European Innovation Council

EIC Pathfinder Masterclass
Institutes of the Polish Academy of Sciences

20th MARCH 2025

Institute of Physics PAS

al. Lotników 32/46, Warsaw

EVENT OVERVIEW

The EIC Pathfinder Masterclass aims to enhance the Polish innovation ecosystem by providing detailed insights and practical guidance on the European Innovation Council (EIC) Pathfinder instrument. This event will bring together key representatives from the Polish innovation landscape, researchers, and innovators to discuss support mechanisms and strategies for successful grant applications. The EIC Pathfinder Masterclass is designed to provide comprehensive support and guidance to Polish researchers and innovators, fostering a robust innovation ecosystem and enhancing the success rate of EIC Pathfinder grant applications.

In order to maximise the positive impact of the event on participants and to enable both discussion and hands-on learning, the event was divided into three parts:

Polish Innovation Landscape & its synergies with EIC Ecosystem – an overview of the current state and policies of the Polish innovation.

EIC Pathfinder Information Session - Support for PAS Applicants – presentations by applicants, evaluators, and funding body representatives, focus on application processes. Detailed information on EIC support mechanisms, focusing on the EIC Pathfinder instrument.

Masterclass on EIC Pathfinder Applications – participants present project ideas and relevant competences. Practical tips for preparing successful EIC Pathfinder proposals and Expert guidance on application steps, strengths, and weaknesses. Personalized feedback and pitching opportunities are also forecast.

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11:00 – 11:15 AM

01 WELCOME WORDS

- **Dr Tomasz Poprawka**, PolSCA PAS Office in Brussels
- **Prof. Krzysztof Pawłowski**, Director of the Center for Theoretical Physics PAS
- **Prof. Leszek Sirko**, Director of the Institute of Physics PAS

11:15 – 12:00 AM

02 POLISH INNOVATION LANDSCAPE & ITS SYNERGIES WITH EIC ECOSYSTEM

- **Dr Marcelina Firkowska,** Foundation for Polish Science
- **Prof. Jerzy Langer**, EIC Ambassador in Poland
- **Q&As session**

12:00 – 13:30 PM

03 EIC PATHFINDER INFORMATION SESSION - SUPPORT FOR PAS APPLICANTS

Information from the EIC:

- **Dr Grzegorz Ambroziewicz,** Deputy Head of Unit, European Innovation Council and SMEs Executive Agency, European Commission
- **Q&As session**

Applicants & evaluators' experience:

- **Prof. Barbara Piętka,** University of Warsaw (PolART Project Coordinator)
- **Prof. Michał Matuszewski,** Centre for Theoretical Physics PAS / Institute of Physics PAS (PolART, QUONDENSATE; Q-ONE Projects Partner)
- **Prof. Daniel Gryko,** Institute of Organic Chemistry PAS (APACE Project Partner)
- **Prof. Małgorzata Zimniewska,** Natural Fibers and Circular Bioeconomy EIC Expert
- **Prof. Marian Marciniak,** National Institute of Telecommunications
- **Q&As session**

13:30 – 14:30 PM

04 LUNCH BREAK

14:30 – 16:30 PM

05 MASTERCLASS ON EIC PATHFINDER APPLICATIONS (HOSTED BY NCBR/KPK)

- **EISMEA Expert:** Dr Grzegorz Ambroziewicz
- **NCP Experts:** Mr Piotr Olszowski, Ms Milena Żuchowska
- **Applicants:** Prof. Barbara Piętka & Prof. Michał Matuszewski (Physics & Engineering), Prof. Daniel Gryko (Chemistry & Material Sciences)
- **Evaluators:** Prof. Małgorzata Zimniewska, (Material Engineering) / Prof. Marian Marciniak (Engineering Sciences)

16:30 PM

06 CLOSING OF THE EVENT

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