

ENLIGHT IMPACT AWARDS 2026 Call for Nominations

ANNEX 1 – EXPRESSION OF INTEREST TEMPLATE

*This template for expressions of interest should be used as a **supporting document ONLY, to be used as reference by ENLIGHT partner universities** in their internal selection process of the applicants to the ENLIGHT Impact Awards. A few universities have used google forms and other online surveying tools to collect the Eoi. The use of this Eoi is **not mandatory**. The ENLIGHT Impact Task Force only considers the full applications using the **Application Form in Annex 2**.*

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST - SUBMISSION FORM

Expressions of Interest are invited from ENLIGHT Collaborative Initiatives led by the [UNIVERSITY NAME] to be considered for nomination for the ENLIGHT Impact Awards 2026-2027.

The ENLIGHT Impact Awards seek to recognise and give visibility to ENLIGHT collaborative initiatives that are exemplars in planning for, acting towards and achieving impact.

All representatives of the nominated initiatives are expected to attend the ENLIGHT Impact Conference at the Comenius University Bratislava on the 11- 12 February 2027. Awardees will receive a small bursary to attend relevant international workshops or conferences to further increase the impact of their work.

The deadline for receipt of complete Expressions of Interest is [INTERNAL DEADLINE].

For more information about the ENLIGHT Impact Awards Call, please consult this [page](#) or [INTERNAL EMAIL ADDRESS]

1. Team Representative of the Collaborative Initiative

Please enter the name of the team representative.

2. Contact of the Team Representative

Please enter the contact email of the team representative for future correspondence.

3. Title of the ENLIGHT Collaborative Initiative

Please provide a short title for the ENLIGHT collaborative initiative that you wish to be considered.

4. Type of ENLIGHT Collaborative Initiative

☐	ENLIGHT Thematic Network
☐	ENLIGHT Incubator Grant
☐	ENLIGHT+ Supported Initiatives
☐	ENLIGHT Seed Funding Initiative
☐	Other. Please specify:

5. Other Involved ENLIGHT Partner Universities

☐	University of the Basque Country
☐	University of Bern
☐	University of Bordeaux

	Comenius University Bratislava
	University of Galway
	Ghent University
	University of Göttingen
	University of Groningen
	University of Tartu
	Uppsala University

6. The Impact

Please describe the approach and efforts deployed by the ENLIGHT Collaborative Initiative to maximise its impact potential, including any planned or achieved key impacts.

7. Alignment with the ENLIGHT focus areas

Which of the following ENLIGHT focus areas is the collaborative initiative most closely aligned to? Please enter "1" for the main focus area, and "2" for the others (when applicable). Please refer to <https://enlight-eu.org/university-about-us/flagship-domains> for a full description of the focus areas.

	Climate change
	Culture and Creativity
	Digital revolution and Impact of digitization
	Energy and Circular economy
	Equity
	Health and Well-being
	None of the above

8. The Team

Please provide a short description of the collaboration between the different team members and their contribution to the impact pathway.

9. Stakeholder Engagement¹

Please list the key stakeholders and explain their role throughout the initiative life-cycle.

¹ Stakeholders are those (directly or indirectly) affected by the initiative. They may include learners, academics, support staff, middle managers or institutional leaders (especially in the case of education and training initiatives), as well as societal stakeholders such as business organisations, policy makers and public administrations, civil society organisations, and citizens. Stakeholders may also include non-human systems and assets affected by the initiative, such a natural environment, biodiversity, cultural heritage, and broader economic and social systems.

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ANNEX 2 - APPLICATION FORM

*The completed application form should be sent to **your ENLIGHT university coordinator/liaison** by the deadline announced by the university. Please ensure that this form is saved in PDF format. Please read carefully the regulations of the ENLIGHT IMPACT AWARDS – 2026 Call for Nominations.*

1. THE TEAM

1.1. Representative of the ENLIGHT Collaborative Initiative²

Full Name	
Position	
In case of academics please specify your profile ³ :	☐ First Stage Researcher (R1) (Up to the point of PhD) ☐ Recognised Researcher (R2) (PhD holders or equivalent who are not yet fully independent) ☐ Established Researcher (R3) (Researchers who have developed a level of independence) ☐ Leading Researcher (R4) (Researchers leading their research area or field)
Department/ Research Group	
Faculty/ School	
University	
Email	

1.2. Other team members of the ENLIGHT Collaborative Initiative, including from other ENLIGHT partner universities⁴

Full Name	
Position	
	☐ First Stage Researcher (R1) (Up to the point of PhD)

² The representative of the ENLIGHT collaborative initiative will serve as the main contact person for all communications related to the ENLIGHT Impact Awards. Unless otherwise communicated, this representative will also be expected to deliver the Impact Pitch during the ENLIGHT Impact Conference (Bratislava, 11-12 February, 2027).

