



**First European Doctoral Day: “Gheorghe Asachi” Technical University of Iasi in partnership with the National University of Science and Technology POLITEHNICA Bucharest and “Politehnica” University Timișoara take action**

**“Gheorghe Asachi” Technical University of Iasi, in partnership with the National University of Science and Technology POLITEHNICA Bucharest and “Politehnica” University Timișoara, is proud to participate in the first European Doctoral Day, a continent-wide initiative that will be held annually on May 13 starting in 2026, during Europe Month. Our university firmly believes that science and research are fundamental European values, with the doctoral degree serving as both a gateway and a key driver of progress. As part of this effort, we are organizing a dedicated event.**

On May 13, 2026, Europe will mark the inaugural European Doctoral Day, an initiative launched in 2026 and set to become an annual event. This day aims to highlight the pivotal role of PhD holders and of doctoral education in driving scientific excellence, innovation, and societal progress - both within academia and beyond.

This day complements initiatives like Choose Europe for Science to increase Europe’s attractiveness to early career researchers and is designed to:

- Inspire European and international students to pursue doctoral education,
- Increase employers’ awareness and recognition of doctoral qualifications,
- Showcase the diverse career paths and societal contributions of doctoral graduates.

In addition to affirming the value of doctoral education in Europe, this day celebrates what unites Europeans in doctoral education - *the PhD and the “Humboldtian” research-based training model were born in Europe* – the range and variety of PhD opportunities in Europe and the rich cultural and intellectual diversity of the continent’s scientific landscape.

Originally a French initiative, European academic networks representing the doctoral community across the continent have mobilized to organize this first edition. A coordination committee has reviewed and labelled event proposals submitted by institutions. The enthusiasm of European universities has been confirmed, with **over 170 labelled events** taking place across Europe, in France, Germany, Spain, Poland, Romania, UK, Ukraine etc. These events, registered on the [Eurodocday.org](https://eurodocday.org) platform, are hosted by institutions within the EU and beyond.

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*The theme of the event, "Energy Nexus - from Research to Impact," is focused on a multidisciplinary vision for PhD topics that address modern energy challenges by bridging academic research, technological innovation, and practical implementation across the Energy and Electrical Engineering Doctoral School. The event, organised as a triplex between the technical universities of Bucharest, Iasi, and Timisoara, is well-positioned to address the urgent need for cross-academia and industrial collaboration in Romania's energy transition.*

## Event schedule

### May 13, 2026

**10.00 - 11.00** JOINT OFFICIAL OPENING CEREMONY Bucharest - Iasi - Timisoara

**11.00 - 12.00** Roundtable “The role of IEEE in defining, validating and disseminating research directions within doctoral studies” - IEEE, IEEE Power and Energy Society / IEEE Education Society

**12.00 - 12.15** Coffee Break

**12.15 - 14.00** Roundtable “Vision of future doctoral supervisors in doctoral schools from UPB, TUIASI and UPT”

**14.00 - 14.30** Coffee Break

**14.30 - 16.30** Roundtable: “Academia and Industry - A dialogue focused on research, interdisciplinarity and the impact of research activity on the energy field in Romania”

### May 14, 2026

**10.00 - 11.30** International Conference of the Doctoral School at the “Gheorghe Asachi” Technical University of Iasi (TUIASI) - Presentation of papers Scientific papers by PhD students: Session Power Engineering

**11.30 - 11.45** Coffee Break

**11.45 - 13.15** International Conference of the Doctoral School at the “Gheorghe Asachi” Technical University of Iasi (TUIASI) - Presentation of scientific papers by PhD students: Session I - Electrical Engineering

**13.15 - 13.45** Coffee Break

**13.45 - 15.15** International Conference of the Doctoral School at the “Gheorghe Asachi” Technical University of Iasi (TUIASI) - Presentation of scientific papers by PhD students: Session II - Electrical Engineering

**15.15 - 16.00** Networking Bucharest - Iasi - Timisoara

**16.00 - 16.15** CLOSING CEREMONY

For more information:

- Discover details about:

“Gheorghe Asachi” Technical University of Iasi on <https://www.tuiasi.ro>

National University of Science and Technology POLITEHNICA Bucharest <https://upb.ro/>

“Politehnica” University Timișoara <https://www.upt.ro/>

- Explore the map of labelled events on [Eurodocday.org](http://Eurodocday.org)
- List of the networks involved in the coordination committee:
  - Coimbra Group - [Europe’s oldest university network](#),
  - European University Association - [Council for Doctoral Education](#),
  - [Euraxess network](#),
  - Eurodoc - [European Council of Doctoral Candidates and Junior Researchers](#),
  - FOREU4ALL - [An initiative of the European University Alliance](#),
  - League of European Research Universities - [Doctoral Studies Policy Group](#),
  - MCAA - [The Marie Curie Alumni Association](#),
  - Pride Network - [The european network for professionals in doctoral education](#),
  - ANDES - [Association Nationale des Docteurs](#),
  - [French ministry of Higher Education, Research and Space](#).