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LATEST NEWS

Endurance, high resolve, resilience: how four years of war have changed Kyiv Polytechnic

Reflecting on the fourth anniversary of Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine – the so-called “special military operation” that was supposed to last mere days, **Andrii Shysholin**, Vice-Rector of the Igor Sikorsky Kyiv Polytechnic Institute, wrote in LinkedIn post that the war burst into university life all at once. At first, it was a chain of urgent decisions: evacuating international students, nonstop phone calls, and responsibility for the people who could not be neglected even for an hour. Strategy came later. In those days, there was only action. [Read more](#)



Kyiv Polytechnic, Israeli government to launch joint training programme

The first working meeting with **Sonya Ishchenko**, Chief of Staff of the Israel's Ministry of Regional Cooperation, and representatives of the Embassy of the State of Israel in Ukraine took place at the Igor Sikorsky Kyiv Polytechnic Institute. During the meeting, the discussion focused on organising a joint programme of trilateral professional training for young people in

cybersecurity and innovation, with the participation of Israeli specialists. [Read more](#)

Rector speaks at PARTNERS MEETUP 2026

The administration of Igor Sikorsky Kyiv Polytechnic Institute participated in PARTNERS MEETUP 2026, organised by the UN Global Compact Network Ukraine in partnership with the UK government within the *Ukraine Energy Initiative*. The event served as a space for dialogue between business, government and international stakeholders on the recovery and green transformation of Ukraine's energy sector. Rector **Anatolii Melnychenko** was a speaker at the panel discussion '*Human Capital*'. [Read more](#)



Kyiv Polytechnic expands partnership in humanitarian demining

A meeting with representatives of the UA National Mine Action Centre and Denmark's non-profit organisation Copenhagen Hazard Mapping took place at the Igor Sikorsky Kyiv Polytechnic Institute. The key topic of the meeting was the AI-Powered Predictive Hazard Mapping for Mine Action Pilot Project, which Kyiv Polytechnic is supposed to carry out in cooperation with Danish partners. The joint project provides for the use of innovative technologies and AI to pinpoint areas contaminated with dangerously explosive objects. [Read more](#)

COLLABORATION WITH ALLIANCES

United across Europe: joint Erasmus+ amendments from higher education community

On 18 February 2026, organisations representing Europe's higher education institutions, universities of science and technology, and the student community presented a coordinated set of amendments to the European Commission's proposal for the next Erasmus+ Programme (2028–2034). These amendments call for a strengthened Programme with a minimum budget of €60 billion, transparent sectoral allocations, reinforced governance through the committee procedure, and structured synergies with Horizon Europe and the European Competitiveness Fund. [Read more](#)



CESAER delivers invited contribution to European Parliament consultation on Erasmus+ 2028–2034

At the European Parliament's consultation on Erasmus+ 2028–2034 held on 28 January 2026, CESAER Advisor **Touko Närhi** gave a speech underlining that Europe's human capital determines its long-term success, calling for a stable, well-resourced programme that can deliver on strategic priorities. [Read more](#)

Join new ATHENA Staff Week in Orléans, France

ATHENA European University invites administrative staff from all partner institutions to take part in an enriching International Staff Week hosted by the University of Orléans. Designed for professionals working in student services—including health, sports, culture, disability support, career development, and related fields—this event offers an immersive opportunity to explore innovative approaches to student well-being. From **24–27 March 2026**, participants will engage in hands-on job shadowing, collaborative workshops, and



cultural experiences, gaining valuable insights to strengthen student support services across the ATHENA network. [Read more](#)



Advanced Imaging Techniques: From Data Acquisition to Deep Learning

ATHENA is pleased to support the Spring School “*Advanced Imaging Techniques: From Data Acquisition to Deep Learning*,” an intensive five-day training programme dedicated to modern imaging methods and image processing, from fundamental concepts to cutting-edge applications. Organised by **Rafael Gregorio Mendes** and **Cécile Louchet**, this Spring School will take place from **18 May to 22 May 2026**, in Orléans, France, at the Physics-Chemistry Building (ICMN/CNRS) and the MACLE microscopy platform of the University of Orléans. Application deadline: **4 May 2026**. [Read more](#)

Frameworks of reference for the protection and promotion of academic freedom: institutional, national and supra-national.

What works best?

Organized jointly by UNICA and the School of Education, Communication and Society of King’s College London, through GOAF – the Global Observatory on Academic Freedom, Higher Education CAPITALs will take place in London on **7-8 May 2026**. It brings together higher education leaders, researchers, public authorities and media representatives from Europe and beyond, to identify and discuss difficult, important and often neglected contemporary issues that are of key relevance for universities and the communities they serve.

