

ECIU SEED PROGRAMME GUIDELINES 2026

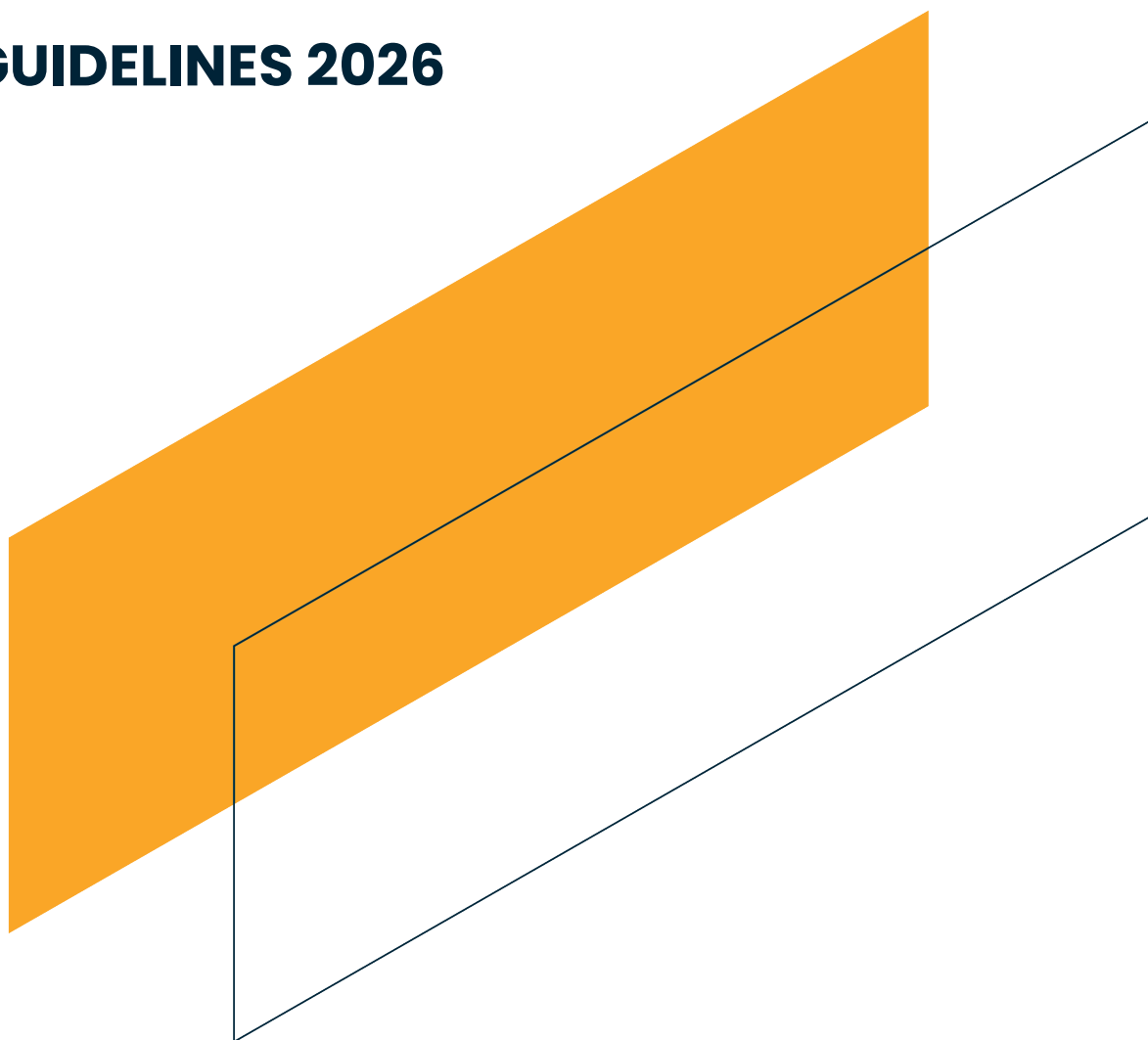


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1. Introduction

This **ECIU Seed Programme (SP)** is the result of the experiences collected in the first and second calls in 2024 and 2025.

