



FOUNDATION FOR INNOVATION
AND RESEARCH - **MALTA**

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The platform for local and international researchers in Malta

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ABOUT

The Foundation for Innovation and Research – Malta (FiR.mt), is an independent, autonomous, voluntary, non-profit and public-purpose foundation established in 2020. FiR.mt is a Research and Knowledge Dissemination Organisation and a Research and Technology Organisation (RTO) dedicated to adopting a multidisciplinary approach encompassing engineering, technology, environmental sciences, social sciences and humanities, enabling human-centred and societally relevant innovation.

FiR.mt brings together local and international researchers, innovators, industry, public authorities and civil society to collaborate on research and innovation initiatives of national and international significance. Through its network of experts and partners, the Foundation offers a gateway for organisations seeking research collaborations and projects in Malta, particularly within the European Research Area.

Within two years of its establishment, FiR.mt ranked among Malta's top five participants in Horizon Europe projects. The Foundation has coordinated and participated in numerous national and European initiatives and has successfully hosted major international events, including MEDPOWER 2022 and IEEE PES ISGT Europe 2025, the largest edition in the conference's 15-year history.

FiR.mt supports the full lifecycle of research and innovation projects, from proposal development and consortium building to implementation, dissemination and impact creation. Through its growing portfolio of Living Laboratories, international partnerships and postgraduate research opportunities, FiR.mt continues to strengthen Malta's research and innovation ecosystem. FiR.mt is a Corporate Member of the International Solar Energy Society (ISES).

Current Research Areas: Energy & Photovoltaics, Smart Grids & Digitalisation, Maritime & Blue Economy, Sustainable Living, Social Sciences & Humanities (SSH), Digital Humanities, Autonomous Systems, and Industrial Processes.



Milestones in Research, Innovation and International Collaboration

2020 Technopolis concept initiated; FiR.mt established as a Public Purpose Foundation

2021 FiR.mt launches the first four themes: Photovoltaics, Sustainable Living, Autonomous Systems, and Industrial Processes, and expands the first volunteers.

2022 Hosts IET MEDPOWER 2022 and launches PROMISE and TRANSIT under Horizon Europe, ranking among Malta's top five Horizon Europe participants.



2023 Hosts the 1st PROMISE Advanced School, launches BEEPOLL, RoOFPEVs, VirtualKES1.0 and MAP-PV, and expands into Social Sciences, Digital Humanities and Resource Preservation.



2024 Launches the Horizon Europe project GIANTS, expands into Maritime Technology and Blue Economy innovation, and joins ISES as a Corporate Member.



2025 Hosts the 2nd PROMISE Advanced School, TRANSIT Training and IEEE PES ISGT Europe 2025, largest edition in its history (866 delegates), expands Living Labs, launches postgraduate opportunities, and POWER-UP.



2026 Expands its Living Laboratories into port emissions, environmental monitoring and sustainability, while strengthening international partnerships and training activities.

7 - 9 November 2022, MALTA

on Power Generation,



FUNDING ORGANISATIONS



STRATEGIC PARTNERS & SUPPORTERS



POSTGRADUATE OPPORTUNITIES

Research-intensive Master's and PhD opportunities through international university partnerships, including split-site programmes with Anhalt University of Applied Sciences. Projects may be based in Malta or address Maltese and Mediterranean challenges. Scholarships may be available.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Advanced Photovoltaic School on Performance and Reliability (Malta), May/June 2027. An international training programme bringing together researchers, industry and practitioners in photovoltaic performance, reliability, monitoring and diagnostics. Limited places available.

