

HEI-Lab
Digital Human-Environment Interaction Lab

Newsletter

16 November - 27 November 2026

Lab annoucements

Dear HEI-Lab members,

As anticipated, we have an updated version of the **HEI-Lab Standard Operating Procedures (SOP)** Manual, which sets out all our internal procedures. The new version of the SOP is available in our Repository, under Norms. Reading the SOP is MANDATORY for all researchers, as it ensures familiarity with our procedures, particularly those relating to funding applications and project management.

Our ILIND colleagues have compiled a **database of national and international calls** for 2026–2027 that may be of interest to HEI-Lab. Please see my email of 5/11/2026, review the calls and, if interested, submit your expression of interest HERE.

We would also like to congratulate the researchers who have recently secured funding for their projects. You can read all the details in the new section of our newsletter, "**HEI-Lab News**".

To foster collaboration and mutual learning among all HEI-Lab members, we invite you to takepart in the **HEI-Lab Pitches**. This initiative is open to all researchers (not just PhD students). Knowing each other's work is the first step towards building interdisciplinarity within and across the three research labs. If you would like to take part in the upcoming sessions, please express your interest HERE. Some spots are still available for the January session!

Finally, for those who have not yet registered for the **Community-Driven Research event**, please do so as soon as possible HERE. We need everyone's collaboration to make this event a success! For HEI-Lab, connecting and working with, and for, our communities is essential, and this is a great opportunity to learn about their needs. PhD students, please volunteer as facilitators. You will receive support in facilitating small-group discussions, no prior experience is needed.

Happy reading!

Esther & Bruna

Got something you'd like to share?
Send it our way at: esther.marin@ulusofona.pt and bruna.antonio@ulusofona.pt

Funding opportunities

Open call

Deadline: 11 December 2026

Abertura do Concurso Ações de Networking 2026 na área da Saúde do Cérebro

The call aims to support the establishment of competitive transnational consortia, coordinated by Portuguese entities, and the preparation and submission of applications to European Research and Innovation (R&I) funding programmes, in the area of Brain Health

Studentships for mobility and collaboration

Deadline: 15 January 2027

Studentships Fulbright Research and Doctoral Scholarships for 2027/2028, with support from FCT

The Fulbright "Studentship" for Research, is intended for doctoral fellows directly funded by FCT who, as part of their training plan, intend to conduct a research period at a university or research center in the United States of America (USA)

Open call

Deadline (two-stage): 2 Feb 2027 and 2 Sept 2027

New approaches for Human/AI collaboration for the workforce of the future/HORIZON-CL4-2027-02-DIGITAL-EMERGING-52-two-stage

Proposals must develop AI solutions applicable in at least two fields: human–AI co-learning, human–AI teamwork, and adaptive automation interfaces

Upcoming call

Deadline: Early 2027

Learn about our future calls for proposals

IHI Call 14 include validating human-relevant and predictive approaches to accelerate medicinal product development, from pre-clinical to clinical development of personalised health technologies, and the transformation of healthcare delivery through integrated, scalable, patient-centred care systems

Upcoming call

Opening date: 5 May 2027

The transformative potential of co-governance in the green transition of neighbourhoods/NEB-2027-01-PARTICIPATION-01

Call extract: "Despite strong evidence, the link between culture and democracy is still underused in co-governance. Digital tools (such as AI-supported participatory platforms, open data environments, and interactive modelling systems) can enable real-time feedback, wider engagement and evidence-based decision-making"

Training, webinars and podcasts

Workshop (online)

18 November 2026, 10:30 - 12:30 CET (Brussels time)

AI Rocket (a foundational framework for getting started with teaching with AI)

This workshop focuses on reflecting on and presenting how we work with AI. Acknowledging its use is only a starting point; the academic substance lies in explaining the process, examining our choices and demonstrating our professional contribution

Relevant for all NEURO-CHILD project members

Internal training

26 November 2026, 15:00 - registration HERE

MSCA Staff Exchanges 2027

Highly recommended webinar dedicated to presenting the MSCA Staff Exchanges 2027 program. Professor Luís Campos, a researcher at COPELABS, will share his firsthand experience, discussing “dos and don’ts” and the best strategies for engaging and motivating secondees before and during their assignments

Writing retreat (8-9 March 2027, Bielefeld, Germany)

Application deadline: 15 December 2026

Writing retreat for early-career researchers working in sexual and reproductive health/gender and health

Open to doctoral and postdoctoral researchers and other early-career academics in sexual and reproductive health or gender and health. Applicants must be working on a journal article and available to attend both days in person

Past webinar (recording available)

Knowledge Valorisation in Action: from Results to Policy

This workshop brought together policy-relevant results and learnings from a cluster of Horizon Europe projects piloting innovative approaches to knowledge valorisation, taking research results to market, society and policy

