model is protected.

Read the [Press Release](#)

» **FP10 update**

European science ministers of all 27 EU member states unanimously adopted the [Warsaw Declaration](#) demanding independent and efficient financing for scientific research and innovation.

The ITRE report strongly supportive of the European framework programme for research and innovation was today adopted by the European Parliament!

» **The first 100 days of European Commission 2024 –2029** (Source: European Commission)

Europe must rise to today's challenges. In their first 100 days, the new von der Leyen Commission has taken bold steps to strengthen Europe's competitiveness, security, and democracy.

Read the March 2025 [FactSheet](#)

Funding Opportunities



» EIT RawMaterials – 2025 Call for RIS Projects (Capacity Building and Innovation)

Strengthening sustainable innovation ecosystems across Europe

EIT RawMaterials Lighthouse programmes reflect the most pressing needs of the **raw materials value chain**:

- Responsible Sourcing leading the innovation in mineral exploration, responsible sourcing and processing of raw materials for Europe's green future.
- Sustainable Materials guiding innovation in the making, using, and recycling of sustainable and cost-efficient raw materials for future green mobility and energy.
- Circular Societies fostering innovation in the radical shift to a circular economy and society enabling economic growth and carbon-neutrality

After the cut-off 2 news included in NoW Issue #3, these are the remaining important dates to register your proposal:

- Friday 30th May 2025 at 13.00 CET (Berlin time) for cut-off 3
- Friday 29th August 2025 at 13.00 CET (Berlin time) for cut-off 4
- Friday 28th November 2025 at 13.00 CET (Berlin time) for cut-off 5

RIS Innovation & Capacity Building projects' Call Texts, Guidelines, Templates and more, available in the [Important Documents](#) section.



» **PIANOFORTE Open Call 2025** | 📅 Deadline April 30th, 2025

European Partnership for Radiation Protection Research

PIANOFORTE is launching the third transnational Open Call for Proposals to support innovative research projects in radioprotection. The aims of the call are:

- To support transnational research projects that combine innovative approaches in the field of radiation protection in line with the research priorities of PIANOFORTE;
- To actively integrate Education&Training activities and collaboration with universities in multidisciplinary research projects;
- To make optimal use of research infrastructures.

The 3 main research topics this year are:

▶ **Topic 1:** Investigating the effects of temporal and spatial variations in dose delivery on the risk of health effects.

▶ **Topic 2:** Developing an integrated approach for risk assessment and evaluation from environmental exposure to ionizing radiation.

▶ **Topic 3:** Use of Artificial Intelligence and Big Data techniques to improve emergency response – covering radiological impact assessments, decision support, data collection response and recovery strategies and public engagement, communication and education.

📄 Call documents and FAQs are available [HERE](#)

» **European Innovation Council Pathfinder 2025**

[What's in it for Researchers?](#)

- **EIC Pathfinder Open (HORIZON-EIC-2025-PATHFINDEROPEN)** |  Deadline **May 21st, 2025**

[EIC Pathfinder Open](#) provides funding for projects in any field of science or technology, based on high-risk/high-gain science-towards-technology breakthrough interdisciplinary research.

In particular, the EIC Open funding is based **bottom-up approach with no predefined topics**.

- **EIC Pathfinder Challenges** |  Deadline **October 29th, 2025**

EIC Pathfinder Challenges funding is based on **top-down challenge-driven calls for tackling specific technology and breakthroughs**.

Check the [2025 Challenges](#)

» **Coming | CETPartnership Joint Call 2025**

The Clean Energy Transition Partnership is preparing for Joint Call 2025, which will be the partnership's fourth annual call!

This year, the timeline is being shifted and is scheduled to open early June 2025. Throughout the spring, what Joint Call 2025 has to offer will be shared and insights into the thematic scope of this year's ten Call Modules will be given.


Read more about the Joint Call 2025 and the Call Modules on the [HERE](#)

Deadline for the pre-proposal submission (Stage 1): October 2025

Save the Date



» European Innovation Council Pathfinder Challenges – Work Programme 2025 Info Day

 on April 4th 2025 | 09:00 – 13:00 CET

 in [Albert Borschette Congress Center \(Brussels\)](#) (and)  online

The Info Day takes place in Brussels on Friday, 4 April 2025, right after the [EIC Summit 2025](#). It consists of a plenary session explaining the specific characteristics of EIC Pathfinder Challenge calls, and parallel sessions by the EIC Programme Managers [Ivan Stefanic](#), [Federica Zanca](#), [Franc Mouwen](#) and [Carina Faber](#). Please see the [agenda](#).


All parts of the Info Day will be livestreamed and recorded. Recordings and slides will be made available for the public after the Info Day. Remote participants can participate in the discussions and Q&A by submitting their questions via [sli.do](#).


For general questions, you are invited to consult the [EIC Pathfinder FAQ website](#).

To participate in person to the Info Day, please register [HERE](#) by 25 March



» European Robotics Forum 2025

 March 24-25th 2025

 Stuttgart, Germany

The European Robotics Forum 2025 (ERF2025), Europe's most influential robotics event, will take place in Stuttgart, Germany, from March 24-27. Organized by euRobotics together with Fraunhofer-Gesellschaft, the University of Stuttgart, Cyber Valley GmbH, and the City of Stuttgart, it connects research and industry to showcase the latest advancements in robotics and AI.

The ERF 2025 begins on Monday 24th with Site Visits, the euRobotics General Assembly and the B2B Matchmaking of the Enterprise Europe Network.

Register until March 20th [HERE](#)

Resources



» EIC Work Programme 2025 Info Day | nov 5th, 2024

- Watch the Recording about EIC Pathfinder [HERE](#)
- Check the Presentation about the EIC Pathfinder Work Programme 2025 [HERE](#)

» Curious about **previous projects** funded by EIC Pathfinder? Check this tool

[European Innovation Council \(EIC\) datahub](#)