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*This edition of the ECSA Newsletter brings together a number of significant developments: the launch of the ECS-Academy learning platform, the latest launch of the annual Skills Survey, preparations for this year's ECS Summer School, and highlights from the Skills (R)Evolution conference in Cluj-Napoca, Silicon Saxony Days in Dresden, and the INFRACHIP School, where ECSA was represented.*

The 2026 ECSA Skills Survey, developed in collaboration with DECISION Études & Conseil, is open for contributions. Building on the findings of the 2024 and 2025 Skills Strategy Reports, this year's survey seeks to gather first-hand insights from senior professionals across the semiconductor ecosystem. The results will inform the 2026 ECSA Skills Strategy Report, providing an updated assessment of the semiconductor talent gap and emerging job profiles.

The survey is addressed to HR leaders, engineering executives, manufacturing directors, research leads, and academics. Respondents will receive exclusive early access to the final report upon publication. The deadline for participation is 30 June 2026.

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## ECSA Skills Survey 2026

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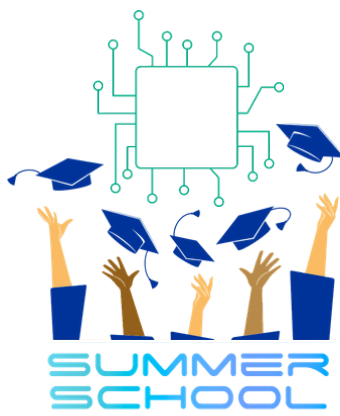
Deadline: 30th June 2026

We are pleased to announce the official launch of the ECS-Academy Learning Platform, a digital hub consolidating the full suite of ECSA training resources in one space.

The platform currently offers over 60 lessons at beginner, intermediate, and advanced levels, spanning the entire semiconductor value chain - from chip design and fabrication to testing, assembly, and embedded software.



The e-learning platform is free of charge and open to all learners, whether they are students entering the field or professionals seeking to deepen their expertise.



### ECS Summer School 2026

Applications for the 2026 edition of the ECS Summer School are now closed. Students interested in future editions are encouraged to follow ECSA's channels for upcoming calls.

Organized by AENEAS, EPoSS, INSIDE, IPCEI ME/CT, and SEMI Europe under ECSA, the Summer School selects 40 students from across Europe each year for an intensive week of learning and exchange in microelectronics. Participation is fully free, including accommodation and meals.

This year's edition takes place from 23 to 28 August 2026 at the University of Bologna in Bertinoro, Italy. The program covers four core themes — semiconductor technology, integrated circuit design, digital systems and embedded intelligence, and integration — with lectures, hands-on sessions, and career testimonies delivered by experts from companies including ASML, Bosch, STMicroelectronics, CEA-LETI, and Infineon.

## Skills (R)Evolution Conference — Cluj-Napoca, Romania

In April 2026, ECSA partners participated in the "Skills (R)Evolution in the Automotive-Mobility Ecosystem & Beyond" conference in Cluj-Napoca, Romania. The event brought together two Blueprint projects from the automotive and semiconductor sectors under the Pact for Skills.



Following the conference, the ECSA consortium met for a project review meeting to assess milestones and align the next steps. With the Academy's core infrastructure now in place, attention is increasingly focused on long-term sustainability and ensuring the initiative continues to operate beyond the project's duration.

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## Silicon Saxony Days 2026

From 15 to 17 June 2026, the Silicon Saxony Days took place at Dresden Airport, Germany — one of Europe's leading high-tech and networking events, gathering over 2,000 participants and more than 150 speakers from across the semiconductor and advanced technology ecosystem.

As an ECSA partner, Silicon Saxony plays an active role in connecting industry, research, and education across the European microelectronics landscape. The three-day event brought together decision-makers, engineers, researchers, and innovators along the full value chain, with sessions addressing semiconductors, AI, quantum technologies, manufacturing, supply chains, and Europe's global positioning in high-tech.

## INFRACHIP School on Sustainable Integrated Sensors and Systems



From June 8 to June 11, Tyndall National Institute in Ireland was hosting the INFRACHIP School on Sustainable Integrated Sensors and Systems — a four-day program bringing together researchers, PhD students, academics, and industry professionals for an in-depth exploration of sensor technologies and future electronic systems. The curriculum included fabrication, sensor characterization, sustainability, IP strategy, and emerging technologies.

The school is the result of a collaboration between five organizations: the European Chips Skills Academy, the FERNS Project, SiNANO Institute Academy, Tyndall National Institute, and CONNECT Centre.

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