The Seed programme funds projects in the following strategic research fields:

- Circular Economy
- Citizen Science
- Digital Transformation
- Energy and Sustainability
- Health & Wellbeing
- Resilient Community
- Transport and Mobility

Examples of the subtopics for each field are mentioned in [Annex 1](#).

This Seed Programme consists of two action lines:

- SP1, the *Blended mobility to create new consortia*
- SP2, *Seed projects for existing consortia*.

Both actions support the challenge-based approach of ECIU University by focusing on capacity-building activities to promote challenge-based research as an interdisciplinary way of doing research based on societal needs and in close collaboration with citizens and businesses.

This differs from calls that ask for excellent research in a specific field. ECIU defines challenge-based research as “*doing research with partners in society, using the grand challenges they face in reality as point of departure, with the objective of arriving at solutions to these challenges*”¹.

2. Participating institutions

The following are the ECIU Institutions participating in the Seed Programme 2026:

¹ See the ECIU paper “Challenge-based Research For a Stronger and more sustainable Europe” ([here](#))

- Dublin City University (DCU)
- Institut National des Sciences Appliquées (INSA)
- Kaunas University of Technology (KTU)
- Łódź University of Technology (TUL)
- Tampere University (TAU)
- Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (UAB)
- Universidade de Aveiro (UAveiro)
- University of Twente (UT)

3. Seed programme (SP)

The Seed Programme supports the implementation of a shared research and innovation (R&I) agenda through peer-to-peer training, exchange, and engagement in international, cross-disciplinary, intersectoral collaboration of ECIU researchers, currently focused on the 7 research fields indicated in Annex 1.

The SP is composed of two actions:

- SP1: Blended mobility to create new consortia
- SP2: Seed Projects for existing collaborations.

PhD holders of any seniority level can be coordinators (PIs) in SP1 or SP2 proposals. External stakeholders (industry, start-ups, civil society, and governmental bodies) are invited to participate in projects, but they are not eligible to act as the main coordinator (PI). For specific eligibility and funding rules of external stakeholders criteria, please check Annex 2.

Applicants of rejected proposals in the Seed programme calls 2024 and 2025 are eligible to apply again for SP2. Consortia awarded in the Seed programme 2024 and 2025 are not eligible to apply to the 2026 edition

3.1 SP1-Blended mobility to create new consortia

The objective is to promote inter-institutional collaboration through the blended exchange of research and innovation staff to create new consortia. The expected outcome is a solid foundation for a new, long-lasting collaboration among the participating ECIU Institutions.

By new consortia, the guidelines refer to consortia composed of researchers who have not collaborated before on a joint research project with all involved institutions in the specific SP1 proposal.

Support is provided for the development of new collaboration networks based on a joint research and innovation plan.

SP1 is aimed at knowledge sharing via blended mobility, based on short second-

ments of research and innovation staff combined with activities taking place synchronously with peers in a virtual environment, or any other setting that better suits the purposes of the collaboration.

This action should motivate the exploitation of complementary competences of the participating researchers, enable networking activities to facilitate the sharing of knowledge and collaborative research activities, promote and increase the concept of citizen science in research and innovation activities, and develop communication and dissemination events and activities aiming to reinforce the recognition and impact of the ECIU research agenda among its communities and different stakeholders.

This action adopts a bottom-up approach, and the participation of non-academic stakeholders is highly encouraged. These new consortia may integrate researchers from all career stages.

Consortia will be asked to indicate in the final report how they intend to guarantee the sustainability of the initiated activities, i.e., through an external funding roadmap (i.e., applying to HE, COST Action, LIFE Programme, or other funding streams).

Projects can last up to 24 months. Extensions for projects submitted with a duration of less than 24 months are only possible if duly justified. Requests for an extension must be submitted to the ECIU Central Office (research.innovation@eciu.eu) no later than 3 months before the original official end date.

3.2 SP2 – Seed Projects for existing consortia

By existing consortia, the guidelines mean that the group of researchers in a SP2 proposal has previously had research collaborations in ECIU projects or in projects of other kinds or have been involved in the ECIU Research Labs involving all involved institutions in the specific proposal for the Seed programme SP2.

