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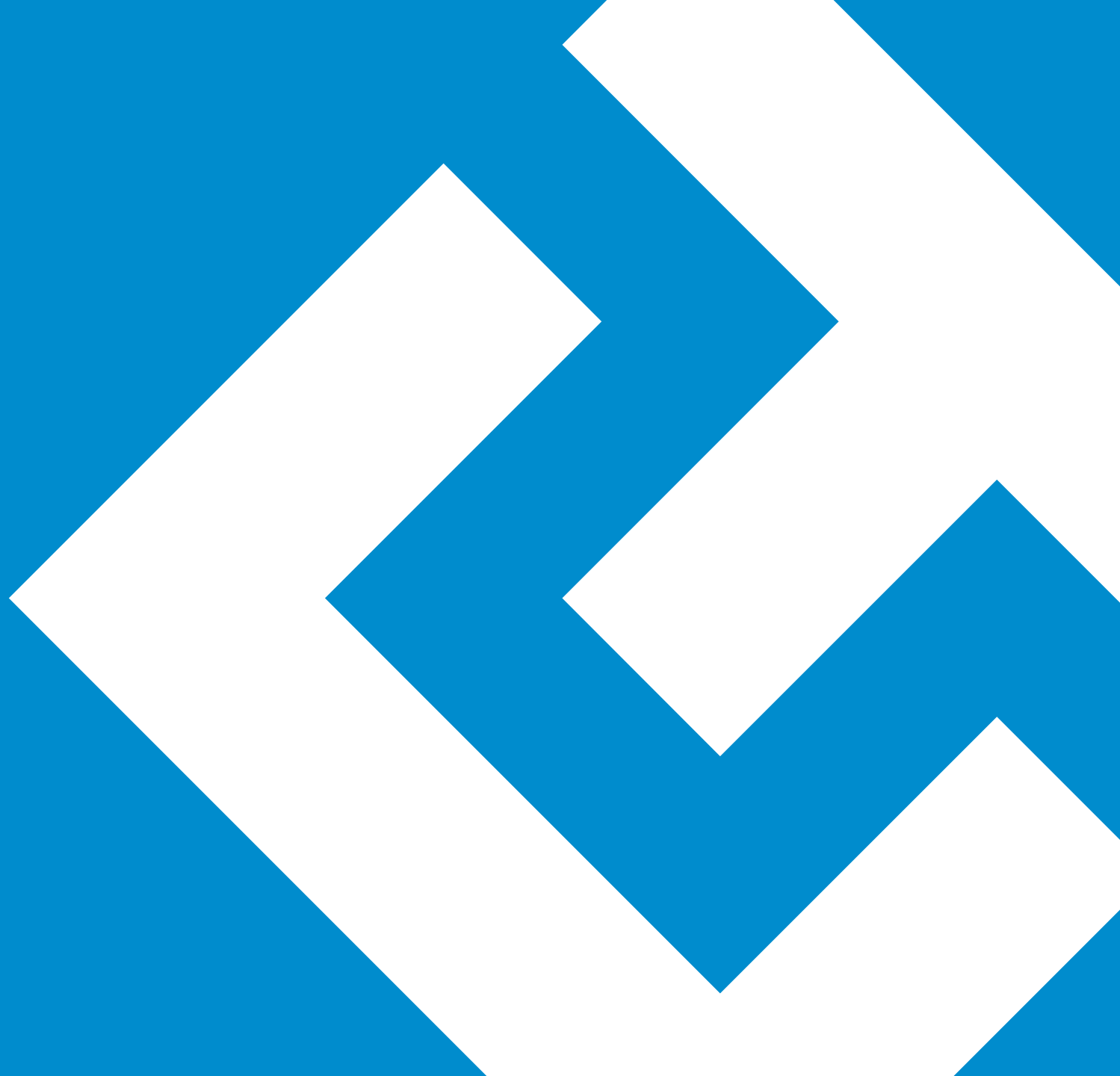
EUROPEAN PRIZE FOR WOMEN INNOVATORS 2027, WOMEN LEADERSHIP PROGRAMME AND GIRLS GO STEM 2026

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EUROPEAN PRIZE FOR WOMEN INNOVATORS

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EUROPEAN PRIZE FOR **WOMEN** INNOVATORS

