OPEN CALL ANALYSIS

FUSENET MINI-WORKSHOPS 2026

Up to EUR 10,000 of actual costs for fusion workshops for MSc and PhD students, open to FuseNet member organisations only

EUnita strategic translation

This is a member-only support scheme of the FuseNet Association, the European fusion education network, not an open EU call. A member university, research institute or company that organises a 2 to 5 day fusion workshop for MSc and PhD students can claim the actual costs of the workshop up to EUR 10,000: the costs that remove the participation fee and include accommodation and/or meals for the participating students and lecturers. The application is typically 1 to 2 pages, sent by e-mail to the Executive Office in Eindhoven. Applications are taken on a running basis and reviewed periodically; no application deadline is published, and the call page asks for the workshop to be held before the end of 2026 (Terms §2.5 says 2025). FuseNet pays in full only after the workshop and after four deliverables arrive. An organisation that is not yet a member must join first; no Romanian organisation is listed as a member.

FUSENET MINI-WORKSHOPS ANALYSIS

Fit assessment | Sources | What it funds | Boundaries | Budget & competition | Eligibility | Money | Evaluation | Timeline | Risks

No application deadline: running basis, reviewed periodically | Workshops before the end of 2026 (call page)

Call budget: not published | Up to EUR 10,000 per workshop | Open to FuseNet member organisations only

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*This analysis interprets the official call documentation for applicants. It is not legal advice. The official texts are the FuseNet Terms and Conditions for the 2026 call for the organisation of mini-workshops in fusion (last updated 9 March 2026, no version number), the call page, the Join us, About and members pages of fusenet.eu, the Membership Request form and the Funding & Tenders Portal record of grant agreement 101052200, checked on 22 November 2026 (documents unchanged since the 20 November download; the Portal data are those of 20 November 2026); where this analysis and an official text differ, the official text prevails. Labels used: **Confirmed** (stated in an official source), **EUnita interpretation** (a reading or recommendation by EUnita), **Derived estimate** (arithmetic by EUnita on official figures).*

1. Decision summary: is this call for you?

The FuseNet Association pays the actual costs, up to EUR 10,000, of a mini-workshop in fusion that one of its member organisations holds for MSc or PhD students. The workshop lasts 2 to 5 days and has at least 10 participants. Applications are taken on a running basis and reviewed periodically; no application deadline is published, and the call page asks for the workshop to be held before the end of 2026 (Terms §2.5 says 2025).

Item	Confirmed position	Source
Scheme	"Call for the organisation of mini-workshops in fusion 2026". A support scheme of the association, with no grant agreement or call identifier of its own	Terms; call page
Run by	The FuseNet Association (Eindhoven), an independent legal entity founded in December 2010; the Executive Office handles the applications	Terms §1; Organisation page
Funded by	Not stated in the call documents. FuseNet is a linked third party to EUROfusion and says most of its funding activities are covered by grants	About; Join us
Support	Actual costs up to EUR 10,000 per workshop; payment in full after the workshop and the deliverables	Terms §3, §4
Who	A FuseNet member (university, research institute or company)	Terms §2.1; Join us
Romania	No country condition, but the applicant must be a member and no Romanian member is listed on 22 November 2026	Terms §2; members page
Dates	Applications e-mailed to feo@fusenet.eu on a running basis and reviewed periodically; no application deadline or window; workshops "before the end of this year" (2026)	Call page; Terms §4

Good fit

- ✓ Existing FuseNet member universities, research institutes and companies with a fusion topic at MSc or PhD level
- ✓ Organisers who can hold a 2 to 5 day workshop with at least 10 participants before the end of 2026
- ✓ Organisers with external experts or external students to bring in
- ✓ Hosts able to record and publish the classroom lectures
- ✓ Members that can front the costs until payment after the deliverables

Not a fit

- ✗ Organisations that are not members: joining comes first and needs the Board's decision
- ✗ Romanian organisations, none of which is listed as a member
- ✗ Events for bachelor students, school pupils or the public
- ✗ Repeats of an earlier workshop with no new content or audience
- ✗ Organisers that need an advance or travel support for external lecturers

EUnita verdict (interpretation)

EUnita interpretation: a good, light scheme for an existing member with a ready workshop idea, and a poor fit for everyone else in 2026. For a non-member the sequence is membership request, Board eligibility check and yearly fee, then application, review and a workshop held before the end of 2026; the documents offer no fast route. Romanian readers should treat this as a network to consider joining for later years, not as a call to apply to now.

2. Source verification and document status

Confirmed: all facts come from the FuseNet website, the Terms and Conditions PDF, the Membership Request form and the Funding & Tenders Portal, checked on 22 November 2026 (the Portal data are those of 20 November 2026). The call has no EU call text: the Terms and the call page are the whole of the rules.

