

European Innovation Council 2024 EIC Pathfinder Challenges Info Day

The European Innovation Council (EIC) kindly invites you to its Info Day on the 2024 EIC Pathfinder Challenges. This Info Day takes place within the framework of the R&I Week, right after the EIC Summit 2024.

During the Info Day, after some general presentations the EIC Programme Managers Carina Faber, Franc Mouwen, Ivan Stefanic, Isabel Obieta and Stela Tkatchova will present in parallel sessions their 2024 EIC Pathfinder Challenges. Please find the draft agenda below.

After the presentations from the Programme Managers, the participants in each of the parallel sessions will have the possibility to briefly (2–5 minutes) present their ideas for a project on the topic of the session and/or describe their competences relevant to the Challenge of interest, in order to explore the possibilities for joint work with other participants.

Only the general presentations of the Info Day will be livestreamed. All sessions, both general and Challenge-specific, will be recorded and made available for viewing afterwards.

Date: 20 March 2024 **Time**: 8.30 – 13:00 CET

Location: Boulevard Simon Bolivar 34, 1000 Brussels, Floor 13

Draft Agenda

08:30 - 09:00	Arrival and registration	
09:00 - 09:10	Welcome ^{L&R}	Anne-Marie SASSEN, HoU EIC Programme Managers office, EISMEA
09:10- 09:45	EIC Pathfinder – Introduction and evaluation, $Q&A^{L\&R}$	Bart VAN CAENEGEM, HoS, EIC Pathfinder unit, EISMEA
09:45 - 09:55	Challenge Portfolio activities ^{L&R}	Iordanis ARZIMANOGLOU, EIC Programme Manager, EISMEA
09:55 – 10:15	Tech to Market opportunities ^{L&R}	Eva BALTAR, EIC Tech to Market activities, EISMEA
10:15 – 10:30	Presentation by a successful Pathfinder Challenges project coordinator ^{L&R}	To be announced later
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee break	

Pathfinder Challenge 1:^R

Solar-to-X devices for the decentralized prosumption of renewable fuels, chemicals and materials as climate change mitigation pathway.

Carina FABER, Programme Manager, EISMEA

Matchmaking sessions:*

Opportunity for participants to briefly present their ideas for projects and their competences.

Pathfinder Challenge 2:R

Towards cement and concrete as a carbon sink.

Matchmaking sessions:*

Opportunity for participants to briefly present their ideas for projects and their competences.

Franc MOUWEN, Programme Manager, EISMEA

Pathfinder Challenge 3:R

Nature inspired alternatives for food packaging and films for agriculture.

11:00 - 13:00

Matchmaking sessions:*

Opportunity for participants to briefly present their ideas for projects and their competences.

Ivan STEFANIC, Programme Manager, EISMEA

Pathfinder Challenge 4:^R

Nanoelectronics for energy-efficient smart edge devices.

Matchmaking sessions:*

Opportunity for participants to briefly present their ideas for projects and their competences.

Isabel OBIETA, Programme Manager, EISMEA

Pathfinder Challenge 5:R

Strengthening the sustainability and resilience of EU space infrastructure.

Matchmaking sessions:*

Opportunity for participants to briefly present their ideas for projects and their competences.

Stela TKATCHOVA, Programme Manager, EISMEA

13:00 Closure

R = recorded

^{*}If you want to make use of this opportunity, please indicate it in the registration form. Closer to the date we will confirm the order of the presentations and request the slides from the participants.