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LATEST NEWS

Rector ranks fifth on 100 Most Influential Ukrainians List

Anatolii Melnychenko, Rector of the Igor Sikorsky Kyiv Polytechnic Institute, ranks fifth on the list of the “100 Most Influential Ukrainians of 2026” in the new category of *Education & Science*, introduced by Ukraine’s Focus magazine this year. Throughout 2026, Rector Melnychenko and the Kyiv Polytechnic team concentrated their efforts on key areas of development of this leading technical university.

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Kyiv Polytechnic hosts Japanese Autumn 2026 Festival

The fourth annual festival of Japan’s culture, *Japanese Autumn*, took place at the Igor Sikorsky Kyiv Polytechnic Institute from 4 to 6 September. The event was organised by the Kyiv Polytechnic’s Ukraine-Japan Centre, which is celebrating its 20th anniversary. “For two decades, the Centre has been bringing Ukraine and Japan closer through language, culture, education, art – and, most importantly, through people and friendships,” **Andrii Shysholin**, Vice-Rector for International Relations, wrote on LinkedIn. [Read more](#)

Vice-Rector attends int'l conference on resilience

A representative of the Igor Sikorsky Kyiv Polytechnic Institute took part in the scientific and expert conference “Mosaic of Experiences: International Dialogue on Resilience,” held as a side event of the 6th Summit of First Ladies and Gentlemen themed “World 2026: Finding Stability in Times of Uncertainty.” The event brought together more than 200 Ukrainian and international experts and academics, as well as representatives of government agencies, the business sector and civil society. **Liudmyla Hanushchak-Yefimenko**, Vice-Rector for Humanitarian Development and Youth Policy, represented Kyiv Polytechnic at the conference. [Read more](#)



RSE opens Energy Resilience Lab

The international engineering and manufacturing company RSE opened its Energy Resilience Lab at the Igor Sikorsky Kyiv Polytechnic Institute on 27 August 2026. The laboratory – a unique training and research facility dedicated to strengthening Ukraine’s energy resilience – will empower power engineering students from across Ukraine to master modern energy equipment, delve into distributed generation technologies, and gain hands-on experience in solutions already deployed at real-world energy facilities built by RSE throughout this country. [Read more](#)

Rebuild KPI – charity.kpi.ua



The first active campaign focuses on restoring the university infrastructure damaged during attacks.

Russian attacks have caused **significant damage to university buildings, laboratories, classrooms and student infrastructure.**

Despite these challenges, Igor Sikorsky Kyiv Polytechnic Institute continues operating, teaching students and supporting scientific activity.

The **Rebuild KPI** campaign supports the recovery of educational spaces, research infrastructure and student facilities necessary for the university's continued mission.



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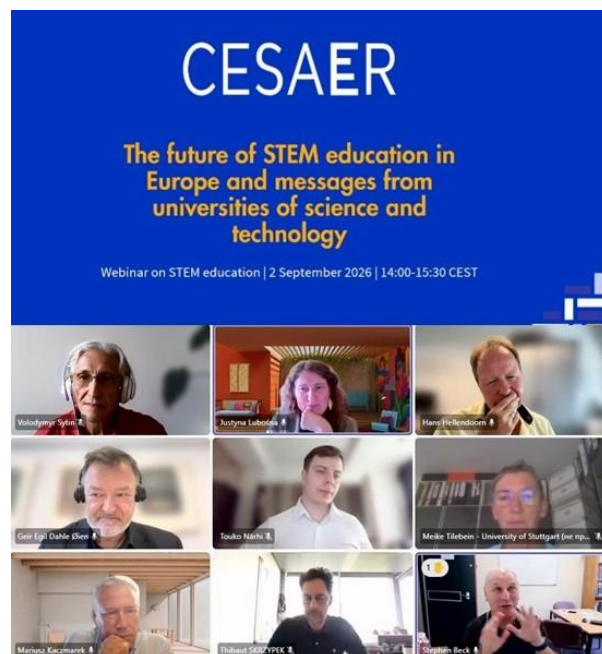