The objective is to promote inter-institutional and intersectoral research and innovation seed projects linked to shared challenges in the involved regional ecosystems.

Support is provided for the development of research and innovation activities aimed at solving challenges identified by local/regional communities or citizens/groups of citizens of any region of the participating ECIU institutions. In case of projects of the same quality, priority will be given during the evaluation to projects that tackle shared interregional challenges (perspective of transregional European ecosystems).

This action should motivate the exploitation of complementary competences of the participating researchers and other relevant stakeholders outside academia, contributing to tackling the challenges.

This action adopts a bottom-up approach, and the participation of non-academic stakeholders is highly encouraged. These new consortia may integrate researchers from all career stages.

Consortia will be asked to indicate in the final report how they intend to guarantee the sustainability of the initiated activities, i.e., through an external funding roadmap (i.e., applying to HE, COST Action, LIFE Programme, or other funding streams).

Projects can last up to 24 months. Extensions for projects submitted with a duration of less than 24 months are only possible if duly justified. Requests for an extension must be submitted to the ECIU Central Office (research.innovation@eciu.eu) no later than 3 months before the original official end date.

3.3 Conditions of the calls

Each proposal must involve researchers from at least three (3) ECIU Institutions participating in the SP. The Principal Investigators must be affiliated with the coordinating institution and have a doctoral degree. **The templates of the application forms (SP1 and SP2) are included in Annex 3.**

3.4 Funding rules

The maximum total funding for proposals under SP1 is € 25.000,00.

The maximum total funding for proposals under SP2 is € 50.000,00

Funding scheme: actual costs, according to the specific institutional financial rules of each participating institution.

The specific funding rules and the maximum local funding, as agreed by each ECIU Institution, are summarised in Annex 2. The specific rules for the participation of external stakeholders regarding the support of expenditure are defined by each ECIU institution in Annex 2.

Consortia need to carefully read Annex 2 to double-check that each participating researcher follows the eligibility criteria set out by their ECIU Institution.

3.5 Eligible costs

For SP1, the following costs are eligible:

- Travel & subsistence costs
- Training courses fees
- Conference fees
- Events organization (goods & services)
- Cost for PhD students

For SP2, the following costs are eligible

- Travel & subsistence costs
- Consumables (incl. for lab work)
- Events organization
- Conference fees

- Open science-related costs
- Other goods and services
- Cost for PhD students

3.6 Submission of the proposals

Applications will be sent via an online form (see 3.7) by **November 30th 2026, 23:59 CET**. Applicants need to inform their institutional contact person about the proposal before they submit it, so that ECIU institutions can have an overview of their indicative financial commitment

The list of institutional contact persons is as follows:

ECIU Institution	Family and first name of the contact person	Email address
DCU	Markos Papadopoulos Sophie Ball	markos.papadopoulos@dcu.ie Sophie.ball@dcu.ie
KTU	Vilma Karobliene	vilma.karobliene@ktu.lt
INSA	Laure Fabre Emilie Morin	fabre@insa-toulouse.fr emilie.morin@insa-rouen.fr
TAU	Jörg Langwaldt	jorg.langwaldt@tuni.fi
TUL	Agnieszka Tiele	agnieszka.tiele@p.lodz.pl
UAB	Myra Ronzoni	myra.ronzoni@uab.cat
UAveiro	Ângela Espinha	research@ua.pt
UT	Flavia Carvalho de Souza Liv Hassinger	f.carvalhodesouza-1@utwente.nl o.hassinger@utwente.nl

3.7 Online applications

SP1 Applications should be sent via the Google form at [this link](#).

SP2 Applications should be sent via the Google form at [this link](#).

The application form is composed of two parts:

- The General and administrative information on the proposal
- The core proposal and the budget (to be uploaded online)

3.8 Evaluation of the proposals

There will be one single final evaluation panel for SP1, and one single final evaluation panel for SP2.

