



# Call for Applications

## Research Stay at the ENGAGE.EU Think Tank in Autumn 2022

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**RESEARCH THEME:** The Role of Digitalisation for Sustainable Development and its Impact on European Business, Economics and Societies

**DATE:** 26 September to 2 October 2022

**LOCATION:** University of Mannheim

**APPLICATION DEADLINE:** 30 April 2022

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Are you looking for a platform where you can focus on your research and push your project forward together with fellow researchers? At the ENGAGE.EU Think Tank, you can exchange your ideas with new research groups, get together with long-time colleagues, and learn from leading experts from industry, politics, and academia. This forum allows you to completely focus on a research project – away from everyday business.

ENGAGE.EU is an alliance of leading European universities in business, economics, and the social sciences that aims to provide European citizens with the skill set they need to face the challenges of the future. The ENGAGE.EU Think Tank is the Advanced Study Centre of our European University. It is a forum for intensive interdisciplinary academic exchange where researchers address the critical societal challenges of our time, where boundaries of

research and innovation are challenged, where outstanding collaborations become possible, and where original thinking is the norm.

The research theme in autumn 2022 is

**THE ROLE OF DIGITALISATION FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND ITS IMPACT ON EUROPEAN BUSINESS, ECONOMICS AND SOCIETIES.**

Preferably, your proposal has the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals in mind. For instance, a research project might explore how digitalisation can transform working and living conditions, how digital transformation can support sustainable economic growth, or how digitalisation can help reduce inequality in society.

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## OPPORTUNITIES FOR PARTICIPATING RESEARCHERS

At the ENGAGE.EU Think Tank, we seek to attract researchers from various levels of experience and disciplines specializing in the proposed research theme.

As a visiting **senior researcher** (more than five years after doctorate) your stay will allow you to concentrate on a research idea while sharing your expertise with a team of researchers exploring similar topics. You will gain deeper insights to current developments regarding digital transformation in politics, industry and society and benefit from research collaborations you may have never thought of before.

As a visiting **junior researcher** (up to five years after doctorate) your stay will allow you to concentrate on a research idea while cooperating with colleagues in an international and interdisciplinary team, supported by leading senior researchers. You will not only benefit from additional expert input regarding your project, but also expand your list of top publications and your professional network.

If you are interested in joining this thrilling research adventure, we invite you to come to Mannheim from 26 September to 2 October 2022. You are required to stay in Mannheim for this core period, but are free to extend the visit as it fits your project.

During your stay, we provide you with a workspace at the university, access to all research facilities, accommodation, travel expenses from your home institution to and from Mannheim, as well as an extensive academic and cultural programme during the core week. Not only will you learn from leading experts from politics, academia, industry and society in talks, round tables, and workshops.

You will also present your work in progress to your fellow researchers and discuss questions regarding your projects. Details of the programme will be finalized once the group composition and the research projects are final to ensure the programme corresponds to your needs and expectations.

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## Application requirements

### YOUR PROFILE

The ENGAGE.EU research stays are cut out for excellent junior and senior researchers from universities of the ENGAGE.EU alliance, particularly from schools of business, economics, social sciences, law and other related disciplines who

- explore digital transformation as a major societal change driver in Europe,
- are aiming to foster their expertise in their field of research,
- are interested in an interdisciplinary dialogue,
- want to engage in a pioneer project of a pan-European network.

### OUR EXPECTATIONS

Researchers are expected to

- participate in a virtual preparation meeting with fellow participants in summer 2022,
  - actively participate in ENGAGE.EU Think Tank activities, such as regular research colloquia, lunch meetings and other group events,
  - present their research to the ENGAGE.EU audience on a regular basis,
  - be willing to exchange ideas and interact with relevant stakeholders about the project,
  - be open for collaboration on research publications,
  - stay in Mannheim for the duration of the research visit,
  - participate and present their work in two virtual group meetings in November and December 2022.
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# Application requirements

## APPLICATION

Applications for a stay at the ENGAGE.EU Think Tank are open for individual researchers as well as research groups (max. 2-3 people), and are to include

- an outline of the intended research project related to the topic noted above (max. 4-5 pages),
- a CV, including a list of publications (of each group member for group applications),
- information regarding the desired duration of the research stay (core week only or extended period).

ENGAGE.EU seeks to strengthen the role of women and underrepresented groups in research, and thus strongly encourages female scholars and scholars of underrepresented groups to apply.

Please submit your complete application electronically (in one PDF file) by 30 April 2022 to the point of contact at your university (see contact details below). Applications received after this date may not be considered. Invitations to participate will be sent out no later than 31 May 2022.

