



Reconnecting with the EU: Matchmaking and Networking Partner Meeting – University of Miskolc

*Venue: Restaurant and Conference Center
(University of Miskolc)*

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28 September 2026 (Day 1)

Time	Activity	Venue
11:30–13:00	Registration & buffet lunch	Entrance / Room A
13:00–13:30	Welcome and opening	Plenary Room
13:30–15:30	Plenary session: Strategic questions of external funding for the University of Miskolc and Hungarian Higher Education Institutions	Plenary Room
15:30–16:00	Coffee break	
16:00–18:00	Session 1: Highlights of Our Partners' International Project Experiences	Plenary Room
	Session 2: Meet the Institutions	Room A
18:00–19:00	Networking & Speed dating / b2match app	Terrace
19:00–	Joint dinner	

29 September 2026 (Day 2)

Time	Activity	Venue
09:00–10:00	Plenary session: The role and importance of European funding for beneficiaries in Europe	Plenary Room
10:00–11:00	Roundtable discussion: Strategic value of the University of Miskolc and widening partners in EU projects	Plenary Room
11:00–11:30	Coffee break	



11:30–13:00	Session 1: Advanced Materials, Molecular Science and AI-Enabled Research	Plenary Room
	Session 2: Green Transition: Energy, Environment and Circular Technologies	Room A
	Session 3: Future Industry and Smart Engineering	Room B
13:00–13:15	Closing and Farewell	Plenary Room
13:15–14:00	Take-away lunch	

DETAILED PROGRAMME

Day 1

Moderator: Tekla Szép (Associate Professor, University of Miskolc, Hungary)

11:30–13:00 | Registration & buffet lunch (Room A)

13:00–13:30 | Welcome and opening (Plenary room)

- Tekla Szép (Associate Professor, University of Miskolc, Hungary) — Opening Remarks and Introduction to the Conference Programme
- Zita Horváth (Rector, Full professor, University of Miskolc, Hungary) — Rector's Welcome
- Péter Szűcs (Full professor, Vice-rector for Innovation and Science, University of Miskolc, Hungary) — Advancing Research and Innovation: Project Activities at the University of Miskolc

13:30–15:30 | Plenary session: Strategic questions of external funding for the University of Miskolc and Hungarian Higher education institutions (Plenary room)

- István Gódor (Deputy State Secretary for Innovation and Technology, Ministry for Science and Technology, Hungary) — Government Priorities in Science Policy and Innovation, with Special Attention to the Research and Innovation Activities of the Universities.
- Dóra Pivarcsiné Fekete (Head of Unit for Horizon Europe, National Research, Development and Innovation Office, NKFIH, Hungary) — Horizon Europe opportunities: the pathway to successful participation
- Jiří Sýkora (Chief of Cabinet, International Visegrad Fund, Slovakia) — International Visegrad Fund: Grants and Individual Mobility in the V4 Region, the Western Balkans and EaP Countries
- Virág Zsár (Senior International Advisor, HETFA Research Institute, Hungary) — Ready for Europe: Building Stronger Research Partnerships and Research Support Services
- Géza Kovács-Dobák (Partner, IPCEI expert, Investment and Business Services Hungary Ltd., IBSH, Hungary) — IPCEI - The future of industrial subsidies
- Q&A

15:30–16:00 | Coffee break



16:00–18:00 | Session 1: Highlights of Our Partners' International Project Experiences (Plenary room)

Session Chair: Ágnes Takács (Associate professor, Institute of Machine and Product Design, University of Miskolc)

- Krisztina Tóth (Senior Manager, Europa Media Nonprofit Ltd., Hungary) — From Research Results to Real Impact: Free Expert Support through the widerAdvance Facility Open Call
- Joanna Kulczycka (Head of Circular Economy Department, Mineral and Energy Economy Research Institute, Poland) & Dariusz Kasperek (Manager, Awida sand mine) — Social License to Operate for SMEs
- András Leleszi (Researcher, Faculty of Health Sciences at University of Miskolc, Hungary) — Cooperation possibilities in eHealth R&D projects
- Gasper Tavcar (Head of Department of Inorganic Chemistry and Technology, Jožef Stefan Institute, Slovenia) — Overview of Research and Project Activities in Chemical Technology at the Jožef Stefan Institute and Opportunities for Scientific Collaboration
- Dan-Cristian Dabija (Full professor, Babes-Bolyai University, Romania) — Results from an Erasmus+ Strategic Partnership
- Karima Bouziane (Professor - Active in Erasmus KA171, Chouaib Doukkali University, Morocco) — Enhancing International Collaboration through Research and Joint Academic Programmes
- Andrea Senova (Associate professor, Technical University of Kosice, Faculty of Mining, Ecology, Process Control and Geotechnologies, Slovakia) — TUKE and FMEPCaG Košice: Institutional Profile and International Partnership Opportunities