The process will be as follows:

- Each proposal will be evaluated by three independent evaluators
- The three evaluators will report back to the evaluation panel

- Every single panel will propose the ranking of the Seed Programme proposals, to be approved and to be rejected
- The ranking will be approved by the VPR group members from the participating institutions.

Conflicts of interest need to be avoided in the evaluation panels. Evaluators can be affiliated with an applying institution. However, if the evaluator is a direct team-member from the same research group, a contributor or co-author of the submitted proposal, the evaluator will be excluded from the evaluation panel.

3.9 Support to applicants and management of the Seed Programme

For assistance, information and questions regarding this call, applicants may contact the ECIU EU Funding Advisor Laura Paternoster, through the email: research.innovation@eciu.eu.

The management of this Seed Programme (e.g., promote the call; organise the panels, inform the VPR group and the applicants) will be done centrally at the ECIU Central office. Each ECIU participating institution is committed to promoting the ECIU programme within its own institution. Each ECIU participating institution has one contact person to handle the local finances around the programme.

3.10 Funding mechanism

All funds to the selected projects will be made from each ECIU institution to its affiliated researchers.

3.11 Technical reporting

The Seed project coordinator must submit a final technical report within 30 days after the end of the action (see template in Annex 4), including a proposal on how the performed activities could be sustained after the duration of the project via EU or other funding opportunities. The technical reports will be submitted by email, in PDF format, to research.innovation@eciu.eu

3.12 Financial reporting

The rules for the financial reporting depend on each ECIU Institution, and a financial report needs to be submitted locally to the financial contact point indicated by each ECIU Institution.

3.13 Timeline

When	What	Who	Comments
21st May 2026	VPR group members of the participating institutions confirm the guidelines for the	ECIU Central Office	

	ECIU Seed Programme and the funding criteria		
By 15th June 2026	Call launched	ECIU Central Office and all partners	Participating universities will actively promote the call
July – November 2026	ECIU Central Office and contact person at each partner are available for questions from applicants	VP Research/Contact person	Contact people for questions are also listed in the call/web. Central contact: research.innovation@eciu.eu
30th November 2026	Submission deadline through the online form for all proposals for SP1 and SP2	Applicants	
By 15th December 2026	Eligibility check	ECIU Central Office	
By 18th December 2026	Set up of the evaluation panels and invitation to specific briefing meetings of the SP1 and SP2 Evaluation Panels	ECIU Central Office	
Mid-January – Mid-February 2027	Evaluation Period	Evaluation Panels	
End of February 2027	Online Meetings Evaluation Panels SP1 and SP2	ECIU Central Office	
By 8th March 2027	Final List for the SP1 and SP2 projects approved by the VPR group members of participating institutions	ECIU Central Office/VPR group	
By 10th March 2027	Communication to the applicants	Central Office	
By 15th June 2027	Potential starting date for the projects	Applicants	
Max four weeks after termination of the project	Final financial Report (template) needs to be sent to the contact person at each institution	Applicants and contact person at each institution	
Max four weeks after termination of the project	Technical Report (template) needs to be sent to research.innovation@eciu.eu .	Applicants and Central Office	

Annex 1 – Research Fields

Research Field: Circular Economy

1. Reuse (and recycling) of challenging waste fractions, such as multi-materials/composites and critical materials in the European context
2. Development of biological, thermal, physical and chemical technologies for resource recovery.
3. Investigate the impact of consumer behavioural change on the environmental, economic, and social aspects of a product's life-cycle.
4. Circular-oriented innovation
5. Disassembling of the product at end of life for component reuse
6. Development of products for the circular economy
7. Effects of legislation and business models on circular economy solutions and the drivers and barriers regarding legislation at the national and EU level.
8. Materials, such as Polymers, Construction materials and critical raw materials
9. Acceptance of different solutions, e.g., markets for nutrient products recovered from waste streams.
10. Execution and implementation of circular economy principles within an organization
11. Recovery of resources, e.g., nutrients, metals, carbon, and/or energy, from industrial, municipal and agricultural waste streams
12. How to integrate CE-thinking into the development work (for example, C2C innovation and stage-gate innovation work)
13. Circular construction
14. Sustainable exploitation of mineral raw materials (no more mining wastes; integral use of low-grades)
15. Food waste recycling and food waste valorization

