

EUonAIR Open Innovation Challenge 2026 — Sovereign by Design: Building with Open European Language Models: Project Application

Submission instructions:

- Please complete this application form and upload it as a .pdf on the official website of the challenge (https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd44_bQZlqc46syjq9Seq4v7mUjyU0zqAnP0uuG3lsgFUTwZg/viewform) using the **Project Application Form**.
- **Deadline for submission for funding:** 4 December 2026, 12:00 CET.

1. Project title: _____

2. Select the chosen use case:

- Script forcing for EU language scripts (SUPSI)
- Testing Grid for Multilingual Equity in Open European Language Models (SUPSI)
- Explainable Fraud Detection with Open European LLMs (ZSEM)

3. Open European language model and thematic direction:

Name the openly available European language model(s) your prototype will be built on (e.g., Apertus, Teuken, EuroLLM, Salamandra) and briefly justify the choice. The model must be central to the prototype, not decorative.

Indicate which direction your project primarily addresses: Multilingual equity / Transparency in use / Sovereign deployment / Research pathway.

4. Overarching question (thematic focus):

[How might we design...?]

5. Project lead

Name	Discipline	Institution	Role	Email	Phone
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6. Project team

Name	Discipline	Institution	Role	Email	Phone

7. Preferred mentors within the EUonAIR consortium partners (if already identified or planned):

Name	Discipline	Institution	Role	Email / Phone

8. Project overview (max. 2,000 characters):

Context, challenges/problems, needs, relevance, motivation, intent/vision.

9. How-might-we question(s) and methods:

10. Goals / expected results / outputs:

11. Collaborations / project partners (if any):

12. Project plan with work packages and milestones:

Include the following information in your plan:

- Work packages, steps or phases (e.g., desk research, prototype development, evaluation).
- Start date and duration.
- Milestones per work package (e.g., state-of-the-art summaries, mentor check-ins, prototyping, third-party grant submission).
- Include a GANTT table summarizing all project plan details here:

<GANTT table>

13. Images / illustrations / visualizations:

Please attach at least two reference images or other visualizations (illustrations, sketches, diagrams) with this completed application via email.

Caption 1: _____

Caption 2: _____

14. References and bibliography:

15. Consent:

By submitting this project application and participating in the EUonAIR Challenge 2026, you confirm that you have read the participation terms and agree to be legally bound by them.

16. Attachments:

- A. Curriculum Vitae — please attach current CVs of all team members.
- B. Images / illustrations / visualizations (at least two, high resolution; see Section 13).

17. Signatures:

Team member	Signature	Date and Place

Appendix

A1. EUonAIR Innovation Challenge 2026 — Scoring Scale and Table

Below is the scoring scale and table used to evaluate project applications that meet the challenge requirements.

Scoring scale: 0 = No evidence, 1 = Weak, 2 = Fair, 3 = Good, 4 = Very good, 5 = Outstanding

Scoring table:

Criterion	What we look for	Score (0–5)	Comments / Notes
Innovation & Impact	Novelty in the proposed technology or in practices/cultures around it; clear potential benefits for the chosen use case and stakeholders.		
Originality & Inventiveness	Evidence of original thinking; builds on prior work but adds creative, unconventional ideas that advance the state of the art.		
Relevance	Grounded in real-world needs; addresses current social, cultural, economic, educational, or technological challenges with clear problem–solution fit.		
Feasibility	Realistic, well-reasoned plan and resources; plausible path to delivery within constraints; risks identified and mitigations outlined.		

Total score (max 20): _____ / 20

