

# 9<sup>th</sup> ACEPLORATION

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Call for participation



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## ACE<sup>2</sup>-EU ACEploration CALL FOR PARTICIPATION

The ACE<sup>2</sup>-EU Alliance invites academic staff to participate in the upcoming ACEploration Mission. This mission is designed to foster transnational collaboration, strengthen inter-university partnerships, and develop short learning opportunities.

### About ACEploration

ACEploration is an initiative under the Applied Programmes and Pedagogy Factory (APP Factory), aimed at exploring unique opportunities for collaboration across education, research, innovation, and service to society. Each mission is hosted by a different member institution of the ACE<sup>2</sup>-EU Alliance and provides an opportunity for participants to engage in knowledge-sharing, and active pedagogical exchange.

### ACEploration Objectives

The key objectives of the ACEploration missions include:

Developing and planning concrete academic joint learning opportunities to be implemented between partners across the alliance (preparing presentations, pitching the ideas, searching for collaboration partners)

Strengthening institutional collaboration within the ACE<sup>2</sup>-EU Alliance.

Identifying and developing joint academic programmes.

Enhancing mobility opportunities for faculty, researchers, and students.

Engaging with industry and societal stakeholders to align academic programs with real-world challenges.

Promoting digital and green transition initiatives through collaborative learning models.

### Upcoming ACEploration Mission

9 <sup>th</sup> ACEPLORATION SCHEDULE			
Host University	Pre-Briefing Meeting	ACEploration Session	Post-ACEploration Review Meeting
<b>TECHNISCHE HOCHSCHULE INGOLSTADT</b>	15 June 2026	1-2 July 2026	24 July 2026

Table 1- ACEploration Schedule

### Participation Details



Each institution will select at least two faculty members (teaching staff) to attend the ACEploration mission.

Participants must align their research and academic expertise with the thematic focus of the mission.

Pre-Briefing Meetings will be conducted prior to each ACEploration to ensure participants are well-prepared.

A Post-ACE Review Meeting will be held after the mission to consolidate insights and schedule future joint initiatives.

All participants must attend all pre- and post-ACEploration meetings (Institutions should ensure that their representatives are available for both the ACEploration mission and follow-up sessions).

## Call for Nominations

Each ACE<sup>2</sup>-EU University must submit their nominations no later than 10 June 2026, via the official registration link: <https://forms.gle/vUSLcQ5xp5Yjizmy7>

When nominating academic staff, it is crucial to prioritise individuals who can comprehensively address the thematic areas outlined below. To ensure effective representation in the discussions, the nominated professors should collectively cover the proposed areas without overlapping, thereby maximising the breadth and depth of expertise contributed by your institution.

## Theme and Sub-themes

This event will provide a valuable opportunity to advance our collaborative objectives and explore frameworks for joint educational initiatives under the following overarching thematic area:

**The focus of this ACEploration will be “Towards Circular Intelligence: Shaping the Future for Quality of Life”.** It will be divided in three subthemes focusing on Technology, Sustainability, and Society.



ACE <sup>2</sup> -EU Designing Future Solutions for Circular Intelligence	
SUB-THEMES	
<b>1 Technology and AI</b>	<p>The use of AI is changing the way we work. What is behind AI? What are some applications? We will focus on the following.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Applied Reinforcement Learning</li> <li>• Medical Laboratory Techniques Using Digital Imaging</li> </ul>
<b>2 Sustainability</b>	<p>The idea that sustainability issues are crucial for enhancing the quality of our environment has extended to other areas including the work environment. Proposed topics include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Extending Lifetime / Shortening Lifetime</li> <li>• Management in the Age of Metaprofit</li> </ul>
<b>3 Society</b>	<p>AI and sustainability have also entered the realm of society as a whole, adding yet another dimension to these topics. Suggested topics are as follows.</p> <p>Aspects of AI in Society Exploring the Social in Construction: The Social Dimension of Sustainable Construction as Collective Social Practices</p>

Table 2- ACEploration - Theme and Sub-themes

## 1.1. Expected Outcomes

In this ACEploration, the expected outcomes are:

- Development of joint learning opportunities
- Strengthening of institutional ties and collaboration frameworks within the ACE<sup>2</sup>-EU alliance.

- Formalised partnerships with external stakeholders for knowledge transfer and professional training opportunities.
- Expansion of student and faculty mobility initiatives.
- Documentation of best practices to enhance future ACEploration missions.

## 1.2. Proposed ACEploration Coordination Roadmap

To ensure clarity, alignment, and active engagement from all institutions, a coordination plan has been established for the 9<sup>th</sup> ACEploration. This roadmap outlines the key steps each university should follow to fully prepare for the mission at Technische Hochschule Ingolstadt in Germany and to ensure effective collaboration during the face-to-face event.

Date	Milestone	Details
15 June 2026	<b>Pre-Briefing Meeting</b>	Host university (THI) presents their initial set of pitches
24 June 2026	<b>Pitch Submission Deadline</b>	All other universities submit their pitches through the provided form
26 June 2026	<b>Publication of Pitch Portfolio</b>	A shared Drive folder will include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All submitted pitches</li> <li>• CVs and profiles of participating professors</li> </ul>
1-2 July 2026	<b>ACEploration at THI</b>	2-day face-to-face co-creation session
24 July 2026	<b>Post-ACEploration Review</b>	Final feedback session and planning for proposal development

Table 3- ACEploration - Roadmap



## 1.3. Contact Information

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