

Sponsorship Brochure



ELI Summer School 2026

31 August - 4 September 2026

The Extreme Light Infrastructure ERIC

Szeged, Hungary



Dear Partners,

This year marks the 11th edition of the ELI Summer School series, celebrating over a decade of educating and inspiring the next generation of scientists and researchers. Since its beginnings, the Summer School has aimed to provide participants with a broad and accessible overview of the cutting-edge science and technology developed within the Extreme Light Infrastructure.

While several core elements of the programme have become defining features over the years, we continuously seek to renew and expand what we offer. Our goal remains to align high-level scientific content with interactive, practical, and engaging formats that motivate young researchers and encourage them to pursue long-term careers in laser science and technology.

ELISS 2026 will bring together students from around the world for a diverse and immersive experience at the ELI ALPS Facility. The programme will include inspiring scientific lectures, hands-on activities, laboratory visits, poster sessions where participants can showcase their own research, and dedicated networking opportunities. Career-focused sessions and informal discussions will further support professional development and knowledge exchange. Over 120 students are expected to attend in person.

Beyond the academic experience, ELISS 2026 emphasizes community building. Participants will have multiple opportunities to connect with peers, speakers, and experts through networking events, social programmes, and informal gatherings, creating an environment that fosters collaboration and long-lasting professional relationships.

With a clear ambition to strengthen links between academia and industry, ELISS 2026 also offers a unique platform for sponsors and industry partners. Supporting the Summer School provides direct access to highly motivated early-career scientists as well as established researchers, enabling partners to present their activities, products, and services, and explore future collaboration and recruitment opportunities in key scientific and technological fields.

Further details on the available sponsorship opportunities can be found on the following pages.

The ELISS Organising Committee

About ELI Summer School 2026

The next edition of the [Extreme Light Infrastructure Summer School \(ELISS\)](#) takes place on **31 August - 4 September 2026**, hosted by the **ELI ALPS Facility in Szeged, Hungary**, inviting students from around the globe to join a unique experience in cutting-edge laser science and technology. ELISS is open to undergraduate, master's, and PhD students, as well as early-career researchers.

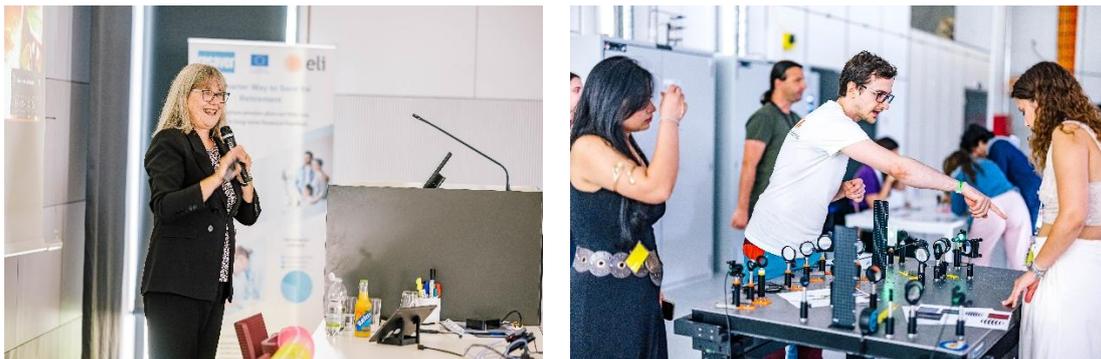
ELISS 2026 aims to provide young scientists with a comprehensive overview of the generation and application of intense laser pulses and laser-driven particle and radiation sources. Participants will also have the opportunity to engage in **dynamic poster sessions** and visit the **ELI ALPS laboratories** while **making new connections** with other students, speakers, and the ELI staff.

More information and updates will be shared on the event's indico page: <https://indico.eli-laser.eu/e/eliss2026>

History

The Summer School series is a core activity for ELI, alternating annually between the ELI Facilities and **aiming to provide young scientists with a comprehensive overview** of the generation and application of intense laser pulses and laser-driven particle and radiation sources. However, ELISS is not just about science—it is also **an opportunity for participants to establish connections, exchange ideas, and network with leading experts, ELI staff and other students and young researchers.**

In 2025, the [10th anniversary edition of ELISS](#) brought together more than 110 students from 22 countries for a week of education and training. With a comprehensive 5-day programme, 30 renowned speakers, including 2018 Nobel Laureate Donna Strickland, and **more than 50 poster presentations**, ELISS 2025 highlighted the range of topics related to ELI and the diversity of the community of young scientists shaping the future of laser research.



Photos from ELISS 2025

The programme set out with tutorials on the physics and technology of ultrafast high-power lasers and introduced ELI's lasers. The programme included thematic areas like plasma physics, high energy density physics, inertial confinement fusion, as well as nuclear physics, particle acceleration and biological and medical applications. The variety of topics reflected the interdisciplinary nature of modern laser science and provided participants with a broad view of how their work can contribute to science and society.



About the Extreme Light Infrastructure (ELI)

The Extreme Light Infrastructure (ELI ERIC) is the world's largest and most advanced collection of high-power lasers. As an international user facility dedicated to multi-disciplinary science and research applications, ELI provides access to world-class high-power, high-repetition-rate laser systems and enables cutting-edge research in physical, chemical, materials, and medical sciences, as well as breakthrough technological innovations.