Document	Version and date	Used for
Terms and Conditions, 2026 call for mini-workshops	Last updated 9 March 2026; 3 pages	Rules, procedure
Call page, Mini-Workshops	Read 20 and 22 November 2026	Period, review
Join us page and Membership Request form	Page read 20 November 2026; form dated 2020	Membership, fees
Members page with the country filter	Read 20 and 22 November 2026	Romanian members
About page and Organisation page of fusenet.eu	Read 20 November 2026	Who runs it, EUROfusion
Funding & Tenders Portal record of grant agreement 101052200 (EUROfusion)	Data of 20 November 2026	FuseNet's EU role

Where the official documents differ

- **Year of the workshops.** Terms §2.5 says the workshop must be organised "during 2025"; the title of the Terms, the call page ("in 2026") and the update date of 9 March 2026 point to 2026. This analysis reads 2026; an applicant should ask the Executive Office (feo@fusenet.eu) which year applies.
- **Who reviews, and when.** Terms §4.2: the WP_MAS work party evaluates "on a running basis". Call page: applications are reviewed "periodically at the Board of Governors meetings". The meeting dates are not published and WP_MAS is not explained; an applicant should ask the Executive Office (feo@fusenet.eu) which applies and when the next decision falls.
- **The end date.** The call page says "before the end of this year" without printing a year; the year comes from the page title.
- **Examples.** Terms §1 offers "three examples of the past" and lists four.

3. What the call funds

Confirmed: FuseNet supports "small-scale workshops that aim to connect young talents with experienced researchers", set up as masterclasses on a dedicated topic, with interaction between experts and students; such events "typically last 2-5 days" (Terms §1). The scheme is part of the association's role as a platform for fusion education in Europe.

- **Topic:** specialised and fusion-relevant, at MSc or PhD level, and "not widely covered in existing summer schools, workshops or other educational events" (§2.2).
- **Novelty:** not a simple repetition of an earlier mini-workshop; added value such as new programme elements or a different or larger audience (§2.3).
- **Size and length:** at least 10 participants; 2 to 5 days (§2.4, §2.5).
- **People:** external experts and/or participating external students; participants are MSc or PhD students in a fusion-relevant field (§2.6, §2.7).
- **Openness:** open to prospective participants from all FuseNet members and from "members of EUROfusion countries" who meet the other criteria (§2.8).

- **Recording:** classroom lectures recorded and made public on the FuseNet website; practical laboratories, technical visits and lectures with privacy restrictions are exempt (§2.9).
- **Past examples:** irradiation effects in plasma-facing materials (SCK-CEN); a workshop at the Golem tokamak (Czech Technical University); an online workshop on fusion and fission new-build projects (Schoenfelder Training and Framatome); the 1st Fusion Winter School (Renaissance Fusion) (§1).

Confirmed: the call is for workshops “organised before the end of this year”, the year being 2026 (call page). The Terms mention an online example, but set no rule on in-person or online delivery.

4. Boundaries: avoid the wrong door

- **Not for non-members:** “The applicant must be a FuseNet member” (§2.1).
- **Not a general fusion research or equipment grant:** the money pays the participation fee, accommodation and meals of the workshop; travel of external lecturers is not covered (§3).
- **Not for other audiences:** participants must be MSc or PhD students; bachelor, school and public events are outside the scheme (§2.7).
- **Not an EU open call:** there is no EU call identifier, platform or published evaluation grid.

Confirmed: FuseNet’s site lists separate support schemes for individual Master students (educational events, mobility and internships). They have their own terms and are not part of this call. The Join us page also mentions funding schemes “aimed specifically at organisations”, open to members.

5. Budget, competition and expected number of grants

Item	Confirmed position	Source
Call budget	Not published; the call stays open “until the allocated budget is consumed”	Call page
Per workshop	Actual costs up to EUR 10,000	Terms §3
Number of workshops	Not published	Not found in the sources read
Membership fee	EUR 825 a year for small institutes (fewer than 20 employees) and all universities; EUR 1,650 for medium-sized (20 to 100 employees); EUR 3,300 for large institutes (more than 100 employees)	Join us page
Derived estimate	EUR 825 / 10,000 = 8.3% and EUR 3,300 / 10,000 = 33%: the yearly fee equals about 8% to 33% of the highest possible support for one workshop	Arithmetic on Terms §3 and the fee list

EUnita interpretation: because the budget is not published and the call ends when it is used, an early application is safer than a late one. Competition cannot be estimated: no number of applications or workshops is published.

