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1. INSTITUTIONAL INFORMATION

» What are the research areas of European projects that match Técnico's ones?

As a request from one of the IST-ID Research Units, DPFC has analysed and prepared a short overview of the most prevalent scientific areas in IST and IST-ID European projects, from 2021 until 2023 calls.

Are you curious? Check it out [HERE](#)

» [Workshop on Networking](#) | DPFC Webinar (*Reminder & Link Update*)

April 17th, 2025 | 10:00 – 11:30  Online

Go check it out, and [REGISTER](#)

Target Group: Researchers

DPFC and Pre-Award Network is organizing a workshop on Networking. This workshop will help you preparing your networking activities, either online or at events, for Horizon Europe 2025 Collaborative calls. It will cover planning, tools and what type of information you should prepare in advance. Examples will be shared.

Please disseminate it in your research community.

2. POLICY NEWS

» [Invest more in European Universities alliances](#), says draft Parliament report (source: Science Business)

European Universities alliances set up under the Erasmus+ programme should receive more money from the EU, according to a draft report prepared for the European Parliament's culture and education committee.

The [non-legislative draft report](#), prepared by Laurence Farreng from the Renew Europe Group, highlights the need to strengthen existing alliances before expanding the initiative any further.

» **Contribute to shaping the future [EU AI in Science Strategy](#)** (source: European Commission)

The European Strategy for Artificial Intelligence in Science will be published later this year. It will be key to harness the potential of AI, as the EU needs an approach ensuring the responsible use of AI, strengthening our research ecosystems and boosting Europe's global scientific and innovation competitiveness.

Your insights will shape funding priorities, infrastructure design, talent development, and policy coordination across the EU.

You have two ways to contribute - until **5 June 2025**:

- ◇ Call for Evidence via the [Have Your Say portal](#)
- ◇ Targeted [Questionnaire](#) - specifically for scientists, research support and knowledge transfer professionals.

» **AI Continent Action Plan** (source: European Commission)

The European Commission presented an **AI Continent** Action Plan to make Europe a global leader in AI, boost its innovation capabilities and encourage adoption.

This is the next phase in shaping trustworthy AI in strategic sectors around 5 key domains:

- ◇ Building a large-scale AI data & computing infrastructures

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- ◇ Increasing access to high-quality data
 - ◇ Developing algorithms & fostering AI adoption in strategic EU sectors:
 - ◇ Strengthening AI skills & talents
 - ◇ Fostering regulatory compliance and simplification

Find out more:

 [Press Release](#)

 [Factsheet](#)

 [Q&A](#)

3. FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES & UPCOMING CALLS

» **Funding Scheme for External Science and Technology Cooperation - International Collaborative Research**

Deadline: April 30th 2025

Entidade Gestora: [Fundo de Desenvolvimento de Ciência e Tecnologia de Macau](#) (FDCT)

The Scheme aims to enhance external exchanges and cooperation of Macao's scientific and technological workers, promote Macao to become an international high-end talent cluster, and boost the scientific research cooperation, industry-university research collaboration, and talent cultivation between Macao and foreign countries, so that Macao can make greater contribution to the external science and technology cooperation between China and foreign countries.

Read more [HERE](#)

» [Funding Calls 2025](#) | Overview of Horizon Europe 2025 calls

4. NETWORKING & PARTNERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

» **Seeking partners to build a consortium** for HORIZON-CL4-INDUSTRY-2025-01-TWIN-TRANSITION-05 - from the draft HE Work Programme 2025 (source Crowdhelix)

Entity: [National Manufacturing Institute Scotland \(NMIS\)](#)

Call: HORIZON-CL4-INDUSTRY-2025-01-TWIN-TRANSITION-05: Advanced manufacturing technologies for leadership of EU manufacturers in products for the net-zero industry (Made in Europe Partnership) (IA)

[Details](#)

5. UPCOMING EVENTS & SAVE THE DATE

» CAPTECHs - European Defense Agency (EDA)

 29 de Abril | 13h30

 Academia Militar | Amadora

A AED Cluster Portugal, a Direção-Geral de Recursos da Defesa Nacional e a idD Portugal Defence vão promover uma sessão informativa dedicada aos CapTechs (Capability Technology Groups) da Agência Europeia de Defesa (EDA).

Os CapTechs são grupos especializados que reúnem peritos nacionais em torno de áreas tecnológicas prioritárias para a defesa, como inteligência artificial, sistemas espaciais, ciberdefesa, sensores, energia, materiais avançados, entre outros. Estes grupos desempenham um papel fundamental na definição de prioridades de investigação e desenvolvimento, na identificação de lacunas tecnológicas e na promoção de projetos colaborativos à escala europeia.

