

EVENT PROGRAM



European Circular Electronics Kickstart Innovation Day 2026

DATE

Friday 13 November 2026

VENUE

Waterfront Hotel, Gzira, Malta

09.00 – 09.30

Registration

09.30 – 10.00

Welcome speeches

Stefano Curcio, Pro-Rector University of Calabria, Coordinator EVEN CLOSER
 Hon. Keith Azzopardi Tanti, Min. for European Funds, Government of Malta
 Matthew Lowell, EU Research & Innovation Policy Expert, DG REGI, European Commission TBC
 Valentina Pinna, Program and Project Advisor at European Innovation Council and SMEs Executive Agency (EISMEA)
 Felix Fernandez-Shaw, Deputy Director-General, European Industry and Decarbonisation; Mobility, Raw Materials, European Commission TBC

Startups Pitches: Session 1

ECEK 2026 COHORT · 4 MINS PITCH+4 MINS Q&AS+2 MINS TRANSITION

10.05 – 10.15

Ecopolix (NO)

Keywords: Circularity, sustainability, alternative materials for opto-electronics, green sensors.
 Challenge: New technologies to improve industry's productivity, efficiencies and competitiveness.

10.15 – 10.25

Wastetide (FR)

Keywords: Circularity, sustainability, deep-tech, e-waste management, AI.
 Challenge: Electronics recycling, recovery and remanufacturing.

10.25 – 10.35

Icarbon (TK)

Keywords: Circular electronics, strategic raw materials, advanced recycling, hydrothermal tech.
 Challenge: Photovoltaic recycling solutions and semiconductors extraction.

10.35 – 10.45

Texus (FI)

Keywords: Supply chain sustainability, electronics stock management, deep-tech, AI.
 Challenge: Electronics recycling, recovery and remanufacturing.

10.45 – 10.55

Hiro Robotics (IT)

Keywords: Circular electronics, WEEE recycling, deep-tech, AI.
 Challenge: Innovative technologies for critical raw materials recovery.

10.55 – 11.05

TR Semiconductor (HK)

Keywords: Smart manufacturing, deep-tech, advanced packaging, FOPLP and TSC tech.
 Challenge: Smart electronics and semiconductors manufacturing.

11.05 – 11.15

NSS Water (SE)

Keywords: Sustainable manufacturing, water nano-tech, water usage and treatment.
 Challenge: New technologies to improve industry's productivity, efficiencies and competitiveness.

11.15 – 11.25

OptiDetect (NL)

Keywords: Sustainable manufacturing, smart manufacturing, deep-tech, VLM.
 Challenge: Smart electronics and semiconductors manufacturing.



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11.25 – 11.45 Coffee break

Startups Pitches: Session 2

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11.50 – 12.00

Intace (UK)

Keywords: Circularity, sustainable advanced materials, high-performance materials engineering.
Challenge: Upscale electronics and semiconductors industry circularity and sustainability.

12.00 – 12.10

Prometheus Plasma Systems (IT)

Keywords: Smart manufacturing, plasma tech, vacuum tech, nuclear fusion.
Challenge: New technologies to improve industry's productivity, efficiencies and competitiveness.

12.10 – 12.20

S2S Dynamics (DE)

Keywords: E-waste recycling, data, AI, WEEE smart management.
Challenge: Electronics recycling, recovery and remanufacturing.

12.20 – 12.30

Mol-e (TK)

Keywords: Circular economy, deep-tech, WEEE traceability and recovery.
Challenge: Upscale electronics and semiconductors industry circularity and sustainability.

12.30 – 12.40

Raynetics (NL)

Keywords: Sustainability, AI, Data & Analytics, Advanced metrology, nanoscale modelling.
Challenge: Smart electronics and semiconductors manufacturing.

12.40 – 12.50

PulpaTronics (UK)

Keywords: Circular economy, sustainable inventory tracking, eco-RFID tags.
Challenge: Upscale electronics and semiconductors industry circularity and sustainability.

12.50 – 13.00

AI-RoboCycle (RS)

Keywords: AI, robotics, smart waste management, automated sorting, circular economy.
Challenge: Improve the efficiency, accuracy and scalability of automated waste sorting and recycling.