The state-of-the-art research capacities at the ELI Facilities

Since the launch of its User Programme in 2022, ELI has received a total of 733 proposals from 38 countries, involving over 1,800 individual applicants. Of these, 369 have been awarded beamtime, of which more than 70% have been completed. This demonstrates ELI's progress into steady-state operation and providing dependable access for its scientific community. For more information about ELI's scientific offer, please visit: [ELI User Portal](#)

The ELI ERIC operates as a single multi-site organisation with complementary facilities specialised in different fields of research with extreme light: ELI Beamlines in Dolní Břežany (Czech Republic) and ELI ALPS in Szeged (Hungary). Between the ELI ERIC Facilities, over 600 scientists, technicians, and support staff work together to enable user access and breakthrough science.

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Szeged and ELI ALPS

Szeged is the seat of Csongrád-Csanád County and is located in the centre of the South Alföld (Southern Great Plain) Region, at the confluence of the Maros and Tisza rivers. It is the largest city in south-eastern Hungary, with approximately 160,000 inhabitants. Szeged is often referred to as the "city of sunshine" with over 2,100 sunny hours each year.

Szeged is a "Regional knowledge centre" due to the outstanding work of the [University of Szeged](#) and the [Biological Research Centre](#) – and now the [Extreme Light Infrastructure](#). Szeged offers a hive of activities and tourist spots which a visitor can enjoy in the city.

The event venue is the [ELI ALPS Facility](#), easily accessible via the main highway and well-connected to the city. Designed to meet the unique demands of cutting-edge research, it also offers an ideal venue for a variety of events. While Building A houses state-of-the-art laser technology halls, Building C is the vibrant hub for conferences and social gatherings.

At its heart lies the striking "Brain" conference hall, accommodating 200 guests, surrounded by open, light-filled spaces—ideal for poster sessions, exhibitions, and networking. The facility also offers multiple smaller meeting rooms and additional areas for displaying promotional materials, with a professional team supporting events in this dynamic research environment. The Facility accommodates almost 300 in-house staff.



The building of ELI ALPS and the city centre of Szeged

Address of the venue:

The Extreme Light Infrastructure ERIC – ELI ALPS Facility

Wolfgang Sandner u. 3.

Szeged, 6728

Hungary



Why become a sponsor of ELISS 2026?

ELISS 2026 sponsors have the opportunity to introduce their organisation to a broad range of young (audience) and well-established (Invited Speakers) scientists and engage with the school participants within the frame of a very diverse event programme.

Key benefits:

- **Brand Visibility:** Gain exposure through online and on-site presence and event materials, showcasing your brand to the ELISS audience.
- **Showcase Expertise:** Highlight products, technologies, and services through exhibition opportunities during ELISS.
- **Direct Engagement with Participants:** Have a dedicated space to interact with ELISS participants, fostering relationships with the next generation of the scientific field.
- **Networking Opportunities:** Connect with top young scientists and established professionals during the event, creating valuable partnerships and connections.
- **Explore joint cooperation opportunities with ELI** to foster collaboration and innovation in key scientific and technological fields, such as for example joint internships and training programmes.
- **Recognition as a Key Player:** Positioning as a supporter of cutting-edge laser science and technology by aligning with this popular scientific event.
- **Access to a Global Audience:** Engage with participants and attendees from various countries, broadening reach in the scientific and research community.
- **Be Part of the ELI Community and Learn more about ELI's Science and Technology:** The ELI User Meeting is more than just an event; it provides an opportunity to exchange ideas, discover novel experimental capacities, and build a sense of community in which partners can be part of.



Sponsorship packages

GOLDEN EXHIBITOR PACKAGE

- Company logo featured as a sponsor on the event website, the programme and information brochure and highlighted as a golden level supporter of the event
- Co-sponsor of the Welcome Reception planned for the first evening of the conference
- Option of displaying company videos/advertisements during the breaks in the conference hall and atrium screens
- Special Company Feature on the ELI social media channels (with content and visual as agreed).
- Possibility of placing promotional materials, flyers and publications at the registration desk
- Possibility of placing 1 roll-up in the main lecture hall venue
- Information/exhibition stand during the conference in a prominent location on 31 August – 4 September 2026 for 2 company delegates (infrastructure, including a table with two chairs, and electricity)
- Opportunity to showcase job offers, internships, and employer branding materials during the Career session of the programme

Package price: Net 3000 EUR

SILVER EXHIBITOR PACKAGE

- Company logo featured as a sponsor on the event website, the programme and information brochure and highlighted as a silver level supporter of the event
- Possibility of placing 1 roll-up at the conference venue
- Information/exhibition stand during the conference during on 31 August – 4 September 2026 for 1 company delegate (infrastructure, including a table with two chairs, and electricity)
- Opportunity to showcase job offers, internships, and employer branding materials during the Career session of the programme

Package price: Net 2000 EUR

BRONZE EXHIBITOR PACKAGE

- Company logo featured as a sponsor on the event website, the programme and information brochure and highlighted as a bronze level supporter of the event
- Possibility of placing 1 roll-up at the conference venue
- Opportunity to showcase job offers, internships, and employer branding materials during the Career session of the programme

Package price: Net 1000 EUR

Feature	Golden Exhibitor	Silver Exhibitor	Bronze Exhibitor
Company logo on event materials and website	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Sponsorship level highlight (golden/silver/bronze)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Roll-up placement	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Lecture hall)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Venue)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Venue)
Co-Sponsor of Welcome Reception	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Career session contribution	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Exhibition stand with table, chairs & power	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (2 delegates)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (1 delegate)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Promotional materials at registration desk	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Company video/ads during breaks	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Special feature on ELI social media	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Package Price (Net EUR)	3000 EUR	2000 EUR	1000 EUR

ELI may consider other joint activities with sponsors during the event, should you have any other ideas or proposals, please contact us via email.

Please contact us for any inquiries related to the sponsorship opportunities.

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