Research Field: Citizen Science

This call adheres to the definition of Citizen Science provided by the European Citizen Science Association ([ECSA](#)):

„Citizen science projects actively involve citizens in scientific endeavours that generate new knowledge or understanding.“

Research Field: Digital Transformation

1. Digital literacy and fluency
2. Data & AI for Responsible Learning
3. Cybersecurity and digital safety
4. Digital service and process design
5. Change and innovation in digital contexts

Field: Energy and Sustainability

1. Climate-resilient energy sector
2. Encourage the producers to decrease the consumption of virgin raw materials
3. Renewable sources of energy & integration of renewables in the energy system
4. Decarbonization of the power sector toward net-zero emissions by 2020
5. Whole life cycle analysis.
6. The role of civil society and social movements in energy transitions
7. Social sustainability in the logistics sector and resource depletion for manufacturing processes
8. Citizen engagement targeting bringing the public on as a champion of research in this area to help "motivate" political policy
9. Embodied energy of products
10. Smart design of optimal and reliable energy systems
11. Reliability and Safety Study of Energy Systems
12. International provision chains for renewable energies
13. Energy storage
14. Transformative innovation perspectives
15. Resilient any-scenario communication networks

Research Field: Health&Wellbeing

1. Health promotion and prevention
2. Mental health and psychosocial support
3. Environmental health and sustainability
4. Health equity and access
5. Digital health and wellbeing technologies

Research Field: Transport and Mobility

1. Autonomous Driving and Smart Mobility. Create Methods for Multi-Sensor-Based Road Scene Analysis

2. Artificial intelligence for mobility and transport prediction
3. Artificial Intelligence for Logistics Management
4. Urban transport in the post-COVID era
5. Zero-emission public transportation
6. Smart design of optimal and reliable systems
7. Shareconomy in logistics (Uberization of trucking, car sharing, crowdsourced logistics, platform, etc.)
8. Fully integrated multi-modal mobility options with transportation delay predictions and mobility apps from public administrations
9. Electric vehicles
10. Better use of travel card data for optimization
11. Sharing and utilization of real-time data in supply chains
12. Development and evaluation of integrated concepts in mobility and land use planning
13. Digitalisation of urban transport (shared mobility, mobility as a service), and its societal impacts
14. Walkability and emotions in urban environments
15. Bikeability – from car-dependency to soft mobility

Research Field: Resilient Communities

1. Trade-offs between resilience and equity/justice
2. Co-creation of practices facilitating resilient communities
3. Social health of communities & social capital (social networks, social trust, reciprocity norms)
4. Citizen participation
5. Employ scenario-building to stimulate community engagement in co-creating sustainable and smart communities
6. Renewable energy production balanced with consumption in a localised community-focused manner
7. Power relations in a resilient community: between members, between the community and authorities, between the community and society more generally
8. Urban infrastructures risks due to extreme events => nature-based solutions
9. Building on a broad range of stakeholder/community/professional experiences to ensure dealing with the most difficult problem for sustainability

10. Reuse and adaptation of the built stock to both climate change and social change
11. City-regions as key contexts for building resilient urban futures
12. Collective action problems associated with community adaptation and resilience
13. Hybrid governance solutions that involve communities, governments, and market-based arrangements
14. Multimodality in urban resilient transport systems (car, cycling, shared mobility, public transport)
15. Citizen science/crowd-sourced science

The above-mentioned subtopics are indicative, and additional ones can be added provided they can be linked to the specific Research Field.