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» Infoday sobre Segurança - ANI

 13 maio  Madrid, IFEMA (**Exposição Internacional de Defesa e Segurança 2025**)

A ANI, através dos seus Pontos de Contacto Nacional, vai estar presente na Exposição Internacional de Defesa e Segurança ([FEINDEF 2025](#)) no **Infoday dedicado ao Cluster 3** – Segurança Civil para a Sociedade e [Brokerage Event](#), que irão ter lugar no dia 13 de maio.

Esta iniciativa visa facilitar a criação de consórcios para as candidaturas de 2025, promovendo o *networking* entre entidades europeias ativas na área da segurança civil. As entidades nacionais são convidadas especiais aos eventos, e, através dos seus Pontos de Contacto Nacional (NCP) para o Cluster 3, a ANI convida as entidades portuguesas a marcarem presença, beneficiando de condições especiais como vouchers de entrada gratuita e acesso exclusivo à feira FEINDEF.

O acesso ao Infoday e evento de *brokerage* são gratuitos, mas de inscrição obrigatória.

Os interessados devem contactar a ANI para solicitar o código de desconto, através do email cluster3@anipt.onmicrosoft.com, fazendo depois o seu registo [aqui](#).

No dia 14 de maio, será ainda organizada para as entidades nacionais, uma visita a entidades do ecossistema espanhol de investigação e inovação, com mais informações a divulgar brevemente.

» Atomic intelligence: at the intersection of nuclear research and AI | Info Session

 may 19th | 8:00 (GMT)  in Brussels  [Livestream](#)

The event is part of a wider effort led by the Directorate General for Research and Innovation (DG R&I) in support of the European Commission's focus on accelerating the adoption of AI in scientific research in Europe.

It intends to showcase European AI-powered innovations in nuclear and other fields; with applications in fusion energy, material science or health. It will also discuss the opportunities and challenges of teaching and training scientists and workers in the AI era.

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» HORIZON EUROPE: PREPARING FOR SUCCESS IN 2025 | Info Day Horizon 2025

 may 22th | 9:30 (GMT)  in Ciência Viva, Pavilhão do Conhecimento (Lisboa)

A ANI vai promover o encontro anual sobre o Horizonte Europa, com o objetivo de impulsionar a participação nacional nas oportunidades deste programa-quadro europeu.

O evento será dedicado à apresentação das oportunidades de financiamento para investigação e inovação do Horizonte Europa em 2025, reunindo atores nacionais para partilhar experiências e estratégias. A programação inclui apresentações sobre as prioridades políticas da nova Comissão Europeia e as suas implicações para a implementação do Horizonte Europa. Serão ainda realizados painéis de discussão e sessões de formação para explorar as oportunidades disponíveis e potenciar o sucesso nas candidaturas.

O evento proporciona também momentos de *networking* com colegas e Pontos de Contacto Nacionais, promovendo a troca de conhecimentos e a criação de parcerias estratégicas.

Consulte a agenda [aqui](#).

Faça a sua inscrição [aqui](#).

6. RESOURCES

» EOSC EU Node | Open science

If you are a researcher   or citizen scientist in Europe with an interest in multi-disciplinary and multi-national data-driven open sciences, the EOSC EU Node has been created for you to find and access interoperable and reusable data, publications, software, and services across the federated, national, regional, and thematic clusters and ecosystems.

EOSC EU Node is a platform that primarily supports multi-disciplinary and multi-national research promoting the use of FAIR (**F**indable, **A**ccessible, **I**nteroperable, **R**eusable) data and supplementary services in Europe and beyond.

 Check out the [EOSC EU Node Platform](#)

» Preparation for the 2nd OSCARS Open Call for Open Science projects

 Watch the jan 15th online event [Recording](#)

 Read the [Q&As](#)

» The **Science and Technology (S&T) Trends 2025–2045** Report is here!

Discover the macro trends set to steer the next two decades of science, policy, and security.

 Read the report today: <https://sto-trends.com/>

7. ACCESS TO RESEARCH INFRASTRUCTURES

» OSCARS 2nd Open Call for Open Science | Deadline is 14th May 2025

Open Science Projects or Open Science Services are research activities that exploit or foster the adoption of FAIR data, strengthen FAIR competences, practices and technologies. They are expected to leverage and/or exploit the Science Clusters' services aimed at demonstrating and piloting the use of EOSC resources.

 [Call Overview](#)

 [Register to Apply](#)

» RIANA Project - 1st Call for Staff Exchanges | cut-off date is 31th May 2025

The RIANA project has announced its first call for staff exchanges aimed at enhancing the experimental skills and competencies of Junior Scientists within its network. This initiative provides young researchers with the opportunity to gain hands-on experience in different research environments across the RIANA consortium.

Eligible applicants must be affiliated with a RIANA partner institution and select a host facility outside their current network.

[Details and Application process](#)