

INFORMATICS EUROPE BENEFITS & SERVICES — TO MAXIMIZE YOUR IMPACT

Key Takeaways:

Informatics Europe (IE) unites and strengthens the European Informatics research and education community, offering members enhanced influence, visibility, and strategic positioning.

Key Membership Benefits:

1. IMPACT - Amplified Advocacy:
 - a. Influence European policies through strategic discussions and expert recommendations.
 - b. Collaborate with 200+ institutions across 30+ countries to advocate for Informatics.
 - c. Magnify individual efforts and strengthen the collective voice of our community in Europe.
2. EXPOSURE - International Visibility & Network:
 - a. Gain international recognition through IE working groups, committees and publications.
 - b. Network, collaborate on (EU-funded) projects, stay at the forefront of strategic discussions.
 - c. Maximise the outreach of your topics of interest with IE's endorsement.
3. RESOURCES - Strategic Positioning:
 - a. Benchmark and gain key institutional insights through peer discussions and evaluations.
 - b. Enhance education and research through international collaborations, empowered faculty and exclusive data.
 - c. Access IE resources free or at reduced fees (e.g. leadership training, department evaluation, job postings, publications, Informatics Higher Education Data Portal).

As members of Informatics Europe (IE), **we take pride in our shared achievements**, strengthening the unity and impact of the European Informatics research and education community — a success only possible together.

Empowering each other, developing a concerted position on timely issues, and positively inspiring policy-making rely on the steadfast support of our members and the collaborative efforts of researchers across Europe.

Walking together makes us stronger!

Beyond the long-term IE community benefits, **IE membership brings tangible advantages to academics, researchers and organisations**. It enhances their **influence, visibility, and strategic positioning** on European Informatics education and research, as well as within their specific areas of interest. Discover how IE membership directly supports your goals and recognition:

AMPLIFIED ADVOCACY role for Informatics in Europe

Maximise the impact of your efforts at the local, national and European level by contributing to strategic discussions, endorsing policy recommendations, or claiming funding in a pan-European consensual manner.

Advancing Informatics research and education is our **collective responsibility**, one that institutions and individuals must actively embrace to ensure the discipline's growth, recognition, and influence at the European level. By joining Informatics Europe, your institution **joins forces with over 200** well-established and emerging **institutions from 30+ countries**, advocating for Informatics across academia, industry, and policy-making circles with a **unified and powerful voice**.

Together, **we influence European policy decisions** using [reliable data](#), [recommendations](#) and [expert-based debates](#) and [collaboration platforms](#), serving IE members as well as the European Commission and national policy-working bodies. Our member [National Informatics Associations](#) play a special role by bringing forward and representing a consensual national view in our European discussions while serving as IE ambassadors in their countries. Furthermore, strategic partnerships with [sister organizations](#) such as ACM-Europe, ERCIM or CEPIS further expand our impact on shared priorities.

Whether addressing the [Digital Talent Gap](#), ensuring Informatics is recognized as a [core school subject](#)ⁱ, securing representation for Informatics scientists in key European bodies (e.g. [ERC Scientific Council](#)), championing [socially engaged teaching and research](#), or promoting fair and effective [evaluation](#) methods for researchers, IE continuously works to elevate the discipline's standing in Europe.

Each of our members strengthens the collective voice of our community. Whether actively shaping discussions or supporting our mission through your presence, you help amplify our impact. Propose key topics, share challenges, or contribute by reinforcing our advocacy — IE Working Groups, ECSS sessions, and Board meetings are ideal platforms for this engagement (see below).

Enhanced international VISIBILITY and RECOGNITION

Gain exceptional personal and institutional opportunities to **showcase expertise and leadership on a European stage** by actively engaging in year-round IE activities:

- **Position your institution as a visible leader and Informatics advocate in Europe**, joining the growing community committed to this mission since 2006.
- **Maximise the outreach of your topics of interest with IE's endorsement.** Share expertise and enhance recognition across Europe by contributing to members-only IE [working groups \(WG\) and task forces](#)ⁱⁱ as well as resulting outcomes, such as [recommendations](#), [webinars](#), [best practices reports](#) and [publications](#) at large. Members are also welcome to join [monthly Board meetings](#).
- **Showcase your institution and country** by [hosting the European Informatics Leaders Summit \(ECSS\)](#), keeping your data updated in the [IE Research and Education Directory](#) or contribute to the [Higher Education Data Portal](#)ⁱⁱⁱ through data collection, analysis, and reporting efforts.
- **Stay at the forefront of strategic Informatics discussions** while contributing impactful initiatives through IE working groups, ECSS debates and nominating [Board candidates](#) to steer IE's strategic future.
- **Expand your pan-European network.** Build **breakthrough partnerships** and develop **innovative research collaborations** by leveraging IE connections. Several EU-funded projects emerged from our WGs, such as the [COST Action EUGAIN](#) - European Network for Gender Balance in Informatics, which successfully concluded in October 2024 with excellent ratings and more than 160 members across 45+ countries.
- **Boost the impact of your EU-funded projects** by partnering with IE. As a networking partner, IE enhances visibility, provides expert insights, and expands outreach through its extensive network. Notable

