

**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: Zvonimir 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 Dobrzańska, Policy Officer for EIC Accelerator, EISMEA
- Deni Nurkić, EIC Accelerator Jury Member, Nuqleus
- Srđa Ivezović, EIC STEP Scaleup Jury Member

14:45 – 15:45

### Opportunities Pitches for Deep Tech Innovation

- 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.*



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