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Technical Assistance for Türkiye in Horizon Europe Project

EIC Pathfinder Challenges Info Day

Date	Monday, August 24, 2026
Time	14:00 – 18:00
Trainer	Eva García Muntión
Venue	Online / Zoom

About the Info Day

At the end of the seminar, the attendees:

- Delve into the philosophy of the HE-EIC-Pathfinder instrument (what it really seeks, from the scientific, strategic and pro-entrepreneurship perspectives), its critical aspects of success and the importance of its positioning in the portfolio of public support instruments for R&I of the EIC.
- Learn how to design R&I project ideas that serve as a basis for the preparation of project proposals to be submitted to the HE-EIC-Pathfinder Programme, and be aware of the importance of this phase for success.
- Understand the different sections and main concepts of an HE-EIC-Pathfinder proposal, as well as the guide for applicants provided by the EIC, by studying a real case.

Agenda

Time (TRT)	Name of Sessions
14:00 – 15:00	Introduction a) Objectives of the session and introduction to the concepts that will be covered. b) Navigating the relevant aspects of the HE-EIC-Pathfinder programme: • <i>Strategic objectives of the instrument and its key aspects of success (expert checklist).</i> • <i>Content structure of the proposal and evaluation process. Example from a real case.</i> • <i>Key concepts: what exactly does it mean, in the context of the EIC (different from other areas of HE), the Science to technology breakthrough and that the projects need to have a vision? Examples from real cases.</i> • <i>Positioning in the double scale used by the EIC of TRLs (Technology Readiness Levels) and BRLs (Business Readiness Levels), and their use for the definition of the project, the work to be developed, and the contents in section Impact. Example from a real case.</i>



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	• <i>EIC Pathfinder Open vs EIC Pathfinder Challenges: Deep and formal differences with examples from real cases.</i> • <i>EIC Portfolios and the Pathfinder Challenges programme.</i>
15:00 – 15:30	EIC Pathfinder Challenges “Advanced Materials For Miniaturised Energy Harvesting Systems” • <i>Slow and deep reading of the scope of the challenge.</i> • <i>Related portfolio shape (expert analysis).</i>
15:30 – 15:45	Coffee Break
15:45 – 16:15	EIC Pathfinder Challenges “Biotechnology For Healthy Ageing” • <i>Slow and deep reading of the scope of the challenge.</i> • <i>Related portfolio shape (expert analysis).</i>
16:15 – 16:45	EIC Pathfinder Challenges “DeepRAP: Deep Reasoning, Abstraction & Planning towards trustworthy Cognitive AI Systems” • <i>Slow and deep reading of the scope of the challenge.</i> • <i>Related portfolio shape (expert analysis).</i>
16:45 – 17:15	Tools And Processes for Building EIC Pathfinder Project Ideas • <i>Basic principles for the preparation of R&I proposals. Consortium interdisciplinarity in EIC Pathfinder Open; High risk / High gain approach & Deep technology.</i> • <i>Other contents in the proposal: Specific, measurable and relevant challenges; Gender mainstreaming; IP; Risks.</i>
17:15 – 17:45	Success Stories from Türkiye
17:45 – 18:15	Managing Lump Sum Funding Within EIC Pathfinder Projects • <i>Main concepts.</i> • <i>Excel tools and working processes.</i> • <i>Transference into the proposal’s work plan.</i>
18:15	Closure

Timing is indicative and is kept flexible to allow room for discussions and questions.