European Innovation Council
2024 EIC Pathfinder Challenges Info Day

The European Innovation Council (EIC) kindly invites you to its Info Day on the 2024 EIC Pathfinder Challenges. This Info Day takes place within the framework of the R&I Week, right after the EIC Summit 2024. During the Info Day, after some general presentations the EIC Programme Managers Carina Faber, Franc Mouwen, Ivan Stefanic, Isabel Obieta and Stela Tkatchova will present in parallel sessions their 2024 EIC Pathfinder Challenges. Please find the draft agenda below.

After the presentations from the Programme Managers, the participants in each of the parallel sessions will have the possibility to briefly (2–5 minutes) present their ideas for a project on the topic of the session and/or describe their competences relevant to the Challenge of interest, in order to explore the possibilities for joint work with other participants.

Only the general presentations of the Info Day will be livestreamed. External participants can submit their questions on the Pathfinder Challenges using this link. All sessions, both general and Challenge-specific, will be recorded and made available for viewing afterwards.

Date & time: 20 March 2024, 8.30 – 13:00 CET
Location: EISMEA, Boulevard Simon Bolivar 34, 1000 Brussels, Floor 13

Draft Agenda

08:30 – 09:00	Arrival and registration		
09:00 – 09:10	Welcome[L&R]	Anne-Marie SASSEN, HoU EIC Programme Managers office, EISMEA	*Auditorium*
09:10 – 09:20	Introduction to the EIC & the Pathfinder Challenges	Angelo WILLE, Deputy HoU, DG RTD	*Auditorium*
09:20– 09:45	EIC Pathfinder – Introduction and evaluation, Q&A[L&R]	Bart VAN CAENEGEM, HoS, EIC Pathfinder unit, EISMEA	*Auditorium*
09:45 – 09:55	Challenge Portfolio activities[L&R]	Iordanis ARZIMANOGLOU, EIC Programme Manager for Health & Biotech	*Auditorium*
09:55 – 10:15	Tech to Market opportunities[L&R]	Eva BALTAR, EIC Tech to Market activities, EISMEA	*Auditorium*
10:15 – 10:30	Presentation by a successful Pathfinder Challenges project coordinator [L&R]	Tomaž Karčnik, PEARL-DNA	*Auditorium*
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee break		