partnerships include Erasmus+ projects [Inclusion4EU](#) and [Ethics4EU](#) - Ethical Computer Science Education for Europe, as well as EUGAIN COST Action, where we acted as Grant Holder manager institution. Several Erasmus+ and Horizon 2020 proposals are currently underway.

- **Gain institutional and individual recognition through IE Awards** by nominating candidates or joining award committees. The [Minerva Informatics Equality Award](#) is open to the community at large, while the [IE Best Dissertation Award](#) is exclusive to IE members.
- **Share your news with the community** – promote institutional achievements, events, and initiatives through the [Informatics Europe Bulletin](#), reaching a broad network of Informatics leaders across Europe.

Enhanced STRATEGIC POSITIONING

IE membership empowers institutions to elevate their global standing, fostering excellence **through strategic insights, peer collaboration, and exclusive resources**:

- **Discuss key managerial and strategic challenges and trends** with an exclusive peer network during [ECSS](#), especially in the Leaders Workshop. Exchange insights and **plan individual or joint actions**.
- **Benchmark and gain actionable insights** with IE's [Department Teaching and/or Research Evaluation Service](#), an independent 360° review by internationally recognized peers, a tool for continuous development.
- **Access comprehensive and reliable insights into Informatics higher education across Europe**. Members enjoy full access to IE's [Informatics Higher Education Data Portal](#), featuring 10+ years of statistics from 24 countries.
- **Reinforce a constructive, collegial, inclusive culture in your institution** with enhanced leadership skills. IE's [Leadership Development courses](#) provide practical, evidence-based strategies tailored to academics from Informatics and related disciplines.
- **Broaden your international reach and cross-border collaborations** (see above).
- **Boost your research by supporting your PhD students and early career researchers**. Offer them reduced-fee access to [IE training schools](#), [Professional Development Workshops](#) or dedicated [Awards](#).
- **Enhance your international recruitment efforts with unlimited free job postings** on the [IE Job Platform](#), dedicated to advertising scientific and academic positions in Europe.
- **Leverage IE publications** with select resources reserved for members. Examples include:
 - [EUGAIN Booklet "Policy Recommendations for Gender Balance in Informatics"](#)
 - [Recommendations on the Use of AI in Informatics Education](#)
 - [European Values for Ethics in Digital Technology](#)
 - [Bridging the Digital Talent Gap: Towards Successful Industry-University Partnerships](#)
 - [When Computers Decide: European Recommendations on Machine-Learned Automated Decision-Making](#)

Stay informed! Open Activities are announced on our [webpage](#), [LinkedIn](#) and [Bluesky](#) platforms. IE member representatives also receive first-hand updates via our [mailing list and bulletin](#).

While most IE activities and services are open to all institutions, **members enjoy special benefits**, such as exclusive access (working groups, Higher Education Data Portal, publications) and discounted fees (ECSS, courses and training schools, Job Portal, Department Evaluation service).

We strive to adapt and enhance these benefits to meet our members' evolving needs. Additionally, IE offers a [referral program](#) to reward members who contribute to its growth.

ⁱ IE's work towards the recognition of Informatics as a core subject in school curricula spans over a decade and includes initiatives such as the [Informatics for all coalition](#), which led to the [Rome Declaration](#) supported by nearly 300 signatories, and the [Informatics Reference Framework for School](#) recognised in the [2023 European Council recommendations on digital skills in education and training](#).

ⁱⁱ IE Working Groups currently focus on Education Research, Diversity & Inclusion, Data Analysis & Reporting, Open Science, Ethics, and Green ICT. Members can propose additional topics/groups.

ⁱⁱⁱ Among others, our Higher Education Data Portal was recognised in a [Communications of the ACM journal article "Informatics Higher Education in Europe: A Data Portal and Case Study"](#) (2023) and featured in [Stanford Institute for Human-Centered Artificial Intelligence \(HAI\)'s Artificial Intelligence \(AI\) Index Report](#) (2024).