

Call for Academic Mentors & Subject-Matter Experts

European Youth Energy Forum (EYEF) 2026

Co-hosted by UlySA/Ulysseus

What is EYEF?

The European Youth Energy Forum (EYEF) is the flagship event of the European Youth Energy Network (EYEN), bringing together students, young professionals and researchers from across Europe and the Mediterranean to collaborate on innovative solutions for the energy transition.

From **26 to 29 October 2026**, the **5th edition of EYEF** will take place in **Nice, France**. Co-hosted by **EYEN and the UlySA/Ulysseus**, EYEF 2026 will strengthen collaboration between academia, industry, policymakers and young professionals to develop innovative, implementable solutions for Europe's energy transition.

As part of this initiative, we are inviting **academic experts, researchers and lecturers** from Ulysseus partner universities to join the **Academic Mentor Network** and support participants throughout the programme.

Who Are We Looking For?

We are seeking academics and researchers with expertise in one or more of the following areas:

- **Building the Energy Transition Workforce** - Supporting education, skills development, workforce planning and employment pathways for the energy transition.
- **Enabling Inclusive & Local Energy Transitions** - Supporting community engagement, social inclusion, energy equity and local leadership within the energy transition.
- **Global & Regional Cooperation for the Energy Transition** - Supporting international cooperation, youth engagement, talent mobility and collaboration across Europe and the Mediterranean.
- **Innovation, Entrepreneurship & Green Financing** - Supporting entrepreneurship, clean energy innovation, financing mechanisms, investment readiness and business development.

-Additional expertise in renewable energy systems, energy efficiency, digital technologies, artificial intelligence, data-driven solutions and other energy-related fields is also highly welcome.

The Mentor Role

Participants will take part in an online learning journey followed by the European Youth Energy Forum and Hackathon in Nice.

Working in multidisciplinary teams of **3–6 participants**, they will develop an innovative **project proposal** addressing one of the four EYEF challenge areas.

Each Academic Mentor will:

- Mentor at least one participant team throughout the programme.
- Share technical knowledge and professional experience.
- Guide participants during the development of their project proposal.
- Lead online mentoring meetings.
- Provide feedback throughout the process.
- Evaluate the final project proposal produced by their assigned team.
- If available, be present at the in-person Forum and Hackathon in Nice.

Time Commitment

Mentorship Period

September – October 2026

Online Meetings

- Five online mentoring meetings are planned.
- Participation in **at least three meetings** is expected.
- Meetings will take place on **Tuesdays** at either **18:00 or 19:00 CET**.
- Meeting times may be adjusted according to each mentor's availability.
- Each meeting is expected to last approximately 60–90 minutes.

Mentor Onboarding

A mandatory online **Kick-off Meeting** will take place for introducing mentors to the programme, methodology, mentoring process and available resources.

Support Provided by EYEF

Academic Mentors will receive:

- A complete Mentor Guide.
- Detailed challenge briefs.
- Meeting agendas and facilitation guidance.
- Continuous support from the EYEF Programme Team.
- Onboarding before the mentoring period begins.

While EYEF will provide the meeting structure and agenda, mentors are encouraged to prepare supporting materials, examples or resources related to their area of expertise.

Why Become an EYEF Academic Mentor?

By joining EYEF 2026, you will:

- Support the next generation of European energy leaders.
- Share your expertise with highly motivated students and young professionals.
- Collaborate with academics, industry representatives and policymakers from across Europe and the Mediterranean.
- Expand your professional network through an international community.
- Receive an official Certificate of Participation.
- Be recognised as an Academic Mentor of the European Youth Energy Forum 2026.
- Have the opportunity to participate in the European Youth Energy Forum in Nice.

Participation in the in-person Forum is optional. Travel and accommodation costs are not covered by EYEF.

UlySA/Ulysseus Contribution

As a **Co-host of EYEF 2026**, UlySA/Ulysseus is actively contributing to the design and delivery of the Forum.

We aim to identify **approximately three Academic Mentors from each Ulysseus partner university**, creating a network of around **24 experts** across the Alliance.

In addition, **15 places have been reserved for UlySA students** with a strong interest in the energy transition, offering them the opportunity to collaborate with participants, experts and organisations from across Europe and the Mediterranean.

Key Dates

Date	Activity
TBA	Mentor Kick-off Meeting (Online)
September – October 2026	Five Online Mentoring Sessions
26–29 October 2026	European Youth Energy Forum & Hackathon, Nice, France

Expression of Interest

If you are interested in becoming an Academic Mentor, or would like to nominate a colleague with relevant expertise, we would be delighted to hear from you.

For further information or to express your interest, please contact:

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We look forward to welcoming you to the Academic Mentor Network of the European Youth Energy Forum 2026.