³ See Euraxess research profiles descriptors for further details:

<https://euraxess.ec.europa.eu/europe/career-development/training-researchers/research-profiles-descriptors>

⁴ Please copy/paste the tables as many times as necessary.

In case of academics please specify your profile ⁵ :	☐ Recognised Researcher (R2) (PhD holders or equivalent who are not yet fully independent)
	☐ Established Researcher (R3) (Researchers who have developed a level of independence)
	☐ Leading Researcher (R4) (Researchers leading their research area or field)
Department/ Research Group	
Faculty/ School	
University	

Full Name	
Position	
In case of academics please specify your profile ⁶ :	☐ First Stage Researcher (R1) (Up to the point of PhD)
	☐ Recognised Researcher (R2) (PhD holders or equivalent who are not yet fully independent)
	☐ Established Researcher (R3) (Researchers who have developed a level of independence)
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2. THE ENLIGHT COLLABORATIVE INITIATIVE

Title:
Brief description of the initiative (max. 100 words):

Type of ENLIGHT Collaborative Initiative	
☐	ENLIGHT Thematic Network
☐	ENLIGHT Incubator Grant
☐	ENLIGHT+ Supported Initiatives
☐	ENLIGHT Seed Funding Initiative
☐	Other. Please specify:

Main focus of the initiative (please tick one or more boxes)	
☐	Education & training
☐	Research
☐	Service to society
☐	Other. Please specify:

Start date:	
End date (or estimated end date):	

3. IMPACT PATHWAY(S)⁷

Please describe the expected, intended, and/or achieved outcomes and impacts, as well as the approaches and efforts deployed to maximise the impact potential of the ENLIGHT collaborative initiative. Where outcomes and impacts are still anticipated, applicants should describe the mechanisms and indicators that will be used to monitor and assess the impact. Where outcomes and impacts have been achieved, quantitative and qualitative evidence should be provided. (max. 500 words)

Insert text here

⁷ An impact pathway is the process (i.e. a simplified causal chain of events and interactions) that connects the activities to effects within and beyond academia. For further details, please consult Annex 3 of the ENLIGHT Impact Awards – 2026 Call for Nominations.

4. CONTRIBUTION TO ADDRESSING ENLIGHT FOCUS AREAS

Which of the following ENLIGHT focus areas is the collaborative initiative most closely aligned to? Please enter "1" for the main focus area, and "2" for the others (when applicable). Please refer to <https://enlight-eu.org/university-about-us/flagship-domains> for a full description of the focus areas.

	Climate change
	Culture and Creativity
	Digital revolution and Impact of digitization
	Energy and Circular economy
	Equity
	Health and Well-being
	None of the above

Describe briefly how the impact pathway underpins or contributes to the ENLIGHT focus areas above mentioned. (max 150 words)

Insert text here

5. COLLABORATION WITHIN THE TEAM

Please describe briefly the collaboration between the different team members and their contributions to the impact pathway. (max. 150 words)

Insert text here

6. STAKEHOLDER⁸ ENGAGEMENT

Identify the key stakeholders and explain their role throughout the initiative life-cycle and throughout the pathway to impact. (max. 300 words)

Insert text here

⁸ Stakeholders are those (directly or indirectly) affected by the initiative. They may include learners, academics, support staff, middle managers or institutional leaders (especially in the case of education and training initiatives), as well as societal stakeholders such as business organisations, policy makers and public administrations, civil society organisations, and citizens. Stakeholders may also include non-human systems and assets affected by the initiative, such a natural environment, biodiversity, cultural heritage, and broader economic and social systems.

7. INTEREST AND MOTIVATION

Please describe briefly the interest, motivation, and commitment to applying, actively engaging in, contributing to, and being represented within the ENLIGHT Impact Community. (max. 150 words)

Insert text here

THANK YOU!!!