

## CALL FOR INTEREST

### Academic Host of the ENGAGE.EU Think Tank in Toulouse – May 2026

*AMI ENGAGE.EU séjour de recherche à Toulouse- Mai 2026*

**We are seeking a researcher or team of researchers to serve as the academic host for the next ENGAGE.EU research incubator that will be held** at the University of Toulouse Capitole in May 2026.

### ENGAGE.EU partner universities

The ENGAGE.EU Think Tanks foster **interdisciplinary research exchanges** amongst researchers from all ENGAGE partners: the University of Mannheim (Germany), the Nowergian School of Economics (Norway), Hanken School of Economics (Finland), Tilburg University (Netherlands), Ramon Llull University (Spain), the University of National and World Economy (Bulgaria), Luiss University (Italy), Vienna University of Economics and Business (Austria) and associated partner University of Saint Gallen (Switzerland).

### ENGAGE.EU Think Tank format

The ENGAGE.EU Think Tanks bring together 25 to 30 post-doctoral and senior researchers from ENGAGE.EU partner universities and offer an intensive **one-week on-site interdisciplinary research stay to foster academic collaboration, networking, innovative research collaborations** and roundtable discussions with leading experts from business and society. The format – thought as an incubator – provides dedicated time for deep thinking and rigorous analysis, enabling the development and refinement of high-impact ideas and the launch of innovative projects, papers and/or funding applications.

### Opportunities & benefits of being an academic host

As the academic host, you will have the unique opportunity to shape this interdisciplinary event by **proposing a topic that will be the focus of the Think Tank**. The chosen topic should be **aligned with the [ENGAGE.EU alliance's core mission](#)**, addressing critical societal changes from the perspectives of business, economics, and/or social sciences. These may include, but are not limited to, **challenges such as digitalisation, sustainability and climate change, health and well-being, strong institutions, diversity** – all of which are crucial for ensuring a sustainable and positive future for Europe and beyond.

The academic hosting team can include researchers from UT Capitole and/or other ENGAGE.EU partner universities.

As an academic host of the ENGAGE.EU Think Tank, you will impulse and chair an intellectual event that tackles critical societal challenges and fosters impactful collaborations. This opportunity will establish you as a recognised expert in your field, allowing you to contribute to and lead a dedicated interdisciplinary research community, and influencing both policy frameworks and academic discourse.



## Academic Host responsibilities

- 1. Topic Selection:** propose and refine a compelling topic that aligns with ENGAGE.EU's focus on critical societal challenges.
- 2. Scientific Programme:** co-develop and co-pilot the scientific programme of the Think Tank, including co-designing the programme and identifying key areas of discussion. *NB: the event can be combined with another research and/or public event on the think tank's topic.*
- 3. Participant Selection:** participate in the selection process of applicants, ensuring a diverse and high-quality group of researchers from various fields and expertise from the different ENGAGE.EU partner universities.
- 4. Preparations:** attend preparatory meetings and contribute to the organisation of pre-Think Tank activities, such as online meetings to explore shared interests and set project goals collaboratively.

## Support provided

The academic host will receive dedicated support from the UT Capitole ENGAGE.EU team. Our team will be fully responsible for managing all operational and organisational aspects, ensuring that the academic host can focus entirely on developing the scientific programme and intellectual framework of the event.

**Paid overtime<sup>1</sup> and a budget up to 15 000 EUR are available for the organisation of the event** and the selected participants from partner institutions will have their mobility separately funded by ENGAGE.EU.

## Application process

To express your interest in becoming the academic host for the ENGAGE.EU Think Tank 2026 at UT Capitole, please submit a short proposal (max. 2 pages) outlining your proposed topic and its relevance to critical societal challenges.

- **Submissions should be sent ENGAGE.EU R&I project officer Myriam Greusard at [myriam.greusard@ut-capitole.fr](mailto:myriam.greusard@ut-capitole.fr) by the end of June 2025.** A meeting will be planned to discuss proposals in more detail shortly after.
- For further information, please contact Myriam Greusard, or come and meet in AR365 and/or find more details about the past Think Tanks organised by ENGAGE.EU:  
<https://www.engageuniversity.eu/think-tank/>

We look forward to your innovative ideas and contributions to this exciting opportunity to shape the future of European research and address critical societal challenges!

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<sup>1</sup> Subject to change and not binding: by way of derogation, hours and/or overtime provided as part of ENGAGE.EU projects will no longer be included in the additional hour limits applicable to academic staff, whether permanent, trainee or contract staff, from the academic year 2025-2026 onwards.

