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# **ECIU Research Labs: the concept**

## ▪ Objectives

- ✓ Develop new exchanges within ECIU and foster EU-funded projects in the '**Transport & Mobility**' and '**Energy & Sustainability**' research fields
- ✓ Strengthen networking between ECIU researchers, especially for early-stage researchers
- ✓ Identify relevant funding opportunities and submit project proposals in 2026

## ▪ Principle

- ✓ Two-stage networking procedure : online meeting followed by an in-person workshop

## ▪ Expected outcomes

- ✓ Joint collaborative research projects
- ✓ Networking projects (e.g. COST)
- ✓ Co-tutelle agreements / Joint Doctoral Training

- **STEP 1: April 3, 2025 (11:00 – 13:00) ECIU Researchers' Online Networking Event**
  - **Before the online event:** Interested researchers draft a research idea with expectations/ proposals to be shared on the R&I Hub
  - **Main session + Thematic Sessions (break-out rooms)**
    - Participants pitch their research idea, sought or proposed competences/expertise for collaborative research projects
- **STEP 2: Preparation & Selection of project proposals for in-person workshop**
  - April–May 2025 : Researchers interact remotely to prepare a one-page description of their project idea
  - 2nd June 2025: One-page proposal submitted to ECIU
  - 25th June 2025: selection of the idea by the ECIU Vice Presidents Group
  - July– September 2025: Researchers continue to interact remotely

- **STEP 3: 16th–17th October 2025: In-person workshop at INSA Rouen (France)**

- Participants from Step 1 & 2 structure their project proposals
- R&I Expert Group & CERGI work jointly with research teams to provide funding opportunities and initial support in drafting a proposal

- **Post-workshop proposal preparation**

- Researchers prepare their proposals to 2026 EU calls in 2026 or in other calls
- ECIU R&I Expert Group/local grant offices support researchers with proposal preparation

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