Annex 2 – Funding rules

The table below summarises the funding rules of the Seed Programme for each ECIU Institution

ECIU Institution	Specific eligibility criteria	Max contribution per project	Eligibility of external partners for funding? (Y/N)
DCU	SP1: maximum No. 2 projects will be funded (max 1 within one research field) SP2: maximum No. 3 projects will be funded (max 1 within one research field). Possible transfer of funds between categories (SP1 vs SP2) may occur if insufficient applications are received.	Maximum contribution per project: SP1 – 6.000 €/each project SP2 – 11.000 €/each project	N
INSA	(SP2 only), – Max 1 project per INSA institution after approval by each involved INSA Research Director by the end of August 2025	35.000 € maximum for SP2 (5.000 € per INSA) to cover the cost of Master's internships	N
KTU	i) The participation of PhDs and/or Master students is mandatory ii) Maximum one project (SP1 or SP2) will be funded in each of the 7 research fields indicated in Annex 1	Max contribution per project: SP1 – € 7.000 per project coordinated by KTU – € 5.000 per project with KTU participation SP2 – € 13.000 per project coordinated by KTU – € 10.000 per project with KTU participation	N

ECIU Institution	Specific eligibility criteria	Max contribution per project	Eligibility of external partners for funding? (Y/N)
TAU	SP1: maximum No. 2 projects will be funded (max 1 within one research field) SP2: maximum No. 2 projects will be funded (max 1 within one research field). Possible transfer of funds between categories (SP1 vs SP2) may occur.	Maximum contribution per project: SP1 – 6.000 €/each project SP2 – 12.000 €/each project SP1 total: € 12.000 SP2 total: € 24.000 Total: € 36.000	N
TUL	SP1: maximum 2 projects will be funded (max 1 within one research field) SP2: maximum 3 projects will be funded (max 1 within one research field). Possible transfer of funds between categories (SP1 vs SP2) may occur ²	Maximum contribution per project: SP1 – 6.000 €/each project SP2 – 11.000 €/each project	N
UAB	The participation of Ph.D. and/or master's students is mandatory. At maximum, the total contribution of the call is 34.000€, considering both SP1 and SP2	Max contribution per project: <u>SP1:</u> – € 7.000 per project coordinated by UAB – € 5.000 per project with UAB participation <u>SP2:</u> – € 12.000 per project coordinated by UAB	Y: Travel and subsistence costs of regional external stakeholders are eligible

² Transfer possible under the following circumstances: (i) lack of submitted and eligible proposals within a category; (ii) insufficient number of proposals within one of SPs (e.g. 1 in SP1; 4 in SP2). In the case of the latter the financial resources may be reallocated from SP1 to SP2 to cover the costs of 1 of the 4 the cheapest eligible and selected proposals. If the cost of the proposal exceeds the maximum value of SP1 contribution, the remaining costs may be covered by TUL upon the grantee's request with reasonable justification, not exceeding the amount of € 3.800. Vice versa, if SP1 has three proposals and SP2 has two proposals, the transfer should be based on a proportion basis. In case of a smaller number of eligible proposals in both SPs (four or less), there is an option to increase the financial contribution for those eligible. Each time the increase is conditioned upon the reasonable justification of additional costs by all grantees. The final decision about additional financial support from TUL shall be taken by TUL and be final and binding; (iii) there are no submissions in one research field and there are more submissions in another field that are highly rated.

ECIU Institution	Specific eligibility criteria	Max contribution per project	Eligibility of external partners for funding? (Y/N)
		- € 10.000 per project with UAB participation	
UAveiro	i) The participation of PhDs and/or Master students is mandatory. ii) Maximum – up to the highest ranked 2 SP1 and 3 SP2 projects, independently of the research fields (indicated in Annex 1)	Max contribution per project: <u>SP1</u> - € 7.000 per project coordinated by UAveiro - € 5.000 per project with UAveiro participation <u>SP2</u> - € 13.000 per project coordinated by UAveiro - € 10.000 per project with UAveiro participation	Y: Travel and subsistence costs of regional external stakeholders are eligible under UAveiro budget.
UT	The participation of Ph.D. and/or master's students is mandatory. SP1: maximum 2 projects will be funded (max 1 within one research field) SP2: maximum 3 projects will be funded (max 1 within one research field). Funded projects must be aligned to the UT's impact domains.	Max contribution per project: <u>SP1:</u> € 7.000 per project coordinated by UT € 5.000 per project with UT participation <u>SP2:</u> € 11.000 per project coordinated by UT € 9.000 per project with UT participation	N

Annex 3 – Templates application forms

TEMPLATE SPI

GENERAL INFORMATION (to be submitted through the online form)

