



# KYIV POLYTECHNIC NEWSLETTER

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## LATEST NEWS



### **Winners, nominees of essay contest receive awards**

An awards ceremony was held at the Igor Sikorsky Kyiv Polytechnic Institute to recognise the nominees and winners of the student essay contest “*Startup Diplomacy: Ukraine and Azerbaijan in Building Innovation Partnership,*” organised under the auspices of the Embassy of the Republic of Azerbaijan in Ukraine. In their essays, Kyiv Polytechnic students explored the interaction of diplomacy, technologies and innovations in nation’s development, the protection of national interests and the strengthening of international partnerships. [Read more](#)

## On Japan Emperor's birthday, Kyiv Polytechnic team takes part in festivities

It was a great honour for representatives of the Ukraine-Japan Centre at the Igor Sikorsky Kyiv Polytechnic Institute to join in celebrations on the occasion of the 66th birthday of Emperor **Naruhito** of Japan. This momentous occasion has reflected not only respect for traditions, but also the firm bonds of friendship between Ukrainian and Japanese peoples, which are strengthening at this challenging time. [Read more](#)



## 'Safe Distance' event dedicated to HMA technologies

The Igor Sikorsky Kyiv Polytechnic Institute became both a platform and an active actor in the round table themed "*Safe Distance*," centred round the use of remote sensing systems to detect dangerously explosive objects in the field of humanitarian mine action (HMA). These technologies minimise explosive ordnance risks to people and speed up the surveying of hazardous areas. [Read more](#)

## Kyiv Polytechnic receives additional grant support from AWS

The cloud-computing provider Amazon Web Services (AWS) has awarded the Igor Sikorsky Kyiv Polytechnic Institute a second grant since the start of Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine. In 2022, the university received its first emergency grant, which enabled it to swiftly migrate its infrastructure to a cloud environment. [Read more](#)



PUBLICATIONS



## Lessons from Kyiv on linking civilian and dual-use research

Europe should design FP10 and security-related funding around project-level rules rather than institutional labels, says Vice-Rector **Andrii Shysholin**. Since the full-scale Russian invasion of Ukraine in 2022, combining civilian, dual-use and security-oriented research has been an operational necessity at the Igor Sikorsky Kyiv Polytechnic Institute. [Read more](#)

## COLLABORATION WITH ALLIANCES

### Designing ECF: Key elements, FP10–ECF interface

On 25 February 2026, CESAER published a joint statement on the European Competitiveness Fund (ECF), together with the Coimbra Group, the European University Association, EU-LIFE, The Guild, LERU and YERUN. From CESAER's perspective, the ECF's greatest added value will be to strengthen Europe's capacity to scale advanced technologies, reinforce cross-border innovation ecosystems and invest in the talent pipelines that underpin long-term competitiveness. Universities of science and technology are central actors in this system, operating across the full knowledge value chain and connecting research, education, industry and society. [Read more](#)



### Designing the European Competitiveness Fund: Key elements and the FP10–ECF interface



### 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. [Read more](#)

## 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



## Kyiv Polytechnic deepens scientific cooperation with RTU

From 12 to 16 January 2026, Associate Professor **Oleksandr Bondarenko** of the Department of Electronic Devices and Systems at the Igor Sikorsky Kyiv Polytechnic Institute visited Latvia's Riga Technical University (Rīgas Tehniskā universitāte, RTU) under the Erasmus+ programme. His visit was hosted by the Faculty of Computer Science, Information Technology and Energy affiliated to the RTU Institute of Industrial Electronics, Electrical Engineering and Energy. [Read more](#)

## UPCOMING EVENTS



## BUILD WHAT MATTERS SCALE IT GLOBALLY

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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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