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Hosted by Batumi Shota Rustaveli State University and Batumi State Maritime Academy, Batumi (Georgia), 5 - 7 July 2024.

The International Excellence School (IES) focuses on university **intersectoral cooperation** as a tool to contribute to socioeconomic development through technology transfer and innovation between academia and industry, business, universities, government agencies, civil society.

**Technology transfer** is the process of sharing and co-creating knowledge and expertise between academic and science institutions and other societal sectors.

**Innovation** is driven both by technological advancements and by new ideas or ways of doing things. The IES aims to equip participants with the knowledge and skills needed to foster a vibrant environment for innovation within universities so that academic research bridges to society, the economy, the social welfare, and provide solutions that address contemporary global challenges such as ageing, climate change, democratic citizenship to name a few. Participants will understand, conceptually and practically, how to become academic entrepreneurs and develop their relationships with societal actors at local, national and international level.

The International Excellence School is organized through keynote speeches by international and national experts, workshops and collective work. It will use case studies – success stories that explore the different types of intersectoral collaboration, the process of technology transfer, and the drivers and challenges of innovation. Moreover, the IES aims to equip young researchers with the soft skills necessary to collaborate effectively across sectors through training in communication, negotiation and project management and specifically:

- To foster a network of early career researchers interested in intersectoral cooperation, technology transfer, and innovation.
- To raise awareness of the challenges and opportunities associated with intersectoral cooperation, technology transfer, and innovation. This could involve inviting guest speakers from industry, government, and academia to share their perspectives.
- To develop the research skills of participants through project-based work on real-world problems that require intersectoral cooperation through working on case studies or developing research proposals that address complex challenges.

International and Georgian experts will contribute to the IES as keynote speakers and instructors, coordinating sessions, providing feedback on participants' questions and ideas, facilitating the exchange of knowledge.

At the IES, participants will:

- Gain exposure to best practices: Learn from successful approaches in the field.
- Receive feedback on research projects: Present their plans and get valuable advice from academic experts and peers.
- Expand their network: Connect with leading international and Georgian scholars, as well as fellow participants.

The IES invites early career researchers who are conducting research or are planning to do so through intersectoral cooperation, with the objective of enhancing technology transfer and promoting innovation. Early Career Researchers are defined as members of academic staff in a higher education institution with maximum 5 years from their PhD completion, or PhD candidates currently conducting their doctoral studies.

The IES aims to select 30 participants. Accommodation expenses will be covered for IES participants.

Attendance is free. Meals, coffee and tea will be provided during the three days.

## **Practical information**

When: Friday to Sunday 5 - 7 July 2024, 10am – 6pm

Language: English

Hosts: Batumi Shota Rustaveli State University and Batumi State Maritime Academy with the support of UCL University College London.

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Venue: Batumi Shota Rustaveli State University, Batumi, Georgia

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## How to Apply

Interested Early Career Researchers should fill the following online form:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdnQvnIZWMWjbqWhDm39FfRvXJlkZbWbFXsDzPvLOkUavVWqA/viewform>

Moreover, by May 10, 2024, at the same form they should submit following:

1) A 500-word abstract outlining: (a) project idea and its relevance and objectives beyond academia; (b) list of relevant partners and stakeholders explaining the reasons for their involvement; (c) methodology with a focus on the involvement of partners and stakeholders; (d) expected results with a focus on practical results in the short and long term; (e) budget and other resources needed and how these could be shared among university and other partners, and (f) envisaged funders and specific funding schemes may be indicated.

2) A reference letter (corroborating the above) from an academic or job supervisor.

The letter of Intent and the Reference Letter in Word or PDF files should be upload on the platform.

For inquiries and further information: [internationalisation\\_georgia@savvybusiness.eu](mailto:internationalisation_georgia@savvybusiness.eu)

## Important Dates

Application deadline: Friday, 10 May 2024, 12pm GMT

Notification of acceptance: 20 May 2024

Event: Friday to Sunday 5 - 7 July 2024