16:00–18:00 | Session 2: Meet the Institutions (Room A)

Session Chair: Katalin Voith (Senior research fellow, Institute of Energy Engineering and Chemical Machinery, University of Miskolc)

- Pavlos Tyrologou (Projects advisor, European Federation of Geologists, Belgium) — EFG, scientific outputs and policy interface
- Simona Matušková (Academic, VSB - Technical University Ostrava, Czechia) — VSB TUO
- Josef Maroušek (Professor, Jihočeská Univerzita v Českých Budějovicích, Czechia) — R&D activities of Maroušek's team
- Aleksandar Cvjetić (Dean, University of Belgrade, Faculty of Mining and Geology, Serbia) — Meet the Faculty of Mining and Geology from Belgrade
- Dirk Drees (CEO, Falex Tribology NV, Belgium) — Introducing Falex Tribology NV
- Zsolt Conka (Associated professor, Technical University of Košice, Slovakia) — Technical University of Košice

18:00–19:00 | Networking & Speed dating / b2match app

19:00 | Joint dinner

The organizers invite participants to the Gala Dinner to further discuss joint ideas and future collaboration opportunities.



Day 2

09:00–10:00 | Plenary session: The role and importance of European funding for beneficiaries in Europe (Plenary room)

- Bernadett Petri (Managing Director of the Hungarian Development Promotion Office, MFOI, Hungary) — Beyond Horizon: From European Partnerships to Direct EU Funding Opportunities
- Eleni Psochia (Business Development Manager, Monolithos Catalysts & Recycling Ltd., Greece) — MONOLITHOS: Driving Research, Innovation and Impact through European Collaboration
- Edina Vadovics (Research Director, GreenDependent Institute, GDI, Hungary) — The challenge of multidisciplinary in EU projects: issues and solutions from successful projects

10:00–11:00 | Roundtable discussion: Strategic value of the University of Miskolc and widening partners in EU projects (Plenary room)

Invited panel:

- Dariusz Janik (Business Development Manager, EIT KIC Raw Materials, Germany)
- Bernadett Petri (Managing Director of the Hungarian Development Promotion Office, MFOI, Hungary)
- Pavlos Tyrologou (Projects Advisor, European Federation of Geologists, Belgium)
- Tamás Miklovicz (Project Manager, La Palma Research Centre, Spain)

Moderator: Tamás Madarász (Associate professor, Director of institute, Institute of Water Resources and Environmental Management)

11:00–11:30 | Coffee break

11:30–13:00 | Parallel sessions (Research activities and collaboration opportunities)

Session 1: Advanced Materials, Molecular Science and AI-Enabled Research (Plenary room)

Session Chair: Béla Fiser (Associate professor, Institute of Chemistry, University of Miskolc, Hungary)

- Gergo Peter Szekeres (Group leader, Freie Universität Berlin, Germany) — Vibrational spectroscopy at the SupraFAB Facility from bulk to the nanoscale
- Urska Lavrencic Stangar (Full professor, Vice dean, University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Chemistry and Chemical Technology, Slovenia) — Chemistry for sustainable development - research program at UL FKKT
- Béla Fiser (Associate professor, Institute of Chemistry, University of Miskolc, Hungary) — Predict & Prove: Synergies Between Calculations & Experiment
- Babak Minofar (Research professor, University of Miskolc, Hungary) — Molecular modeling for research and innovation
- Michal Pitonak (Associate professor, Faculty of Natural Sciences, Comenius University in Bratislava, Slovakia) — Artificial intelligence / machine learning in molecular sciences
- Gábor Kovács (Lecturer, Sapientia Hungarian University of Transylvania, Romania) — The Bright and Dark Sides of Nanomaterials (Also) Used in Agriculture: The Hidden Consequences of Ecotoxicity



Session 2: Green Transition: Energy, Environment and Circular Technologies (Room A)