* mandatory fields

- Proposal Acronym*
- Proposal full title (max 200 characters, spaces included) *
- Duration in months (max 24 months) *
- Research field (max 2 to be selected) *
 - Circular Economy
 - Citizen Science
 - Digital Transformation
 - Energy and Sustainability
 - Health&Wellbeing
 - Transport and Mobility
 - Resilient Communities
- Keywords (max 200 characters, spaces included) *
- Proposal abstract (max. 1000 characters, spaces included)*
- Coordinating ECIU institution*

Dropdown menu with only one choice:

Autonomous University of Barcelona (UAB)
 Dublin City University (DCU)
 INSA Group (INSA)
 Kaunas University of Technology (KTU)
 Lodz University of Technology (TUL)
 Tampere University (TAU)
 University of Aveiro (UAveiro)
 University of Twente (UT)

- Family name and first name of the project coordinator *
- Email address of the project coordinator (Please use your institutional email and check if you entered your email correctly: communication re-garding the proposal will be sent to the email provided here)*

- The project coordinator has a doctoral degree * :
 YES
 NO (the project coordinator is not eligible)
- Partner Institutions (dropdown menu with option to select all): *
 Autonomous University of Barcelona (UAB)
 Dublin City University (DCU)
 INSA Group (INSA)
 Kaunas University of Technology (KTU)
 Lodz University of Technology (TUL)
 Tampere University (TAU)
 University of Aveiro (UAveiro)
 University of Twente (UT)
- Family name and first name of the main contact at partner institution 1*
- Email address of the main contact at partner institution 1 (please indicate your institutional email)*
- Department of the main contact at partner institution 1*
- Family name and first name of the main contact at partner institution 2*
- Email address of the main contact at partner institution 2 (please indicate your institutional email)*
- Department of the main contact at partner institution 2*
- Family name and first name of the main contact at partner institution 3 (if applicable)
- Email address of the main contact at partner institution 3 (please indicate your institutional email)
- Department of the main contact at partner institution 3
- In case more than 4 ECIU institutions participate in the SP1 proposal, indicate in this section the family name(s) and first name(s), ECIU institution(s) and Department(s) of the additional main contact(s) at the 5th or more partner institution(s)
- The project coordinator declares that researchers involved in the proposal have not collaborated before on a joint project *
- YES
- Describe the composition of the research team (including the career stage of the researcher, Role, Reference identifier, Type of identifier) and the

complementary strengths for this new collaboration (max. 4000 characters, spaces included)*

- The project includes the participation of non-academic stakeholders*:

YES

NO

- Please indicate the name of the external stakeholders and country/city

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Acronym and title of the proposal

EXCELLENCE

- Describe the objectives and ambition of the proposed workplan (max 5000 characters, spaces included)

- Explain the methodology and the innovative and interdisciplinary nature of the project. Where applicable, elaborate on the engagement of citizens, civil society, and end users in the project) (max 4000 characters, spaces included)

- Describe the quality and appropriateness of knowledge sharing among the participating organisations, including applicable IPR aspects (max 4000 characters, spaces included)

IMPACT

Describe how the project will develop new and lasting research collaborations between participating organisations and contribute to improving research and innovation potential at the ECIU level (max 4000 characters, spaces included)

- Describe the proposed measures to disseminate and communicate the results of the action (max 4000 characters, spaces included)

IMPLEMENTATION

- Provide information about the appropriateness of the management procedures, including risk management, and elaborate on the appropriateness of the institutional environment, including hosting arrangements and infrastructures (max 4000 characters, spaces included)

- Provide a brief and clear explanation regarding the planned use of financial resources(max 4000 characters, spaces included)

TEMPLATE SP2

GENERAL INFORMATION (to be submitted through the online form)

* mandatory fields

GENERAL INFORMATION

Proposal Acronym*

- Proposal full title (max 200 characters, spaces included) *
- Duration in months (max 24 months) *
- Research field (max 2 to be selected) *

