



## **TechUPGRADE launches stakeholder consultation to assess socio-economic impact of clean industrial heat innovation**

*Stakeholders from industry, public authorities, civil society, and academia invited to contribute by 30 April 2026*

TechUPGRADE, has launched its **Socio-Economic Impact Analysis stakeholder consultation**. The consultation will remain open **until 30 April 2026** and aims to gather perspectives from key stakeholder groups to help assess the project's broader socio-economic, environmental, and policy implications.

Industrial heat remains one of the most challenging sectors to decarbonise, with many processes still dependent on fossil fuels. TechUPGRADE addresses this challenge by developing a **thermochemical heat-upgrade technology** designed to transform low-temperature heat—such as industrial waste heat, solar heat, or district heating—into **higher-temperature heat suitable for industrial use**, while keeping electricity demand low.

The stakeholder consultation is an essential part of TechUPGRADE's impact assessment activities, ensuring that the project's outcomes reflect real-world needs, barriers, and opportunities. The feedback will support a robust analysis of potential benefits such as improved energy efficiency, reduced emissions, enhanced competitiveness, and increased energy security, while also identifying adoption drivers, practical challenges, and enabling conditions.

### **Who should participate**

TechUPGRADE welcomes input from:

- **Industrial stakeholders** (manufacturing, process industries, energy managers, technology providers)
- **Public authorities** (local, regional, national policy and energy agencies)

- **Civil society organisations** (NGOs, citizens' organisations, community representatives)
- **Academia and research stakeholders** (universities, research centres, experts)

#### **Participate: questionnaires by stakeholder group**

- **Industrial stakeholders questionnaire:** <https://forms.gle/M9GYLXGMFsYD4qAdA>
- **Public authorities questionnaire:** <https://forms.gle/r7o5BpQYLZpPjADX8>
- **Civil society questionnaire:** <https://forms.gle/Eg7itVZdxAgdZrBS6>
- **Academia & research questionnaire:** <https://forms.gle/ktfr1PhRLvRiLUX89>

**Deadline:** 30 April 2026

#### **About TechUPGRADE**

TechUPGRADE is a Horizon Europe Research and Innovation project aimed at creating a groundbreaking advanced thermochemical technology for waste heat recovery. Our solution efficiently recovers waste heat from industrial processes and upgrades it to temperatures ranging from 150-250°C.

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