6. What has been funded before

Confirmed: the Terms name four earlier mini-workshops and their organisers (SCK-CEN, Czech Technical University, Schoenfelder Training with Framatome, and Renaissance Fusion). No numbers, amounts or years of earlier awards are published.

7. Who should apply, and with which ideas

EUnita interpretation: the scheme suits a member group with a working topic and a hosting site: a university group, a fusion research institute or an industry member that wants to run a masterclass for MSc and PhD students.

- **A hands-on workshop at a fusion device or laboratory,** in the way of the Golem tokamak workshop, where practical sessions carry the programme.
- **A materials, diagnostics or technology masterclass** on a niche that summer schools do not cover, with external experts invited.
- **An industry-linked workshop,** such as preparation for fusion and fission new-build projects, run by a company member.
- **A first edition for a new audience,** since a repeat needs added value: new programme elements, or a different or larger group of participants.

EUnita interpretation: Romanian laboratories and universities that work on fusion could ask the Executive Office about membership for later years. The Funding & Tenders Portal lists eight Romanian organisations in the EUROfusion project (grant agreement 101052200), but the call documents do not say whether they count as members or as “EUROfusion countries” for the purposes of this call.

8. Eligibility checklist

✓	The applicant is a FuseNet member (Terms §2.1).
✓	A specialised fusion-relevant topic at MSc or PhD level that is not widely covered elsewhere (§2.2).
✓	An innovative character: new programme elements or a different or larger audience (§2.3).
✓	At least 10 participants (§2.4) and lasting 2 to 5 days (§2.5); held before the end of 2026 according to the call page (§2.5 of the Terms says 2025; see the year item below).
✓	External experts and/or participating external students (§2.6).
✓	Participants are MSc or PhD students in a fusion-relevant field, selected from all FuseNet members and “members of EUROfusion countries” (§2.7, §2.8).
✓	Classroom lectures recorded and published on the FuseNet website, except laboratories, technical visits and restricted lectures (§2.9).
✗	Not a member: no application is possible until the Board of Governors has accepted the membership request.
?	Romania: no Romanian member is listed; whether Romanian students or institutes count as participants from “EUROfusion countries” is not defined.
?	Year of the workshop: the Terms say 2025 in §2.5; the call and the title say 2026. Confirm with the Executive Office.

9. How the money works

Confirmed: “Successful applicants can claim the actual costs for a mini-workshop up to a limit of 10k EUR.” The costs “must have been made to eliminate the participation fee and include accommodation and/or meals for the participating students and lecturers”. Travel support for external lecturers is not covered (Terms §3). FuseNet “draws up a purchase order for the mini-workshop based on the application document” (§4.3).

Payment and deliverables

Confirmed: “Payment in full follows after the mini-workshop has concluded and only after all deliverables have been received by FuseNet” (§4.6). The deliverables always include, and are not limited to (§4.4):

- a report on the activities and content covered;
- a list of participants with their affiliations;
- the results of a short survey among participants on the effectiveness of the workshop;
- the recording of the lectures.

Not published: any advance, any treatment of VAT, staff time or overheads, a co-funding rule, and the purchase order model. EUnita interpretation: the organiser should plan to front the costs and to claim only the lines that the Terms name.

Membership costs

Confirmed: the yearly fee is EUR 825 for small institutes and all universities, EUR 1,650 for medium-sized and EUR 3,300 for large institutes. A request is made on the Membership Request form sent to feo@fusenet.eu; it names a contact person and a representative to the General Assembly. “The Board of Governors will do a check of eligibility and inform you on the outcome within two months of the board meeting where the application was discussed.” The form is dated 2020.

10. Evaluation

Confirmed: applications “are evaluated by the WP_MAS work party on a running basis” (Terms §4.2), or, in the words of the call page, “reviewed periodically at the Board of Governors meetings”. The two texts differ and do not say which body decides; both agree that review follows the members’ applications. An applicant should ask the Executive Office (feo@fusenet.eu).

- **Published tests:** the eligibility conditions in Terms §2 and the contents list in §5 are the only published tests.
- **Not published:** scoring criteria, weights, a minimum score, a tie-break rule, the time to a decision and the dates of the Board meetings.
- **After a positive decision:** FuseNet draws up the purchase order, announces the selected mini-workshop through its channels and invites prospective participants to apply (§4.3, §4.5).

EUnita interpretation: with no scoring grid, a plain case on the six required contents, a clear novelty point and an informal talk with the Executive Office before applying are the sensible preparation; the call page asks for such a talk before an application is submitted.

11. Application package and timeline

Confirmed: members send applications to feo@fusenet.eu. Applications are “typically 1-2 pages” and must at least include (Terms §5):

1. the topic, with a short motivation on its fusion relevance, novel aspects and learning objectives;
2. the programme of the mini-workshop;
3. a description of what is offered to the students (activity, accommodation, meals);
4. a top-level budget breakdown;
5. names and affiliations of lecturers and external experts or teachers to be invited;
6. the number of external students expected.

