



**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**

- Hrvoje Meštrić, Director General for the Directorate for Science and Technology, Ministry of Science, Education and Youth (MZOM)
- Ozren Polašek, Director, Croatian Science Foundation (HRZZ)
- 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 Dobrzyńska, Policy Officer for EIC Accelerator, EISMEA
- Deni Nurkić, EIC Accelerator Jury Member, Nuqleus
- Srđa Iveković, EIC STEP Scaleup Jury Member

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

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

