

First Announcement - CALL FOR PAPERS – 2nd International Conference on Green Innovation and Circular Economy (GR-I-CE 2026)

Dear Colleagues,

We have the pleasure to invite you to the 2nd International Conference on Green Innovation and Circular Economy (GR-I-CE 2026), which will be held in Athens, Greece, between 10 and 13 of May 2026.

The Conference is being organized by the UNESCO Chair on Green Innovation and Circular Economy of National Technical University of Athens (NTUA), in collaboration with Mantis Beyond Innovation other renowned partners.

Academics, entrepreneurs, and innovative individuals will meet in Athens for a 4-days International Conference on Green Technologies, Innovation & Circular Economy Models, which will combine science, innovation and networking activities. The Conference integrates cutting-edge research with entrepreneurial insights, offering attendees a chance to translate knowledge into actionable opportunities.

Scientific presentations, thematic speeches and discussions will take place on the Conference's subjects, while at the same time startups and innovative companies of the environmental sector will present their innovative technological solutions. Through B2B meetings, special awards and an exhibition area at the historic City of Athens, the Conference will facilitate the exchange of ideas and knowledge, through scientific and networking activities.

Authors can **submit abstracts by 15th of September 2026**, on the following topics:

Circular Economy

- Improved Waste Management
- Circular Water Management
- Circular Design
- Circular Business Models
- Circularity Evaluation
- Circular Supply Chains
- Productivity and Innovation Measurement
- Strategy and Innovation Management
- Circularity and Innovation Standards

Green Innovation

- Innovation Policies and Instruments
- Innovation and Creativity
- Open Innovation
- Knowledge Transfer
- Digital Transformation
- Green Technologies
- Optimization Theory and Applications
- Sustainable Materials and Technologies
- Sustainability-Oriented Innovation Management
- Green Entrepreneurship

Environment and Sustainability

- Climate Change
- Natural Resources Management
- Environmental Planning and Engineering
- Environmental Economics
- Sustainable Business Models
- Sustainable production and consumption
- AI and Sustainability

Decision Policies and Strategic Planning

- Economy Transformation Perspectives
- New Education Approaches
- Inclusive Green Transition
- Foresight
- Energy Policy and Management
- Energy Transition
- Decision Support Systems
- Supply Chain Management and Logistics

All papers or abstracts that will be presented at the Conference (oral or poster presentations) will be eligible for publication (after review) in Special Issues from International Scientific Journals.

Finally, the Conference's Participants will have the opportunity to schedule meeting sessions with other participants (i.e. Academics (A), Researchers, Startups and Companies Representatives). A dedicated platform with scouting and searching features will be dedicated for carrying out B2B, B2A and A2A meetings, offering a unique opportunity for all participants to meet each other, exchange ideas and discuss cooperation opportunities.

For more information on the scientific topics, registration, and paper submissions as well as general useful information, please visit the Conference's draft website at <https://griceconf.eu>.

On behalf of the Organizing & Scientific Committee,

Kind Regards,

Professor Konstantinos Aravossis
Chair of the Organizing Committee
UNESCO Chairholder on Green Innovation and Circular Economy of NTUA