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WHAT

- Prizes awarded every year to women from across the EU (including OCT) and countries associated to Horizon Europe, who have transformed their ideas into disruptive innovations to benefit people and the planet and who are inspiring leaders
- As for the previous edition, the 2027 European Prize for Women Innovators is organised in coordination between the EISMEA and the EIT – **WILL OPEN SOON** (usually open for submission June – September)
- Eligible applicants can only apply to one category.
- Winners are chosen by an independent expert jury
- **[PRIZE WEB PAGE](#)**



CATEGORIES

- **Women Innovators:** This category is open to all women founders and co-founders from across the EU and Associated Countries. The winner is awarded EUR 100 000, and two runners-up are awarded EUR 70 000 and EUR 50 000 respectively.
- **Rising Innovators:** This category is open to promising young innovators under the age of 35. The winner is awarded EUR 50 000, and two runners-up are awarded EUR 30 000 and EUR 20 000 respectively.
- **EIT Women Leadership:** This category is open to those with a direct link to the EIT Community or one of the existing [Knowledge and Innovation Communities](#). The winner is awarded EUR 50 000, and two runners-up are awarded EUR 30 000 and EUR 20 000 respectively.
- **Call will be published on EU Funding & Tenders Portal**

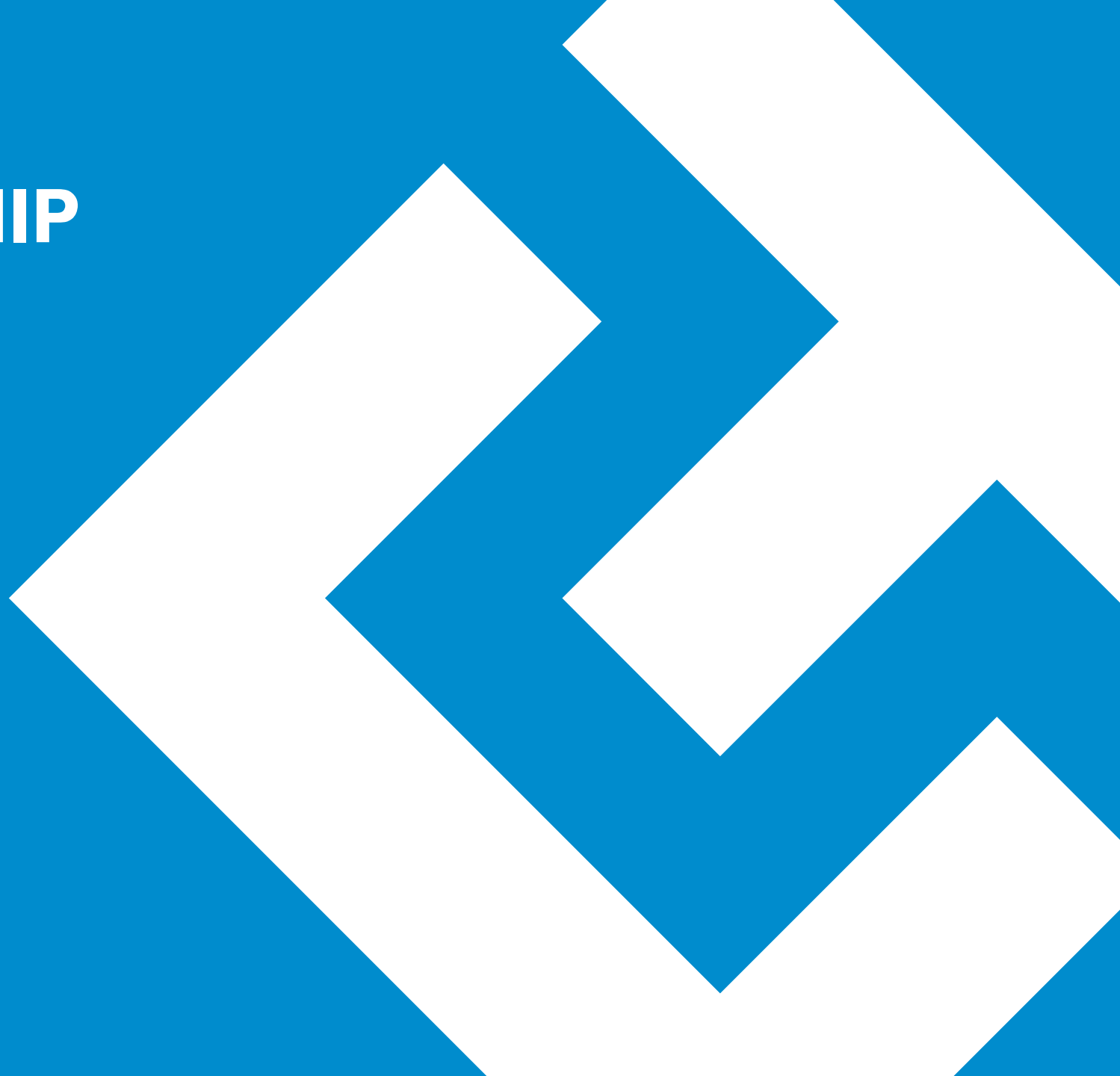
INFORMATION

- [The list of 2026 finalist](#)
- [2026 finalists award ceremony – 4 June 2026 during the EIC summit in Brussels](#)
- Questions regarding the Women Innovators and Rising Innovators categories should be sent to EISMEA-WIP@ec.europa.eu
- Questions for the EIT category should be sent to eit-awards@eit.europa.eu



WOMEN LEADERSHIP PROGRAMME

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EIC WOMEN LEADERSHIP PROGRAMME



The EIC Women
Leadership Programme
is designed to elevate your
skills with tailored training,
coaching, mentorship and
networking.

WHAT

- Skills enhancement and networking programme for women researchers and entrepreneurs offered by The [European Innovation Council \(EIC\)](#), in partnership with the EIT
- Each cohort consists of both virtual and in-person training sessions, led by high-profile experienced trainers who challenge participants' leadership approaches with inspiring case studies and use participatory approaches to encourage active engagement
- Participants benefit from individual coaching and personal mentoring
- Through dedicated networking events, they also engage with peers and inspiring role models



WHO IS ELIGIBLE

- The EIC Women Leadership Programme offers recurring cohorts aimed at participants from both **EIC and EIT beneficiary groups**
- Two cohorts:
 - **Advanced entrepreneurial cohort:** Experienced women leaders (co-founders and/or in c-suite positions) seeking to enhance their skills and broaden their professional connections