Circular Economy

Citizen Science

Digital Transformation

Energy and Sustainability

Health & Wellbeing

Transport and Mobility

Resilient Communities

- Keywords (max 200 characters, spaces included) *
- The proposal is a resubmission of a rejected project from the Seed Programme call 2024 or 2025*

YES

NO

- Proposal abstract (max. 1000 characters, spaces included)*
- Describe the challenge identified with/by external stakeholders and expected impact (max. 1000 characters, spaces included). Consider applying the ECIU challenge-based approach (CBR approach)*
- Coordinating ECIU institution*

Dropdown menu with only one choice:

Autonomous University of Barcelona (UAB)

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INSA Group (INSA)

Kaunas University of Technology (KTU)

Lodz University of Technology (TUL)

Tampere University (TAU)

University of Aveiro (UAveiro)

University of Twente (UT)

- Family name and first name of the project coordinator*
- Email address of the project coordinator (Please use your institutional email and check if you entered your email correctly: communication regarding the proposal will be sent to the email provided here)*
- The project coordinator has a doctoral degree: *

YES

NO (the project coordinator is not eligible)

- Partner Institutions *

Dropdown menu with all options:

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INSA Group (INSA)

Kaunas University of Technology (KTU)

Lodz University of Technology (TUL)

Tampere University (TAU)

University of Aveiro (UAveiro)

University of Twente (UT)

- Family name and first name of the main contact at partner institution 1*
- Email address of the main contact at partner institution 1 (please indicate your institutional email)*
- Department of the main contact at partner institution 1*
- Family name and first name of the main contact at partner institution 2*
- Email address of the main contact at partner institution 2 (please indicate your institutional email)*
- Department of the main contact at partner institution 2*
- Family name and first name of the main contact at partner institution 3 (if applicable)
- Email address of the main contact at partner institution 3 (please indicate your institutional email)
- Department of the main contact at partner institution 3
- In case more than 4 ECIU institutions participate in the SP2 proposal, indicate in this section the family name(s) and first name(s), ECIU institution(s), and Department(s) of the additional main contact(s) at the 5th or more partner institution(s)

- Describe the composition of the research team (including the career stage of the researcher, Role, Reference identifier, Type of identifier) and the complementary strengths (max. 4000 characters, spaces included)*

- The project includes the participation of non-academic stakeholders:*

YES

NO

- Please indicate the name of the external stakeholders and country/city

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Acronym and title of the proposal

EXCELLENCE

- Describe the objectives and ambition of the project (max 5000 characters, spaces included)

- Explain the methodology and the innovative and interdisciplinary nature of the project. Where applicable, elaborate on the engagement of citizens, civil society, and end users in the project, IPR, and in ethics issues and gender dimension in research and innovation content (max 5000 characters, spaces included)

IMPACT

- Explain how the project's results are expected to make a difference in terms of impact, including beyond the immediate scope and duration of the project (max 5000 characters, spaces included)

- Describe the proposed measures to disseminate and communicate the results of the action (max 4000 characters, spaces included)

IMPLEMENTATION

- Please provide information about the quality and effectiveness of the work-plan, including the extent to which it is in line with the objective (max 4000 characters, spaces included)

- Elaborate on the potential risks that may affect the implementation of the project and possible contingency plan (max 4000 characters, spaces included)

- Provide a brief and clear explanation regarding the planned use of financial resources (max 4000 characters, spaces included)

Annex 4 – Template technical report

Summary of the work performed and main results achieved (max. 1 page)

Describe any deviations to the workplan, including financial, and major consequences to the project implementation (max. 1/2 page)

Communication and outreach results

Briefly describe the events organised by the consortium (max. 1 page)

Indicate a proposed funding roadmap to be sustainable for future actions

Results and impact

(delete the items not applicable)

Type	Total (com- plete)	Total (ongo- ing)	Number of ECIU institu- tions in- volved	Number of authors / number of involved re- searchers		Number of non- academic ex- ternal stake- holders	
				Male	Fe- male	Indus- try	Other
Proposals submitted to other funding pro- grammes							
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Citizens Science in- itiatives							
Publica- tions (open access)							
Other pub- lications							

Joint communication and dissemination events							
Other (please specify)							