

EUROPEAN RESEARCH & INNOVATION DAYS

DIGITAL EVENT



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European Research and Innovation Days 2021

Event Questions & Answers

GENERAL INFORMATION

What are the European Research and Innovation Days?

European Research and Innovation Days are the European Commission's annual flagship event on research and innovation. They bring together policymakers, researchers, entrepreneurs and citizens to debate the future of research and innovation in Europe and beyond.

Why should I attend the European Research and Innovation Days?

The European Research and Innovation Days are a unique platform to debate and shape the future of research and innovation in Europe and beyond. This year marks the start of Horizon Europe, our most ambitious EU research and innovation programme ever and will be a decisive moment to strengthen our European Research Area. Cooperation in research and innovation is essential in our recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic and will pave the way to a greener and more digital future. The virtual format will allow ample opportunities to interact and network with speakers and other attendees throughout the event. There are several exciting opportunities to engage:

- **Learning:** In keynote speeches, panels, talks and presentations you will get to hear the latest insights from thought leaders in science and innovation. We will also see how the latest research and innovation can respond to the urgent problems our world is facing.
- **Co-design:** Working together to find solutions is what co-design at the European Research and Innovation Days is all about: people bringing their unique experiences and specialisms together to find solutions to global challenges. This year we will discuss, among the others, the future of the European Research Area, Green Deal, digitalization, Horizon Europe and its novelties such as the EU Missions.

- **Networking:** Advanced networking tools will let you search and connect with attendees with similar interests and even organise virtual meetings.
- **Interaction:** Participants will be able to move around an interactive and responsive platform that will allow to raise your hand and speak, chat with specialists and actively participate to live polling during the two days event.

Who can attend the Research & Innovation Days?

Policymakers, researchers, entrepreneurs and citizens. Participation is open to everyone with an interest in the topic, and is free of charge. Registration is mandatory, and **will be available soon**. Follow our Twitter account [@EUScienceInnov](#) to be updated with all the news on the event.

Want to receive a personal memo with the updates? [Subscribe to our newsletter](#)

Do I need special equipment or requirements to join the event?

The event will be hosted on a web-based platform. You should be able to join with any modern PC and a working internet connection. No special equipment is needed, however it is encouraged to have a webcam in order to enjoy the full experience of the networking features of the event.

Is the event recorded? Will the recordings be available after the event?

Yes, the event is recorded, and the recordings will be available on the event website after the event has taken place.

Our code of conduct

Please check our [code of conduct](#)

HOW CAN I PARTICIPATE?

The virtual event consists of two main areas: the Event Area (which hosts Live Sessions, Workshops, the Horizon Village, the Networking and the Game Zone) and the European Research and Innovation Exhibition featuring over 100 of the best research and innovation projects. Participants will be able to move easily from one area to the other and discover all interactive features available.

LIVE SESSIONS

The two-day event will have a series of plenary and panel sessions that will be broadcasted live and will allow direct and active participation to game-changing talks and conversations with research and innovation leaders.

Plenaries and panel sessions

A series of immersive plenary sessions feature throughout the course of the European Research and Innovation Days. They open thematic discussions and introduce the biggest topics of the event in a format where all participants can come together, watch inspiring speakers and interact with the chat-box.

Five 45-minute panel sessions will follow each plenary session. Plenary sessions will kick-off the talks and conversations that will follow up in the five parallel panel discussions.

Check the [programme](#) to pick your favourite sessions.

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With keynote speakers and special guests who represent the cutting edge of scientific excellence in Europe, coming together virtually with the other attendees to hear about the new ideas and knowledge shaping the future of research and innovation in Europe. This is the place to hear key ideas first and it will set the agenda for further discussions.

Join the conversation

According to the format and design of each session, attendees will be able to ask questions to speakers or moderators and have them answered during the talks. Speakers will sometimes direct questions to the audience, giving you the chance to share your thoughts with the group.

Live polling

Depending on the format and design of each session, polling tools and voting features will be available to allow participants to respond in real-time to questions and polls set by the speakers, giving an instant insight into attendees' opinions on key topics.

Chat-box

During each session, an interactive chat-box will be on hand to offer written interactions with other viewers of the same session. Do you have an instant idea or thought? You can share it in the chat-box and engage with other viewers.

WORKSHOPS

The two-day event will host a series of workshop sessions. All workshops will be virtual-only and, depending on the format, will allow participants to actively interact via a chat-box and live polling functions.

Check the [programme](#) to pick your favourite workshop sessions.

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Workshops will be virtual and accessible directly on the event platform. There is no pre-

registration or booking needed, but each session will allow a maximum of 3000 participants, on a first come, first served basis. So make sure to join them on time!

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HORIZON VILLAGE

The Horizon Village area will host 15 thematic “Houses” that will address the different aspects of Horizon Europe, the new research and innovation programme for 2021-2027. Each of the houses will allow participants to find useful information and material, to interact with a specific chat-box, to play games and to book a meeting with EU representatives.

Thematic houses*:

- European Research Council (ERC)
- Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA)
- European Research Infrastructures
- Horizon Europe Cluster 1 – Health
- Horizon Europe Cluster 2 – Culture, Creativity & Inclusive Society
- Horizon Europe Cluster 3 – Civil Security for Society
- Horizon Europe Cluster 4 – Digital, Industry & Space
- Horizon Europe Cluster 5 – Climate, Energy & Mobility

- Horizon Europe Cluster 6 – Food, Bioeconomy, Natural Resources, Agriculture & Environment
- European Innovation Council (EIC)
- European Institute of Innovation & Technology (EIT)
- Widening participation and strengthening the European Research Area (ERA)
- Joint Research Centre (JRC)
- International Cooperation and Association
- Horizon Europe: A-Z of a successful participation

**Titles of the houses may be subject to changes.*

NETWORKING AREA

A dedicated networking area with advanced networking tools will let you search and connect with attendees with similar interests and even organise bilateral virtual meetings with other participants.

EUROPEAN RESEARCH AND INNOVATION EXHIBITION

The European Research and Innovation Exhibition will present you over 100 of the best research and innovation projects.

Interactive thematic Panoramas, videos, podcast and games will allow all visitors to enter the world of research and innovation.

The future of research and innovation is here, discover it! Visit the European Research and Innovation Exhibition.

R&I DAYS GAMES ZONE

The two days event will present participants with a series of interactive games.

A specific Game Zone is available on the platform, together with games present in the Horizon Village area.

Quizzes, treasure hunts and clues across the event platform aim to foster further engagement and to add to the interactive experience of the event.

THE CO-DESIGN AND CITIZEN ENGAGEMENT APPROACH

The Research and Innovation Days event puts citizens and stakeholders' involvement at the centre. From live sessions to workshops and other activities of the event, a co-design and a citizen engagement approach is at the heart of the programme. The activities will be in a co-design format, where participants will contribute to the discussions and shape the best way forward. The event aims to present and inform about the European research and innovation efforts, but also to listen to ideas and collect valuable feedback from a wide range of audiences, including citizens.