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LATEST NEWS

35 startups, thousands of dollars worth of investment: international competition concludes in Lviv

From 29 to 30 September, 35 teams have competed in the Melville Sikorsky Challenge Accelerator 2026 (MSCA) contest held in the city of Lviv to attract investment in the fields of artificial intelligence, cyber security and water technologies. By decision of a jury, three winning startups each received \$5,000 to develop their technologies, and three other projects secured grant offers for a post-competition period. [Read more](#)



Kyiv Polytechnic team selected for MInT-Ukraine programme

A team from the Department of Inorganic Substances, Water Treatment and General Chemical Technology at the Igor Sikorsky Kyiv Polytechnic Institute has been selected within the framework of the “Micro-Credentials as an Internationalisation Tool for Ukrainian Universities” (MInT-Ukraine) blended learning training programme, developed under the DAAD programme line “German-Ukrainian University Network”. The team plans to draw up the internationally oriented university project “Micro-Credential

in Integrated Monitoring and Remediation of Conflict-Affected Soil Systems”. [Read more](#)

ICD representative attends NRFU-SE webinar on financial management of research projects

On 25 September 2026, a representative of the International Collaboration Department (ICD) and the National Contact Point of Horizon Europe for Cluster 5 “*Climate, Energy and Mobility*” at the Igor Sikorsky Kyiv Polytechnic Institute joined the fifth webinar in the series on Building Capacity in the Ukrainian R&I Ecosystem, organised by the National Research Foundation of Ukraine (NRFU) and the Science Europe (SE) association. The theme of the discussion was “*Financial Management of Research Projects: From Grant Application to Successful Implementation.*” The session focused on the topical aspects of financial grant management at both pre-award and project implementation stages. [Read more](#)



BUP webinar explores how SSbD can guide development of safer, circular materials

The sixth webinar marking the 35th anniversary of the Baltic University Programme (BUP) was dedicated to sustainability and the 10 BUP themes. Held under the theme “*Designing circular recovery: from safe materials to restored ecosystems*” on 1 October, this webinar explored how Safe and Sustainable by Design (SSbD) can guide the development of safer, circular, and bio-based materials. More than 58 people signed up for the event. [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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COLLABORATION WITH ALLIANCES

CESAER President joins celebration of 30 years of MSCA

Orla Feely, CESAER President and President of University College Dublin, moderated the panel 'From curiosity to impact – attracting and empowering young talent' at the European Commission's event 'Celebrating 30 years of MSCA – Curiosity that changes the world' on 1 October 2026. The panel brought together perspectives from policymaking and research to explore how Europe can attract and empower the next generation of researchers. It formed part of a wider programme reflecting on the contribution of the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA) to scientific excellence and Europe's future. [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](#)



14th International Week

Where: **Chania, Crete**

When: **31 May – 4 June 2027**

Supported by the ATHENA Alliance, among others, the 14th International Week will bring together representatives of higher education institutions to exchange knowledge, share good practices and strengthen international cooperation. Registration deadline: **30 April 2027**. [Read more](#)

VISITS

University governance, research, international activities: Kyiv Polytechnic expands cooperation with Estonia

Anatolii Melnychenko, Rector of the Igor Sikorsky Kyiv Polytechnic Institute, together with the heads of 12 Ukrainian universities, a delegation of the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine led by Deputy Minister Mykola Trofymenko, and representatives of the Verkhovna Rada (Ukraine's parliament) and the National Academy of Educational Sciences of Ukraine, paid a working visit to Estonia. He spoke at the seminar themed "*University Governance Reform in UA*," organised by Estonia's Ministry of Education and Research.

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FEL student represents Ukraine at IEEE IES SYP Congress in Brazil

Viktoriia Tarasenko, a master's student at the Department of Electronic Devices and Systems of the Faculty of Electronics (FEL) at Igor Sikorsky Kyiv Polytechnic Institute (KPI) and head of the IEEE KPI Student Branch, participated in the 3rd IEEE Industrial Electronics Society Student and Young Professional (IES SYP) Congress held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, from 13 to 15 August 2026. Organised by the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE), which unites over 533,000 members in more than 190 countries, the event served as a platform for scientific presentations, expert-led masterclasses and panel discussions geared to knowledge exchange, professional development, and career growth. [Read more](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

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 **24 to 27 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](#)



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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](#)

International conference on renewable energy scheduled for April 2027

The 28th International Scientific and Practical Online Conference will take place via the Zoom platform from **28 to 30 April 2027**. The theme of the conference will be “*Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency of the 21st Century*.” The conference will bring together researchers, industry professionals, policymakers, representatives of educational institutions, investors, and international partners. [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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