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1. Overview of the Research Infrastructure Commercialization Academy

Research Infrastructure Commercialisation Academy is a capacity building program designed to support aspiring managers and scientists working in Lodz University of Technology's publicly funded research infrastructure related to the agrifood sector. It provides participants with highly interactive training and dedicated support by agrifood research and innovation management experts based on best commercialisation practices, tools and techniques to enhance their research infrastructure's commercial use and visibility, identify potential partners and stimulate the science-industry collaboration. It aims to equip participants with the necessary skills to provide innovation support to local or regional stakeholder communities, notably startups and SMEs, build cross border collaboration, and draw the attention of the national and international key agrifood industry players to their research infrastructure capacities and opportunities.

The Research Infrastructure Commercialization Academy is delivered by **Lodz University of Technology** and **University of Warsaw**.

2. Eligible Participants

The Research Infrastructure Commercialization Academy is focused on supporting academic and non-academic staff of Lodz University of Technology (e.g. scientist, manager/director, specialist/technician, researcher, research assistant, commercialisation specialist, IP specialist, etc.) involved in management and commercialisation of research infrastructure. The research infrastructure must fall under one of EIT Food's focus areas, including targeted nutrition, sustainable aquaculture, sustainable agriculture, alternative proteins, digital transformation of traceability, and circular food systems.

3. Admissions and Funding Terms

Admissions

The program aims at academic and non-academic staff from Lodz University of Technology (Poland).

The ideal team application for Research Infrastructure Commercialization Academy should:

1. Composed of at least five members working at Lodz University of Technology and involve in management and commercialisation of publicly funded research infrastructure (e.g. scientist, manager/director, specialist/technician, researcher, visiting researcher, research assistant, commercialisation specialist, IP specialist, etc.);

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2. The team department/institute/laboratory/centre owns/hosts publicly funded research infrastructure in one of the EIT Food focus areas, including targeted nutrition, sustainable aquaculture, sustainable agriculture, alternative proteins, digital transformation of traceability, or circular food systems;
3. The team members accept the training programme terms and conditions;

All workshops will be held only in English. Therefore at least a working knowledge of this language is required.

Please note that we expect active, consistent engagement in Research Infrastructure Commercialization Academy – this requires a virtual (online) presence from the participants on all days of online training and coaching sessions, followed by a project presentation day on November 29, 2022 (TBC).

To join the training programme, the applicant needs to fill in the application form.

Applications will be assessed by an expert committee, with regard to formal criteria such as HEI eligibility, being academic and non-academic staff of Lodz University of Technology at the time of application, control over publicly funded research infrastructure, command of English, acceptance of terms and conditions, and answers to questions related to technical criteria (commercial relevance of the research infrastructure for agrifood sector, possible socioeconomic impacts related to commercial use of the research infrastructure, potential to strengthen the Lodz University of Technology's scientific excellence, credibility of the idea to leverage the research infrastructure, and training needs of the team).

Formal criteria will be assessed on a two-point scale (1 – fulfilled, 0 – not fulfilled) while technical criteria on a three-point scale (0 – below expectations, 1 – good, 2 – very good).

Funding terms

Participants do not pay tuition fees.

4. GDPR and Liabilities

Research Infrastructure Commercialization Academy will focus on public dissemination of knowledge that could further be reused within the team's organisation or country. Nevertheless, during one-on-one interactions or teamwork, participants may gain insights into specific practices or circumstances shared by other participants or organisers of Research Infrastructure Commercialization Academy. If the specific knowledge item is classified as non-public/confidential, the participant will be asked to respect its confidentiality after the program's end.

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The participant acknowledges that the organisers of Research Infrastructure Commercialization Academy will have the right to use their image and public testimonials made during or after the programme in their communication activities (e.g., information delivered via social media).

The organisers of Research Infrastructure Commercialization Academy are not responsible for:

- The participant's personal and health insurance during the program's online activities.
- Other damages, losses, liability or injury arising out of or in any way connected with the activities carried out in the Research Infrastructure Commercialization Academy program.

Should the participant accept a place in the Research Infrastructure Commercialization Academy program and fail thereafter to attend and fully participate in the activities, they agree to be responsible for any upcoming costs. This excludes cases of force majeure or illness, which will be reviewed by the Research Infrastructure Commercialization Academy organisers on a case-by-case basis.

The applications submitted to Research Infrastructure Commercialization Academy are handled under confidentiality, which extends to reviewers and other persons processing the applications on behalf of HEI Initiative/EIT Food and its partners.

Research Infrastructure Commercialization Academy participants retain the ownership of their intellectual property rights generated during Research Infrastructure Commercialization Academy.

5. Key Dates

Applications are open from **3rd of October** till the **10th of October** for applicants from the Lodz University of Technology. The organisers can extend the application deadline at their discretion.

Research Infrastructure Commercialization Academy will be held:

- **18th October** – Start of the Research Infrastructure Commercialization Academy
- **18th, 25th, 27th October, 8th, 15th and 22nd and 29th of November** – the Research Infrastructure Commercialization Academy sessions (main sessions)
- **29th of November** – the Research Infrastructure Commercialization Academy final session (TBC)

Information on key dates of the Research Infrastructure Commercialization Academy is also available at www.interhei.eu

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