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36th UNICA General Assembly, Rectors' Seminar on 'Cooperation with Latin America'

Save the date for the 36th UNICA General Assembly and Rectors' Seminar. From **24 to 26 June 2026**, the highest body of the network is heading to Alcalá de Henares, in Madrid, for its annual meeting. Hosted by the University of Alcalá, the event is paired with a Rectors' Seminar which will focus on "*Cooperation with Latin America*". This is a significant theme that aligns with UNICA's strategic vision of fostering cooperation beyond Europe to help build a more inclusive, equitable, and globally connected academic ecosystem. [Read more](#)



VISITS



WINS Test Centre opens at INTE

A delegation from the Vienna-based World Institute for Nuclear Security (WINS) visited the Igor Sikorsky Kyiv Polytechnic Institute on 16 February 2026. The highlight of the visit was the inauguration of the WINS Test Centre at the university's Institute of Nuclear and Thermal Energy (INTE). Rector **Anatolii Melnychenko**, Vice-Rector **Andrii Shysholin**, as well as representatives of the university administration and the INTE teaching staff warmly welcomed the guests. [Read more](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS



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The 13th International Conference “*Environmental Engineering*” will be hosted by Lithuania’s Vilnius Gediminas Technical University on **23–24 April 2026**. The Conference gathers scientists, engineers, managers and professionals from around the world to sum up the achievements and to highlight the problems. This event makes for an exclusive environment to meet colleagues, to exchange knowledge and experience, as well as to extend your list of contacts. [Read more](#)

The *Sikorsky Challenge Ukraine* Innovation Ecosystem, in partnership with Melville Sikorsky Challenge Accelerator (MSCA), will hold the final stage of the International Innovation Projects Competition in Lviv from **29 to 30 April 2026**. The three main areas of focus of the Competition are (i) defence and security; (ii) biomedical engineering and healthcare; and (iii) renewable energy and energy security. The final date for entry into the Competition is **31 March 2026**. [Read more](#)



The **2026 IEEE 43rd International Conference on Electronics and Nanotechnology (ELNANO)** will take place within the framework of IEEE Kyiv Polytechnic Week at the Igor Sikorsky Kyiv Polytechnic Institute on **27–30 April 2026**. Well-known professionals, and postgraduates from Armenia, Brazil, Czech Republic, Estonia, Germany, India, Italy, South Korea, Latvia, Lithuania, Mexico, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, Spain, Switzerland, Ukraine, United Kingdom, United States and other countries, traditionally participate in the event. Starting 2013, ELNANO is owned by the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) and organised by the IEEE

Ukraine Section and its Subunits, as well as Kyiv Polytechnic. [Read more](#)



International conference on renewable energy scheduled for May 2026

The 27th International Scientific and Practical Conference. The event will take place on **20-22 May 2026**. The theme of the conference will be “*Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency in the 21st Century.*” This event gathers researchers, industry professionals, policymakers, representatives of educational institutions, investors, and international partners. [Read more](#)

The Perspektywy Women in Tech Summit 2026 – the most empowering, energetic, inspiring, and boldest event in Europe and Asia for women in STEM, Tech & IT – will take place on **10 and 11 June 2026** in Warsaw. This hybrid event will feature a thought-provoking conference and career fairs for women. [Read more](#)



July 6-17, 2026

Ossolineum
Wroclaw, Poland



Call for Applications 2026

Building on the successes of the 2024 and 2025 iterations of the Translating Ukraine Summer Institute — and recognising the continuing precarity of living conditions and professional development experienced by Ukrainian translators in the fourth year of the heinous Russian aggression, — the University of Alberta’s Canadian Institute of Ukrainian Studies (CIUS), the Ukrainian Research Institute at Harvard University, and the Yale Ukrainian Program at Yale University, among others, are launching the third international Translating Ukraine Summer Institute that will be held in Wroclaw, Poland, on **6-17 July 2026**. The organisers are inviting all eligible candidates to apply for this training and professional development opportunity. [Read more](#)

REMARKABLE DATES & HOLIDAYS IN UKRAINE

Ukraine is a land rich in culture and tradition, where every season brings a kaleidoscope of celebrations, from ancient customs to modern commemorations. Whether it is the embroidered elegance of **Vyshyvanka Day**, the solemn remembrance of the **Heavenly Hundred**, the jubilant **Independence Day** celebrations or the joyful promise of spring on **Annunciation**, each date reveals a story deeply rooted in faith, resilience, and heritage. [Read more](#)



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