Session Chair: Aranka Földessy (Project manager of CIRCLETECH Horizon Europe project, Grant and Project Coordination Centre, University of Miskolc)

- Baran Taşğın (PhD. Candidate, Technical University of Ostrava - Energy Research Center, Czechia) — High-Entropy Alloys for Hydrogen Technologies
- Nazaré Couto (Associate professor, CENSE, NOVA FCT, Portugal) — CENSE: Environmental Research for the Green Transition
- Lenka Kuboňová (Researcher, VSB-Technical University of Ostrava, Czechia) — Presentation of Energy Research Centre, Ostrava, Czech Republic
- Mohammad Jaber (Assistant Professor, John von Neumann University, Hungary) — Making the Green Transition Fair for European Neighborhoods
- Sanja Zlatanović (Senior Research Fellow, Institute of Social Science, Serbia) — The Institute of Social Sciences in Serbia: Research Expertise and Pathways to European Collaboration
- Diana Alexandra Mich (PhD student, Babeş-Bolyai University, Romania) — Queer Identities, AI, and Sustainable Fashion: Redefining Inclusivity in European Research

Session 3: Future Industry and Smart Engineering (Room B)

Session Chair: tbc

- Ákos Cservenák (Senior lecturer, University of Miskolc, Hungary) — Software development for automated drone operation
- Erika Hodulova (Senior researcher, Slovak Academy of Science, Institute of Materials and Machine Mechanics, Slovakia) — From Space Debris to Resources: Materials, Joining and Cutting for In-Orbit Manufacturing and Assembly
- Christos Aggelopoulos (Principal researcher, FORTH/ICE-HT, Greece) — Cold Plasma Technologies for Environmental and Food Applications
- Yaw Anim Agyepong (Graduate, Koforidua Technical University, Ghana) — Sustainable Borehole Development and Effective Water Transmission
- Ferenc Sarka (Associate professor, University of Miskolc, Hungary) — Development of novel concept of engineered layered composites

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OTHER PRACTICAL INFORMATION

If you arrive by car: Parking is free throughout the entire university campus. Please note that it may be difficult to find available parking spaces during the teaching period. We kindly recommend this parking lot (with pre-reserved spaces for our guests): <https://maps.app.goo.gl/reeizuz75LMLqTSa9>

Please drive through the gate; you can then park along the edge of the circular driveway or on the grass. Please leave the parking lot before 22:00; the gate is locked at night.

If you arrive at Budapest Airport: The easiest way to get to Miskolc is to book a transfer:
<https://www.pannontransfer.eu/>

If you prefer public transport (from the airport): Airport bus to Deák Square in Budapest -> Metro Red line from Deák Square to Keleti train station -> IC train to Miskolc -> tram / bus / taxi to the University. Estimated travel time is at least 6-7 hours.

Accommodation: Recommended hotels in Miskolc: Calimbra Hotel (<https://calimbrawellnesshotel.hu/en/>), Lignum Hotel (<https://lignumhotel.com/>), Avalon Resort & SPA (<https://avalonresort.hu/en/hotel/>). The university is easily accessible from this area by bus, rental e-scooter, or on foot.

Presentation upload: Please send your presentation in PowerPoint format (PPT or PPTX) by email to tekla.szep@uni-miskolc.hu by 16:00 on 27 September.

Time-frame of the presentations:

- 20 minutes in the plenary session / speaker
- 12+3 minutes in the regular sessions / speaker (12 minutes presentation + 3 minutes Q&A)



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2. **Browse & Filter Participants:** Use the **Book Meetings** list to filter by specific fields and discover ideal prospective partners.
*Note: Registering automatically opts you into the **Networking & Speed Dating session on 28 September (18:00–19:00)**.*

👉 Book Meetings Here: [Reconnecting with the EU: Matchmaking and Networking Partner Meeting 2026](#)
3. **Send Meeting Requests Early:** Don't wait until the event starts. Send 1-on-1 meeting requests and direct chat messages in advance.
Pro-tip: Include a brief 1–2 sentence note in your meeting request outlining your collaboration interests—this significantly increases acceptance rates!
4. **Manage Your Schedule:** Accept incoming requests and track your 1-on-1 meetings, session locations, and personalized timetable directly through the b2match platform or mobile app.

Why early preparation matters: A complete profile and proactive meeting requests make it much easier for potential European partners to find you, accept your requests, and turn quick 1-on-1 discussions into lasting project consortia.