13.00 – 14.00 Lunch Break

CE&AM I3 Working Group – Joint Investors Forum

Interregional Innovation Investment (I3) Project Pitches: Session 1

5 MINS PROJECT PPT + 4 MINS SOLUTION PITCH + 4 MINS Q&AS + 2 MINS TRANSITION

14.00 – 14.05

Xjenja Malta – EU and National Funding Schemes for Circular Electronics and Deep Tech Ventures

Mariah Vella, Executive (Research & Innovation)

14.05 – 14.10

I3 Instrument introduction

Valentina Pinna, Program and Project Advisor at European Innovation Council and SMEs Executive Agency (EISMEA)

14.10 – 14.15

Europe's Next Destination? Calabria. A Strategic Location for International Start-Ups ready to Invest in Digital Technologies, Deep Tech and Innovation

Bruno Giusy, Calabria Region

14.15 – 14.40

PROJECT EVEN CLOSER

Prof. Dr. Stefano Curcio, Pro-Rector University of Calabria, Coordinator EVEN CLOSER



SOLUTION

SOLAR2CYCLE (NL)

Gijs Ten Brinke, Founder & CEO

Keywords: PV recycling, Silicon recovery, High-purity materials, Circular economy

Challenge: Photovoltaic recycling solutions and semiconductors extraction

SOLUTION

HIRES (IT)

Federico Massimi, Hardware System Engineer

Keywords: High-reliability electronics, electronic systems, R&D, digital transformation

Challenge: Smart manufacturing of electronics and semiconductors.

14.40 – 14.55

PROJECT SICAPERMA

Prof. Dr. Sebastián García Galán, Full Professor of Telecommunication Engineering & Project Coordinator, University of Jaén



SOLUTION

TBC

Keywords:

Challenge:

14.55 – 15:10

PROJECT IN-MOB

Gabriele Giustiniani, Co-Founder & Business Development Director; UNEEDIT



SOLUTION

UNEEDIT (IT)

Gabriele Giustiniani, Co-Founder & Business Development Director

Keywords: Urban decarbonisation; energy efficiency; circular economy.

Challenge: New technologies to improve industry's productivity, efficiencies and competitiveness.

15.10 – 15.25

PROJECT BATMASS

Prof. Dr. Marcello Colledani; Full Professor, Head of the De- and Remanufacturing Research Group, Politecnico di Milano, Consortium Coordinator



SOLUTION

Green Vision (FR)

TBC

Keywords: Critical raw materials, resource recovery, recycling technologies, urban mining

Challenge: Innovative technologies for critical raw materials recovery.

15.25 – 15.40

PROJECT SMART-GROWTH

Mirco Lorrai, Project Manager & Financial Administrator, Filar



SOLUTION

FILAR (IT)

Mirco Lorrai, Project Manager & Financial Administrator

Keywords: Photonics; optical crystals, laser components, advanced materials

Challenge: Smart electronics and semiconductors manufacturing.

15.40 – 16:10

Coffee Break

Interregional Innovation Investment (I3) Projects Pitches: Session 2 and Start-Ups Proposed by the EIC

16.10 – 16.25

PROJECT CLOSER

Silvia Giannisi, President, Veltha



SOLUTION

Lorusso Estrazioni (IT)

Stefano Lorusso, Founder & CEO

Keywords: WEEE recycling, secondary raw materials, semiconductor materials recovery, hydrometallurgy

Challenge: Electronics recycling, recovery and remanufacturing.

16.25 – 16.40

PROJECT DEREMCO

Prof. Dr. Marcello Colledani, Full Professor, Head of the De- and Remanufacturing Research Group, Politecnico di Milano, Consortium Coordinator



SOLUTION

Fibereuse Tech (IT)

Prof. Dr. Marcello Colledani, Full Professor, Head of the De- and Remanufacturing Research Group, Politecnico di Milano, Consortium Coordinator

Keywords: Composite recycling, reinforced plastics, material recovery, circular economy

Challenge: Upscale electronics and semiconductors industry circularity and sustainability.

16.40 – 16.45

European Innovation Council introduction

Walter Eevers, EIC Programme Manager for Cleantech (online)

16.50 – 17.00

START-UP PROPOSED BY THE EIC

Virenti (BE)

Keywords: Bio-based PCB laminates, printed circuit boards, sustainable electronics, advanced materials

Challenge: New technologies to improve industry's productivity, efficiencies and competitiveness.

17.00 – 17.10

START-UP PROPOSED BY THE EIC

Inuru (DE)

Keywords: Printed OLED, printed electronics, smart packaging, flexible electronics

Challenge: Smart electronics and semiconductors manufacturing.

17.10 – 17.20

Closing remarks and next steps

17.30 – 20.00

Networking reception - Cielo Rooftop Lounge, Waterfront Hotel