

Guidelines for the Project Outline Preparation Days 2026

ITEA PO Days 2025 Preparation session (online)
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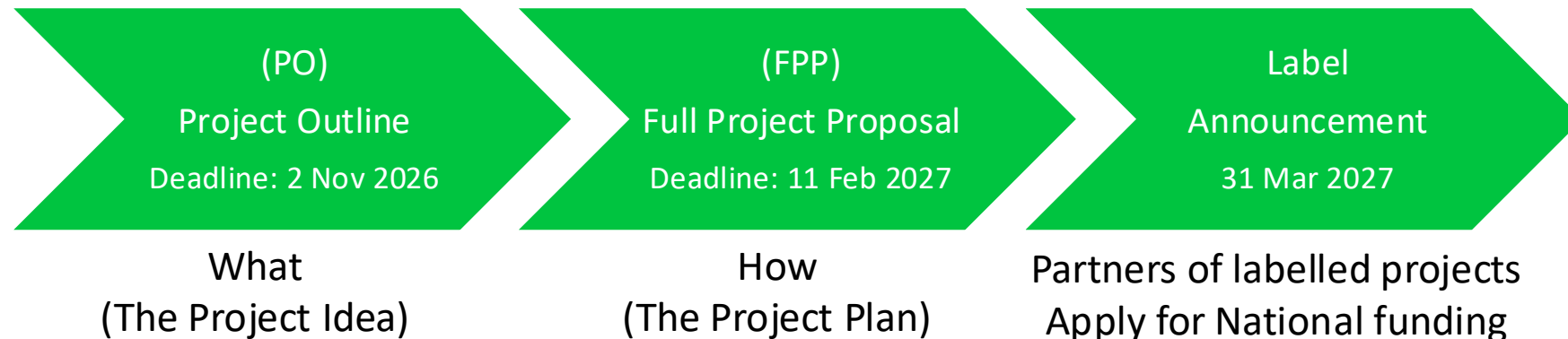
Since 1998, ITEA is the Eureka RD&I programme on software innovation. ITEA stimulates transnational and industry-driven R&D&I in the domain of **software innovation**. ITEA enables a large international community to **collaborate in funded projects** that turn innovative ideas into new businesses, jobs, economic **growth and benefits for society**.

ITEA is:

- Global and trusted cooperation in an industrial community
- Project financing through national public and own funding
- Commercialisation of research results
- Focus on high-quality process and support

Introduction

- ITEA Call 2026 is a new Call for international research project proposals on software innovation.
 - The Call opens on 15 September 2026 with a brokerage event in Istanbul; the ‘Project Outline Preparation Days 2026’ (ITEA PO Days 2026)
- The ITEA Call 2026 follows a 3-step process:



