

2ND LIAISE COST ACTION TRAINING SCHOOL

27-29 January 2026

Belgrade, Serbia

Call for Trainers

Date & Location: Belgrade, Serbia, 27-29 January (3 working days)

Local host: University of Belgrade, Faculty of Mechanical Engineering

Venue: Kraljice Marije 16, Belgrade, Serbia

LIAISE COST ACTION

The LIAISE COST Action (Cooperation, development, and cross-border transfer of Industrial Symbiosis) aims to promote a holistic and inclusive approach to Industrial Symbiosis (IS). By fostering interdisciplinary cooperation across various sectors, the initiative seeks to develop and implement advanced methodologies for the effective implementation of IS in Europe. LIAISE is focused on contributing to sustainable governance, green transitions, and inclusive development by improving the quality and relevance of IS projects.

The LIAISE network brings together researchers, policymakers, industry leaders, and practitioners, offering a platform for collaboration and knowledge exchange. It aims to strengthen research, capacity-building, and the application of Industrial Symbiosis for sustainable development.

ABOUT THIS TRAINING SCHOOL

The Second LIAISE COST Action Training School brings together Ph.D. students, early-career researchers, and professionals in Industrial Symbiosis (IS), circular economy, and sustainability policy development. This edition focuses on deepening participants' understanding of Industrial Symbiosis, emphasizing its practical applications, strategic value creation, and communication skills for implementation and impact.

Over three intensive days, the program explores Industrial Symbiosis from environmental, economic, and social perspectives, combining theoretical insights with real-world case studies, interactive exercises, and proposal development sessions.

The Training School is led by distinguished experts from across Europe. Trainers will guide participants through the core principles of Industrial Symbiosis and its strategic role in sustainability transitions, providing both conceptual understanding and applied tools.

The program is highly interactive, fostering discussion, teamwork, and networking. Participants will engage in hands-on workshops, SWOT analyses, and pitching sessions, enabling them to translate knowledge into actionable strategies and strengthen collaboration within the LIAISE network.

TRAINER ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

We are looking for experienced trainers and experts to lead sessions on core topics related to Industrial Symbiosis and Circular Economy. Trainers will be responsible for delivering high-quality, practice-oriented content aligned with the objectives of the LIAISE Training School.

Their main responsibilities include:

- Preparing and delivering engaging lectures, presentations, and interactive sessions within their area of expertise.
- Guiding participants through case studies, group discussions, and hands-on exercises.
- Encouraging critical thinking, collaboration, and knowledge exchange among participants.
- Contributing to the overall learning outcomes of the Training School by connecting theoretical concepts with real-world applications.

Trainers are expected to foster an inclusive, dynamic, and collaborative learning environment, supporting participants in applying Industrial Symbiosis principles to research, policy, and industry contexts.

The training school will cover the following main themes¹:

Day 1: Industrial Symbiosis: Fundamentals, Challenges and Case Studies

- Circular Economy basics and its link to IS
- Definition and key concepts of IS
- Barriers and challenges for IS implementation
- Case studies from Serbia, the EU, and worldwide
- Interactive group session for reflection and discussion

Day 2: Creating Value through Industrial Symbiosis: Strategies and ESG Reporting

- Strategic management for circular economy and sustainable consumption
- Empowering sustainable consumption through SWOT analysis and strategy design
- ESG reporting in the context of IS
- Group work on practical applications and strategy building

Day 3: From Theory to Action: Proposals, Communication and Pitch Decks

- How to write successful proposals related to IS
- Using social media to boost IS initiatives
- Pitch deck session: Advancing Your Industrial Symbiosis Initiatives
- Closing reflections and next steps for participants

Trainers will deliver content for one or more of these sessions, guiding participants through the material and providing real-world examples.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

By the end of the LIAISE COST Action Training School, participants will be able to:

- Gain a comprehensive understanding of IS fundamentals and its link to circular economy and ESG frameworks.
- Develop strategic and analytical skills to design and implement IS initiatives.
- Enhance their communication, proposal writing, and pitching abilities.
- Expand their professional networks across academia, industry, and policymaking communities.

¹ The trainers selected could change partially the themes included

BENEFITS FOR TRAINERS

- Recognition as a leading expert in the field of Industrial Symbiosis.
- Opportunity to contribute to the development of emerging researchers and professionals.
- Exposure to a network of international experts, researchers, and practitioners.
- Travel and accommodation expenses covered by the LIAISE COST Action.
- All trainers will receive a certificate as trainers of the event.

TRAINER ELIGIBILITY

We invite applications from experienced professionals, researchers, and academics with a proven background in Industrial Symbiosis, Circular Economy, sustainability, or related fields. Trainers should possess both theoretical knowledge and practical experience, enabling them to effectively bridge concepts with real-world implementation.

Eligible trainers are expected to:

- Deliver high-quality training on Industrial Symbiosis concepts, methodologies, and applications.
- Engage participants through interactive teaching methods, discussions, and hands-on activities.
- Share practical insights and case studies that illustrate the implementation of IS principles in various contexts.
- Foster a collaborative and participatory learning environment, encouraging exchange among participants from diverse backgrounds.

Trainers who demonstrate a strong commitment to advancing Industrial Symbiosis education and promoting interdisciplinary collaboration are particularly encouraged to apply.

PRACTICAL DETAILS

- The duration of this training school is three working days.
- Trainers will be required to deliver 1-2 sessions during the event, depending on the topic area and their expertise.
- Travel and accommodation expenses will be covered by all selected trainers.

WHO SHOULD APPLY?

Eligible to apply to the training school are:

- Researchers and Postdoctoral researchers
- Workers in any industrial company (holds at least a graduate degree) experienced in applying IS schemes and networks.
- Cluster Managers
- Academics
- Any other person experienced in IS topic

APPLICATIONS PROCEDURE

Applicants to the training school should:

- Submit a statement of interest, a brief description (300-500 words) of your experience in Industrial Symbiosis, your motivation for contributing to the training school, and the topics you are interested in delivering.
- Submit a short CV (2 pages maximum);

- Submit a proposed session detail: a short outline (max. 2 pages) of the content you would like to deliver including learning objectives, key topics and any proposed elements (e.g., case studies, exercises).

Please send your application to this email: liaisecostaction@gmail.com

CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS: 14th November January 2025

The applicants will be informed about the result of their application via e-mail by November 28th 2025.

Accepted participants (trainers) will be required to provide the following documents along with their grant reimbursement claim:

1. A full-colour scan of your passport's main page exhibits your name, surname and passport number.
2. Scanned copies of invoices, receipts, bills, tickets and other proof of payments for all types of costs, including hotel accommodation, travel, meals, etc.