

2nd PRO-SLO PhD School – CALL FOR STUDENTS IS OPEN!

Στο πλαίσιο του Έργου PRO-SLO PhD School οργανώνεται ένα pilot School το 2026 του οποίου διοργανωτής είναι η Σχολή Μεταλλειολόγων Μεταλλουργών Μηχανικών ΕΜΠ, με επιστημονική υπεύθυνη την Ομοτ. Καθηγ. Κατερίνα Αδάμ. Πρόκειται για ένα εκπαιδευτικό πρόγραμμα σε θέματα Social License to Operate (SLO) που απευθύνεται σε σπουδαστές PhD-level (σε STEM, Engineering, Social, Business, κ.α). Οι αιτήσεις συμμετοχής έχουν ανοίξει και θα παραμείνουν ανοιχτές έως τις 15 Δεκεμβρίου 2025.



The banner features a blue background with a large image of a hand holding a piece of metallic material. Text on the banner includes: "PRO-SLO PhD School 2026", "Europe needs experts", "Registrations Open! Until December 15th", and logos for EIT RawMaterials, the European Union, and the PRO SLO logo.

After a very successful 1st edition in 2025, the **Call for student applications** for the 2nd [PRO-SLO PhD School](#), that is funded by EIT RawMaterials, is open!

From the 4th of November to the 15th of December 2025, students can apply for participation through the link: [2nd PRO-SLO PhD School Student Application](#)

The School is a specialized education programme in the topic of Social Licence to Operate (SLO), comprising **online and onsite** parts, **exclusively for PhD students** in the field of raw materials, engineering, social, business, economic and environmental sciences.

The 2026 School edition comprises an online part, from **9th to 13th of February 2026**, with lectures on the basic SLO principles and terminology from various perspectives, such as policy, societal, ethical and environmental and SLO examples related to the Raw Materials sector. During the onsite part, from **the 19th to the 24th of April 2026**, to be held in **Kassandra Mines of Hellas Gold S.A in Greece**, students will interact with stakeholders to develop a methodology to obtain SLO, with the support of academic and industry mentors. Between the two parts, in the interval period, from the **23rd of February to the 27th of March**, students will work in groups and will be assigned with an SLO-related project with frequent online mentorship meetings.

At the completion of the PRO-SLO PhD school, students will know and understand:

- Concept, principles and business case for a SLO in the Raw Materials industry, and the risks involved in ignoring the importance of a social license;
- Nature and dynamics of stakeholders, the role of social capital, and how to interact with communities to gain and maintain a SLO.

The PhD School is **beginner level**; no previous knowledge and experience on the topic of SLO is needed. The students are also **exempt from paying any participation fees**.

All information about the PRO-SLO PhD School programme, organisation and structure, learning outcomes, eligibility criteria and more can be found in the Call document.

Please check your eligibility and apply now!

In case of any questions, do not hesitate to contact us at: christod@metal.ntua.gr

- [CONTRACT FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE PRO-SLO PHD SCHOOL](#)
- [PRO-SLO PhD School – CALL FOR APPLICATION OF STUDENTS](#)