CESAER Leadership Programme 2026: strengthening leadership across our network

From 17 to 21 August, 27 emerging and mid-career leaders from across the CESAER network gathered in Glasgow for the first CESAER Leadership Programme, a new pilot initiative designed to strengthen leadership capacity, foster peer learning and build lasting connections across universities of science and technology. Hosted by the University of Strathclyde, the five-day programme combined leadership development, peer exchange, contributions from senior university leaders and experts, and a distinct European and CESAER perspective. The pilot was led by Paul Murray, University of Strathclyde and Co-Chair of our association's Task Force Talent, Careers and Staff Development, with the aim of creating a programme tailored to the particular environment in which current and future leaders at universities of science and technology operate. [Read more](#)

CESAER Members discuss future of STEM education in Europe

On 2 September 2026, the CESAER Task Force European Higher Education organised a high-level webinar to discuss the future of STEM education in Europe. The discussion brought together leadership-level perspectives from CESAER Members on the main challenges and changes needed across the STEM education pathway. Strengthening STEM education and advanced skills is high on the EU agenda. [Read more](#)



ADBIS 2026

Where: **Orléans, France**

When: **28 September – 1 October 2026**

This milestone edition will be hosted by Université d'Orléans, bringing together international researchers and practitioners to exchange ideas, present cutting-edge work, and foster collaboration in the field of data management and information systems. The ATHENA federation of higher education institutions encourages its community and partners to contribute to the landmark 30th edition and help shape the future of data and information systems research. [Read more](#)



SAVE THE DATE | Conference 'Building AI-Ready University'

Queen's University Belfast is hosting the Conference "*Building the AI-Ready University: Tools, Systems, and Strategies for the Future*," on **19-20 October 2026**. This event is expected to explore how to make universities fully "AI ready". Participants will bring diverse perspectives on what that involves, and on their own institutions' experience of the challenges and opportunities ahead. [Read more](#)

UNICA research meeting ‘Advancing Research for Sustainable Future’

Where: Ankara, Turkey

When: 19-20 November 2026

Target audience: Vice-Rectors for Research and Sustainability | EU Research Officers | University representatives and experts in research associated with SDGs.

The annual UNICA Research Meeting is heading to Türkiye. This year, the focus will be on sustainability, with participants having the opportunity to look into emerging trends in sustainable and digitally enabled research. Topics include the role of Open Science, ethical data management, and research transparency to maximizing research impact. [Read more](#)



VISITS



Bioenergy gives Ukraine new horizons: researchers complete internship in Germany

The internship took place in the German city of Jena on the theme “*Advanced Anaerobic Laboratory Training and Methods*” from 15 to 26 June 2026, at Bio-H2 Umwelt GmbH – a company with over 20-year experience in research and engineering developments in the field of biomass use and the production of energy sources and other products. The principal practical outcome of this visit was the official transfer of a multifunctional laboratory container equipped with modern biogas plants to the university. Henceforth, this high-tech equipment will serve as an efficient platform for quality student education and for in-depth scientific research by teaching staff and students pursuing bachelor's, master's and PhD degrees. [Read more](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS



Do you have a startup in cybersecurity, AI or water technologies? Melville Sikorsky Challenge Accelerator (MSCA) opens Scaling Impact 2.0 – the second international competition of innovative projects. The MSCA will award \$5,000 in prize money to each winning application as well as provide access to international investors. The competition will culminate in a final in Lviv on **29-30 September 2026**. [Read more](#)

Kyiv Polytechnic to host Sikorsky Challenge Competition this autumn

The 15th Competition of Innovative Startup Projects Sikorsky Challenge 2026 will take place at the Igor Sikorsky Kyiv Polytechnic Institute from **28 October to 1 November**. The purpose of this event is to cherry-pick the most promising, cutting-edge projects across a wide range of technological fields. The best of Sikorsky Challenge's competition lineup will receive support in commercialisation, and the establishment of successful startup companies, bringing innovative products to both national and international markets. Assembling inventors, stakeholders, and industry leaders, the Sikorsky Challenge Innovation Ecosystem continues to boost groundbreaking projects and startups, fostering collaboration and providing unparalleled growth opportunities. [Read more](#)





Krakow to host IREG 2026 Conference in December

IREG 2026 Conference themed “*Spotlight on Quality in Higher Education – Rankings, Accreditations & Other Quality Watchdogs*” will take place in Krakow on **1-2 December 2026**. The conference will be hosted by the Jagiellonian University (est.1364), one of the oldest universities in Europe where Nicolaus Copernicus once had been a student. [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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