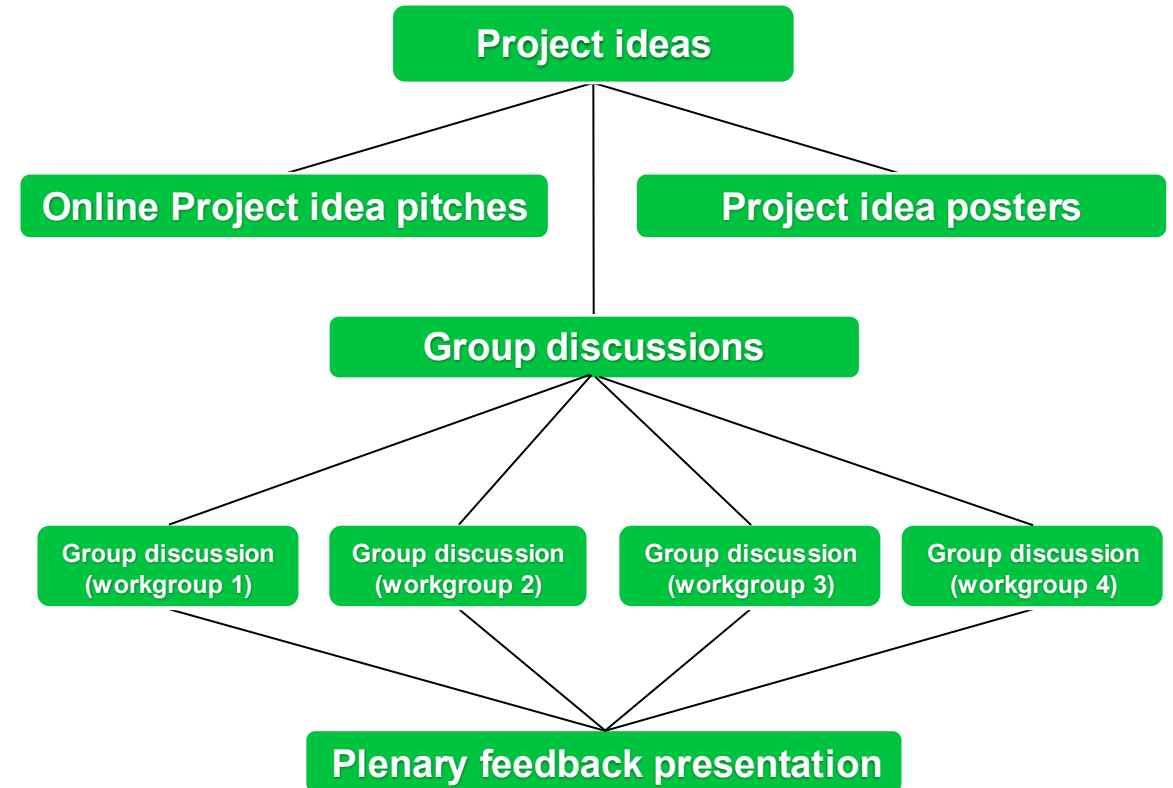
Programme

- **23 June (online):** ITEA PO Days 2026 preparation session
- **26 June, 30 June and 3 September (online):** National priorities and eligibility criteria presented by Public Authorities
- **10 September (online):** Project idea pitch sessions
- **15 September afternoon (Istanbul):** ITEA Project Exhibition, ITEA Project Awards ceremony, (Newcomers) Workshop, and B2B session
- **16 & 17 September (Istanbul):** ITEA PO Days 2026
 - A two-days brokerage event (project idea poster session, brainstorm sessions, feedback presentations and networking)
 - This will be a fully physical event - sessions will not be streamed or recorded
 - Most of the submitted project proposals are initiated at the PO Days

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PO Days overview

- Meet with participants from all over the world
- Define potential projects and form initial project consortia
- Receive information about the ITEA Call 2026 and national public funding



Project ideas & posters

Project ideas (online)

- Now: Publish your project idea in the Project idea tool on the ITEA website
- The Project idea tool is the central place to present your idea, yourself, communicate online with interested partners, show recordings of pitches (after the online Project idea pitch session)
- The project ideas are only visible and accessible by people who have signed the ITEA Call 2026 NDA

Project idea posters

- In close cooperation with you, the ITEA Office will prepare a Project idea poster
- Your poster will be printed and delivered by the ITEA Office at the PO Days in Istanbul
 - Please be sure that your idea is uploaded on the Project Idea Tool latest by 27 August 2026
- The posters will be displayed at the Poster session on the first day of the ITEA PO Days in Istanbul

Project idea pitches (online)

- A project idea pitch is a short presentation ('elevator pitch') of your project idea
 - It is **not** a presentation of your organisation and its products or services
 - It is **not** a presentation of your competences
- Keep it short, simple and focussed (max 4 slides, max 5 minutes presentation)
- Please use the ["Project idea presentation" template](#)
- Present your project idea pitch in an online session on 10 September 10:00 - 12:00 CEST or 15:00 - 17:00 CEST
- Send your PowerPoint presentation in .pptx format (not in PDF!) to communications@itea4.org latest by Monday 7 September
 - All pitches are recorded and published afterwards on the ITEA PO Days webpage and in the ITEA Project idea tool
- Check <https://itea4.org/podays2026/pitches-posters.html> for all information

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Project ideas poster session

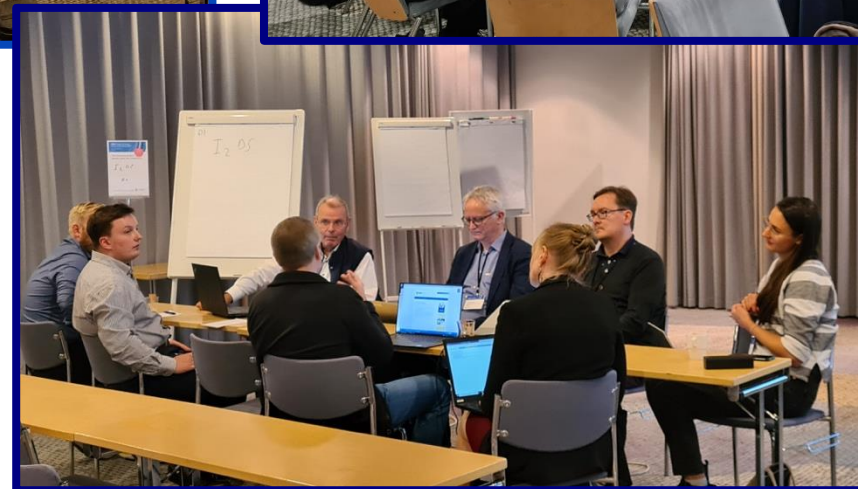
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Group discussions & Plenary session



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Thank you!



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