L&R = livestreamed & recorded

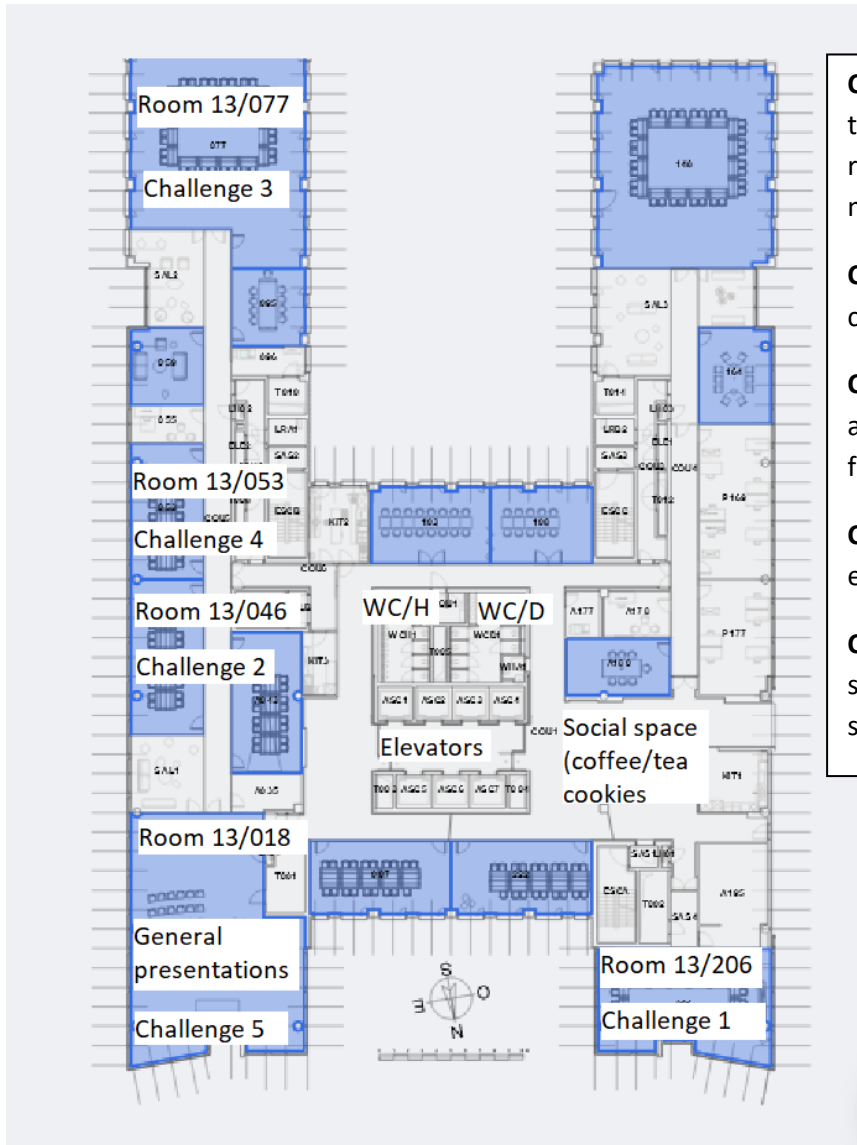|			
	Pathfinder Challenge 1:[R] Solar-to-X devices for the decentralized prosumption of renewable fuels, chemicals and materials as climate change mitigation pathway. Matchmaking sessions:* Opportunity for participants to briefly present their ideas for projects and their competences.	Carina FABER, EIC Programme Manager for Renewable Energy Conversion and Alternative Resource Exploitation	*13/206*
	Pathfinder Challenge 2:[R] Towards cement and concrete as a carbon sink. Matchmaking sessions:* Opportunity for participants to briefly present their ideas for projects and their competences.	Franc MOUWEN, EIC Programme Manager for Architecture Engineering Construction Technologies	*13/046*
11:00 – 13:00	Pathfinder Challenge 3:[R] Nature inspired alternatives for food packaging and films for agriculture. Matchmaking sessions:* Opportunity for participants to briefly present their ideas for projects and their competences.	Ivan STEFANIC, EIC Programme Manager for Food Chain Technologies, Novel & Sustainable Food	*13/077*
	Pathfinder Challenge 4:[R] Nanoelectronics for energy-efficient smart edge devices. Matchmaking sessions:* Opportunity for participants to briefly present their ideas for projects and their competences.	Isabel OBIETA, EIC Programme Manager for Sustainable Semiconductors	*13/053*
	Pathfinder Challenge 5:[R] Strengthening the sustainability and resilience of EU space infrastructure. Matchmaking sessions:* Opportunity for participants to briefly present their ideas for projects and their competences.	Stela TKATCHOVA, EIC Programme Manager for Space Systems & Technologies	*Auditorium*
13:00	Closure		

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Floor Map

Room 13/077

Challenge 3

Room 13/053

Challenge 4

Room 13/046

Challenge 2

WC/H   WC/D

Elevators

Social space (coffee/tea cookies

Room 13/018

General presentations

Challenge 5

Room 13/206

Challenge 1

Challenge 1: Solar-to-X devices for the decentralized prosumption of renewable fuels, chemicals, and materials.

Challenge 2: Towards cement and concrete as a carbon sink.

Challenge 3: Nature inspired alternatives for food packaging and films for agriculture.

Challenge 4: Nanoelectronics for energy-efficient smart edge devices.

Challenge 5: Strengthening the sustainability and resilience of EU space infrastructure.

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