



EUROPEAN INNOVATION COUNCIL (EIC) INFO DAY
SEECEL, RADOSLAVA CIMERMANA 88, ZAGREB, CROATIA
18 FEBRUARY 2026
09:00-16:00

09:00 – 09:30 **Participant Registration**

09:30 – 10:00 **Welcome Speeches**

- Representative of the Ministry of Science, Education and Youth
- Ozren Polašek, Director, Croatian Science Foundation
- Ante-Janko Bobetko, Deputy President of the Board, Croatian Agency for SMEs, Innovation and Investments (HAMAG-BICRO)

10:00-11:00 **Presentation of EIC and Work Programme 2026**

- Ewa Kocińska-Lange, Policy Officer, Directorate-General for Research and Innovation, European Innovation Council

11:00 – 11:15 **Coffee break**

11:15 – 12:15 **Panel – How to be Successful in EIC Calls** *(moderated by Iva Špoljar Šarić, EIC NCP)*

- Ewa Kocińska-Lange, Policy Officer, DG Research and Innovation, EIC
- Alessia Rotolo, Agency for the Promotion of European Research (APRE) – Access2EIC project
- Matija Žulj, EIC Ambassador, Agrivi Ltd.
- Dora Adanić, Genera Research Ltd.
- Maja Pučić Baković, Genos Ltd.

12:15 – 13:00 **EIC Pathfinder - Successful Project Presentation**

- AELECTRA: Helena Otmačić Ćurković - University of Zagreb, Faculty of Chemical Engineering and Technology
- FITNESS: Zvonimit Šipuš - University of Zagreb, Faculty of Electrical Engineering and Computing

13:00 – 14:00 **Lunch**

14:00 – 14:45 **Panel - From Application to Pitch: Practical Advice for EIC Accelerator Success**
(moderated by Sonja Šegvić Smolić, EIC NCP)

- Magdalena Dobrzyńska, Policy Officer for EIC Accelerator, EISMEA
- Deni Nurkić, EIC Accelerator Jury Member, Nuqleus
- Srđa Iveković, EIC STEP Scaleup Jury Member

14:45 – 15:45	Opportunities Pitches for Deep Tech Innovation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-Accelerator - Ivana Ružić Divjak, Agency for Mobility and EU Programmes (AMPEU) • MSCA and innovation - Sandra Vidović, Agency for Mobility and EU Programmes (AMPEU) • Digital, Innovation, and Green Technology Project (DIGIT Project) – Matej Vranić • Support measures for SMEs - Zorana Barišić, Ministry of Science, Education and Youth – • European Institute for Technology (EIT) - Miro Hegedić • Eurostars: European Partnership on Innovative SMEs – Vladimir Matan (HAMAG-BICRO)
15:45	Closing Words

The working language is English. The organisers reserve the right to change the program.