No form, platform or template is published; the language is not stated.

Date	Step	Status in the documents
9 March 2026	Terms and Conditions last updated	Fixed
Running	Members e-mail applications on a running basis; review periodically (Terms: WP_MAS work party on a running basis; call page: Board of Governors meetings, dates not published)	Open-ended
Within two months of a Board meeting	Decision on a membership request	For non-members
31 December 2026	Last day on which a funded workshop can be held (“before the end of this year”); not an application deadline	Implied by the call page
After the workshop	Four deliverables, then payment in full	Per the Terms

Who can still use this date: a FuseNet member that already has a workshop topic, programme and venue and can hold the workshop before the end of 2026, after a review (the Terms say on a running basis; the call page says at a Board of Governors meeting, whose date is not published). A non-member cannot realistically do so: the membership request needs a Board decision first. What comes next is the next Board of Governors meeting, for which no date is published; the Executive Office at feo@fusenet.eu is the place to ask.

12. Risks and red flags

1. **Membership first.** A non-member must be admitted before applying; the Board answers within two months of the meeting that discusses the request, and the yearly fee is EUR 825 to EUR 3,300.
2. **No published deadline.** The call is open periodically until the budget is used. Applications are taken on a running basis and reviewed periodically; Board meeting dates are unknown, and the call page asks for the workshop to be held before the end of 2026 (Terms §2.5 says 2025).
3. **Two reviewers, two timings.** The Terms say the WP_MAS work party evaluates on a running basis; the call page says the Board of Governors reviews periodically. The documents do not say which applies; an applicant should ask feo@fusenet.eu.
4. **Conflicting year.** Terms §2.5 says 2025. EUnita interpretation: ask for written confirmation that 2026 is meant before spending on the programme.
5. **Cash flow.** Payment comes only after the workshop and after report, participant list, survey and recordings; only actual costs up to EUR 10,000 count.
6. **Unpublished basics.** The call budget, the evaluation criteria, the application template and the source of the money are not published.
7. **Public recordings.** Classroom lectures have to be published on the FuseNet website, which may not suit every speaker.

13. EUnita recommendations

1. Check membership first. A member can go straight to the Executive Office; a non-member should ask whether a 2026 workshop is still possible before paying a fee.
2. Ask the Executive Office in one e-mail: the year in §2.5, which body reviews applications and when the next decision falls, the application format and whether VAT or other costs are eligible.
3. Design the workshop around the Terms: a niche MSc or PhD topic, a novelty point, at least 10 participants and external experts or students.

4. Write the application (typically 1 to 2 pages) with the six contents listed in §5 and a top-level budget limited to fee waiver, accommodation and meals.
5. Plan recording of the lectures from the start, with consent from the speakers.
6. Plan to front the costs and to deliver the four items promptly after the workshop.
7. For Romanian organisations: consider membership for later years; the documents list no Romanian member.

Unresolved points

- Whether applications are accepted now, an application window, and the date of the next Board of Governors meeting are not published. The call page describes the call as open periodically until the budget is consumed; no closing notice is shown on 22 November 2026.
- The call budget, the number of workshops, the source of the money and the evaluation criteria are not published.
- The application template, the purchase order model and the eligibility of VAT, staff time or overheads are not published.
- Whether a non-member can take part as a co-organiser with a member, and whether Romanian students or institutes count as participants from “EUROfusion countries”, is not stated.

Sources

- FuseNet Terms and Conditions, Call for the organisation of mini-workshops in fusion 2026: https://fusenet.eu/sites/default/files/2026-02/FuseNet_MiniWorkshops_Terms_Conditions_2026.pdf (downloaded 20 Nov 2026; unchanged 22 Nov 2026)
- Call page, Mini-Workshops (FuseNet): https://fusenet.eu/education/support/workshops (read 20 and 22 Nov 2026)
- Join us, FuseNet membership: https://fusenet.eu/network/join-us (read 20 Nov 2026)
- FuseNet Membership Request form: https://fusenet.eu/sites/default/files/2020-04/FuseNet_Membership_Request_Form.pdf (downloaded 20 Nov 2026)
- FuseNet members, filtered by country: https://fusenet.eu/network/members (read 20 and 22 Nov 2026)
- About the FuseNet Association: https://fusenet.eu/about (read 20 Nov 2026)
- Funding & Tenders Portal: EUROfusion, grant agreement 101052200: https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/projects-details/43298916/101052200/EURATOM2027 (data read 20 Nov 2026)

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