## SELECTION

Applications are evaluated by each ENGAGE.EU partner according to the application requirements. Following the preselection of the ENGAGE.EU partners, the Think Tank's selection committee, composed of academics specializing in multiple disciplines, considers the best-rated applications for research stays.

Applications are evaluated according to various criteria:

- innovation
- contribution to ENGAGE.EU's mission
- coherence
- likelihood of leading to successful publications.

Final decisions also consider a range of criteria for cohort composition, including but not limited to disciplinary balance, institutional diversity, and demographic diversity.

Please note that invitations for a research stay are not transferable to later years.

## FUTURE RESEARCH STAYS

This very first call for applications is deliberately designed to be very open to give the ENGAGE.EU alliance and participating researchers the opportunity to contribute ideas and help design the ENGAGE.EU Think Tank as an outstanding platform of European research collaborations. Future research stays will take place at various ENGAGE.EU locations and explore different research topics.

Participating researchers have the possibility to be part of the ENGAGE.EU Think Tank network in the long-term, which may include participation as a guest speaker at future events or sharing their expertise with future ENGAGE.EU Think Tank research groups.

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Further information on the ENGAGE.EU Think Tank, as well as current open calls is available on our [website](#).

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## PRIVACY NOTICE

### Foreword

This privacy notice describes the characteristics of the processing undertaken by Luiss in relation to the personal data provided by those who intend to apply for selection procedures for the Call for Applications. Research Stay at the ENGAGE.EU Think Tank 2022 and highlights their statutory rights in this regard. The privacy notice is periodically updated to take account of regulatory developments and new methods of processing personal data.

### What personal data do we collect?

The Controller collects and processes the following personal data

- identifying data (name, surname, place and date of birth, gender and tax number);
- contact data (permanent address, current address, e-mail address and telephone number);
- curriculum vitae.

### Why do we collect your data and why is their processing lawful?

The Controller collects and processes the data subject's personal information in pursuit of the following purposes:

- to allow the data subject to send their candidacy and thus participate in the selection for the profile sought (the legal legitimacy of the treatment can be found in the pre-contractual obligations between the University and the candidate);
- to manage, from an administrative point of view, the selection of candidates based on the assessment of the merit and the curriculum of the interested party (the legal legitimacy of the treatment can be found in the pre-contractual obligations between the University and the candidate).

### How does the Controller process your personal data and how long is the data stored for?

The data subject's personal data are processed both on paper and electronically (servers, cloud database, software, etc.).

The Controller stores the data subject's data for a period of time consistent with what the law prescribes and having regard to the time required to correctly achieve the purposes stated above.

### To whom do we communicate your personal data?

- internally

The personal data of data subjects can be accessed solely by the University's employees and other personnel so as to provide the data subjects with the requested services and limited solely to the data necessary to that end, in particular:

- administrative staff;
- academic staff;
- collaborators.

Our employees and other personnel have been informed and trained regarding the importance of observing the rules and principles governing the processing of personal data.

- externally

The Controller shares the personal data of registered students with some suppliers that play a role in providing the requested services and that have been specifically appointed as external Processors to that end, in particular third parties whose services the Controller avails of to manage the overall relationship with data subjects.

The Data Controller may share the personal data of the data subjects with the EU Engage partners. These entities, as independent data controllers, will submit their privacy policy and regulations to the attention of the data subjects, to fulfil all the obligations set forth in the relevant legislation.

Suppliers that access data do so in compliance with applicable data protection law and the instructions given by the Controller.

The Controller may not communicate personal data to third parties without the data subject's consent unless communication is mandated by law or by the authorities:

- should such prove necessary on grounds of national security;
- for reasons of general interest;
- on foot of a request made by public authorities.

### Are your data transferred abroad?

The data of the interested party are not transferred outside the European Economic Area.

### What are your rights as a data subject and how can you exercise them?

The European Union's General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) grants data subject specific rights, in particular, regarding access to data, rectification of data, objection to processing of data for commercial purposes or automated processing of data, erasure of data, restrictions on processing of data and portability of data. Data subjects are also entitled to seek redress through the Data Protection Authority.

Any data subjects wishing to exercise their statutory rights may, without formality, send an e-mail to [privacy@luiss.it](mailto:privacy@luiss.it) or write to the Controller Luiss Guido Carli at Viale Pola 12, 00198 Rome, Italy, setting out their request and furnishing the information necessary to identify them.

The contact details of the Data Protection Officer (DPO) can be viewed on the Controller's website at [www.luiss.it](http://www.luiss.it).

The Controller will reply within one month. Should the Controller be unable to reply by the above deadline, it will give you a detailed explanation as to why your request cannot be satisfied.