Podcast

Podcast “Grandes Ideias” da AI^2: Manuela Veloso

Portuguese researcher Manuela Veloso, Professor of Artificial Intelligence (AI) at Carnegie Mellon University (USA) and a world-leading pioneer in robotics and autonomous systems, is the first guest on "Grandes Ideias" ("Big Ideas"), the AI^2 podcast

Spotify / Apple music / Educast

Conferences and events

Hybrid event (virtual & in-person)

17 November 2026

Apply AI Summit

The Apply AI Summit marks the 1-year adoption of the Apply AI Strategy, concluding the first European AI Innovation Month – a series of online and in-person events showcasing AI innovation and adoption across Europe

Conference

26 November 2026, 9:00-13:00, Lisbon

Conferência Do algoritmo à ação: a IA Agêntica

Government, companies, start-ups, universities and research centres come together to debate the opportunities and challenges of agentic AI and to build a plural and informed vision of its role in Portugal

Conference (online)

2-3 December 2026

CONGRESSO INTERNACIONAL DE ENFERMAGEM E ENVELHECIMENTO: INOVAÇÃO, INVESTIGAÇÃO E BOAS PRÁTICAS CLÍNICAS

The event targets nurses, researchers, lecturers, healthcare professionals and students, as well as anyone committed to scientific evidence, innovation, humanisation and sustainability in healthcare

Conference - Call for papers

Deadline: January 2027
22-23 April 2027, Malmö (Sweden)

Global Maternal, Newborn and Child Health Conference 2027

From evidence to action—for every woman, newborn and child Join leading clinicians, midwives, researchers, policymakers, advocates and global-health partners for two inspiring days dedicated to improving maternal, newborn and child health

Conference - Call for papers

Deadline: 15 January 2027
23-25 June 2027, Osaka (Japan)

15th IEEE International Conference on Serious Games and Applications for Health, SeGAH 2027

At the heart of the SeGAH conference lies a commitment to advancing the field of health and healthcare through innovative solutions and technologies

Decreto-Lei n.º 210/2026, de 3 de novembro - Regime jurídico do Sistema Nacional de Ciência, Tecnologia e Inovação

This decree-law establishes the legal framework of the National Science, Technology and Innovation System (SNCTI), defining its organisation, entities, structures and networks and setting out the general principles governing research and innovation (R&I) and access to public funding, as well as coordination between the system's components and with civil society, with a view to economic and social development

Fund research, development and innovation. Fund the future

We, the European RD&I community, call on European leaders to commit at least €200 billion to Horizon Europe 2028-2034, with protected and predictable funding that enables researchers from academia, research performing organisations, industry and innovators to pursue ambitious ideas and sustain collaborations over time. Sign the statement here: https://eu-life.eu/fund-rdi-fund-future

Free publishing on Open Research Europe for researchers in Portugal

Researchers affiliated with Portuguese research institutions can now publish on Open Research Europe (ORE) at no cost, regardless of funding source. Created by the European Commission in 2021, ORE is a free open-access platform for authors and readers alike, aiming to reduce economic barriers to scientific communication and promote a transparent, equitable and sustainable publishing model. It follows the principles of Diamond Open Access, under which neither publishing nor reading incurs fees

FCT invites you to participate in the European foresight platform Futures4Europe

The Foundation for Science and Technology (FCT) invites the scientific community and all interested parties to learn about and register for Futures4Europe, a collaborative platform designed to foster the foresight community in R&I. It brings together projects, initiatives, and resources, promoting “Literacy for the Future,” knowledge sharing, and collaboration at the European level

PPIE checklist for staff, students, and researchers

Patient and public engagement goes beyond simply communicating information, it is a continuous process of working together with patients and the public, involving and consulting them to design, develop and deliver high-quality integrated care that best meets the needs of both those who access and those who deliver services. The KHP Centre for Translational Medicine has created a checklist that outlines the key characteristics of PPIE within a research project

HEI-Lab facilities, tools, infrastructures

Do you know how to use all the new tools available to support your research at HEI-Lab?
In this section, you will find more information about what equipment is available and how to use it.

FLIR thermal IR camera (A700)



Flir A400, A500, and A700 Science Kits offer researchers and engineers a streamlined solution for accurate temperature measurement. Simplified yet robust connections help you set up and start testing quickly; then easily view, acquire, and analyze data using included Flir Research Studio software.

This material is available in our facilities in Porto

Congrats!

HEI-Lab news



The **Young Seeding Call 2026** has recognised the projects:

- ACCESS - led by Jonathan Reese
- SOCIAL SIM - led by Cristiana Marques

Read our NEWS and discover what these exciting projects are all about.



The **2025 Call for R&D Projects in All Scientific Domains** (FCT) selected for funding the following projects:

- Tuning in to Autism - led by Stephanie Alves
- REFLEX - led by Cristiana Marques

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More content and updates every week