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22 June 2026 | 8:30 – 12:45

A. Kochanovská lecture hall  
Pod Vodárenskou věží 1, Praha 8

## Grant Office

invites to seminar

# Get ready for EIC Pathfinder Open and Challenges 2026/2027

Years 2026/2027 are the last two years of the Framework Programme of European Commission – Horizon Europe. This means that the next FP for 2028-2034 is already in the making and some of the ideas and tools are already being piloted.

In this seminar, you will learn about the European Innovation Council (EIC) and its Pathfinder programme, what is the difference between its two forms - EIC Open and EIC Challenges – and how to exploit them. The Czech representative for EIC Michaela Vlková, the EIC programme manager for “Advanced Materials for Miniaturised Energy Harvesting Systems” Challenge Paolo Bondavalli, our very own EIC evaluator and a Task leader in one of the FZU EIC Pathfinder Open projects will join in to share their insights and answer your questions.

EIC Pathfinder funds research at TRL level 1-4.

By the end of the day, you should have an idea what the EIC programme entails and how to approach the application preparation.

Book your place at [booking.fzu.cz](https://booking.fzu.cz)



**8.30 – 8.50**

Registration

**8.50 – 9.00**

Introduction

**9.00 – 10.05**

EIC programme – Focus EIC Open  
with Michaela Vlková

**10.05 – 10.35**

EIC Pathfinder Task leading  
with Scott Lynn

**10.35 – 11.00**

Coffee Break

**11.00 – 11.30**

EIC Pathfinder Open – evaluator’s insight  
with Elena Buixaderas

**11.30 – 12.05**

EIC Pathfinder – Focus EIC Challenges  
with Michaela Vlková

**12.05 – 12.45**

EIC Pathfinder Challenge „Advanced  
Materials for Miniaturised Energy  
Harvesting Systems“  
with Paolo Bondavalli