 - **Researcher cohort:** Women researchers engaged in research endeavours with ambitions to spearhead the transformation of their research initiatives into successful businesses seeking to enhance their leadership and entrepreneurial skills
- If you are interested in joining a future edition, you are invited to express interest for the 2027 cohorts by completing this form
- **Next cohort is expected to start in early 2027, with the official call for applications opening towards the end of 2026**

GIRLS GO STEM: STUDENT CHALLENGE 2026

EIT COMMUNITY INITIATIVE

Space is getting crowded. We need your ideas.



Join the Student Challenge 2026!
No space expertise needed.



WHAT

- The **Girls Go STEM Student Challenge** is an annual European competition inviting **girls aged 14–19** to team up and turn ideas into impactful STEM solutions
- **STEM: Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics**
- **2026 STUDENT CHALLENGE TOPIC: KEEPING SPACE CLEAN AND SAFE**
- A real-world challenge: space debris is a growing risk and your ideas can help shape the future of how we design and use space technologies
- Develop your own concept, think creatively about how to minimise debris, and present your solution in a short video that brings your idea to life



WHO IS ELIGIBLE

- Motivated **girls** between **14 to 19 years** old
- Each team must consist of **2 to 4 girls**, individual participation is not allowed
- Teams can be formed **across schools and countries** (each team must register under a single country)
- **Alumnae of the Girls Go STEM** programme (successful completion of at least two introductory courses and one additional course) on the [learning platform](#)
- For full eligibility requirements and rules, download our [Student Challenge Rules & Guidelines](#)
- Selected teams will be invited to the **Women and Girls in STEM Forum** — the Girls Go STEM annual event — taking place in **Autumn 2026**. There, they will present their project on stage and connect with an international network of students, experts, and innovators

SUBMIT UNTIL MONDAY, 27 JULY 2026, BY 13:00 CEST



HOW

STEP 1

Complete **two introductory courses** and **one additional course** (e.g. on Space Debris) on our [learning platform](#).

STEP 2

Form a team of **two to four girls**. [Download our slidedeck](#) and think about your idea.

STEP 3

Create your design (drawing or simple 3D) and add it, together with an explanation, to the slide deck.

STEP 4

Create a video presenting your idea convincingly (**max. 1 min**). Please ensure you have the consent of everyone appearing in the video and that any images and music used are royalty-free.

STEP 5

Every participant fills out the [consent form](#). If you are a minor, the form must be signed by your parent or your legal guardian. Merge all consent forms into one single PDF.

STEP 6

[Complete the application form](#) with all required details and submit it **by 27 July 2026, 13:00 CET**.

We can't wait to hear from you!





THANK YOU

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