



Application Form - Winter School on Federalism and Governance 2026

Dear applicant,

Thank you for your interest in our Winter School on **Federalism and Governance 2026 "Federalism and Innovation"**.

We look forward to reviewing your application!

Before starting this application, please make sure you have read all the information carefully and taken a look at the preview of the application: <https://winterschool.eurac.edu/how-to-apply>

This will ensure that you have everything prepared in advance (i.e. needed information and your **essay**) and can complete the application form in one go.

Note that we will review only complete applications, i.e. forms, in which all the required questions have been answered.

If this is the case, you will receive a confirmation email within 5 working days from the Winter School organizers.

Successful applicants will receive the official invitation to participate in the Winter School in early December.

Please find our cancellation policy on our website winterschool.eurac.edu

Kind regards,

The Eurac Research Institute for Comparative Federalism and the Faculty of Law and the Faculty of Social and Political Sciences of the University of Innsbruck



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I. Data Privacy Information

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1. Data Privacy Information

Data Privacy Statement

All personal data is dealt with in compliance with EU Regulation No. 2016/679 (GDPR) for the purposes of a) the application for the Winter School on Federalism and Governance 2026, and b) the receiving of newsletters and emails informing the recipient on the activities of the Institute for Comparative Federalism (i.e. calls, invitations, publications).

The legal basis for the processing of your personal data is your consent to the processing of your personal data. Personal data will be stored for a) 24 months after the application deadline and b) as long as the newsletter service is available or you remain subscribed to it and, in any case, the time required to comply with the Applicable Law (art. 2649-2647 c.c.). When this period has been reached, the data shall be deleted or made anonymous. **The provision of personal data is voluntary, but refusal could interfere with the correct performance of the purposes,** thus rendering the application for the Winter School on Federalism and Governance 2026 and the receiving of the newsletter impossible. The recipients of the data are the staff members of the Institute of Comparative Federalism - Eurac Research and some collaborators of the University of Innsbruck - persons in charge of data processing activities, authorized and instructed by the data controller to data processing activities. Personal data may be communicated to external service providers (e.g. sending e-mails and analysing the functional capability of the website), which typically process personal data on behalf of Eurac Research as data processors. (i). We use **Newsletter2Go** to send our newsletter to our subscribers. As part of your subscription, your data will be communicated to and processed by Newsletter2Go in its function as Data Processor. Newsletter2Go is a service provided by Sendinblue GmbH (Brevo), Germany. The data that is collected when you register for the newsletter will be sent to a server operated by Sendinblue GmbH in the EU and stored there in accordance with the requirements of the GDPR. For further information about the data protection offered by Newsletter2Go see: <https://www.newsletter2go.de/datenschutz/> ; https://nl2go-prod-api-account.s3.eu-central-1.amazonaws.com/app_files/en/N2G_DSE.pdf. If you do not wish to receive any further newsletter, **you may unsubscribe at any time.**

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Your data is stored within the European Union and Eurac Research does not intend to transfer Your data to third countries or international organisations. Some personal data could be transmitted to third countries outside of the EU but only if the transmission of personal data is connected to the performance of the institutional activities of Eurac Research. Where data is transferred to a third country, this will be done on the basis of the European Commission's standard contractual clauses (SCC) with supplementary measures and in according with the legal requirements.

The Data Controller is Eurac Research, Viale Druso 1, 39100 Bolzano; you can **contact the DPO** under the following e-mail address: privacy@eurac.edu.

At any time the data subject has the right to **request access** to their personal data, and to **correct or delete that data, or to limit its processing**. In addition, the data subject has the right to **data portability**, as well as the **right to lodge a complaint** with a supervisory authority. When the data processing is based on consent, the data subject **has the right to withdraw that consent** at any time. The data subject may also exercise all other rights pursuant to current data protection regulations (art. 15 et seq. GDPR) by writing to the e-mail address: privacy@eurac.edu.

* 1. **Data Privacy**

- ☐ I DECLARE that I have read and understood the information about personal data handling pursuant to EU Regulation 679/2016 and national legislation ("Data Privacy Statements") and give my CONSENT to the processing of my personal data for the application to the Winter School on Federalism and Governance 2026.

* 2. **Use of Artificial Intelligence (AI)**

- ☐ We want to get to know you, your thoughts, ideas, expertise, and experiences!

The texts you provide in this application are essential for us to hear your voice and understand how your profile aligns with this year's Winter School on Federalism and Governance. This applies particularly, but not exclusively, to your motivation texts for applying, being considered for a scholarship, and your thematic workshop-related essay. The diversity of profiles and backgrounds is what makes our Winter School special, fostering an engaging environment for mutual learning and new experiences. AI-generated content can misrepresent your uniqueness, viewpoints, and knowledge.

Therefore, we kindly ask you to **refrain from using AI-generated or AI-enhanced texts**. The organizers reserve the right to conduct online interviews in cases where authenticity is in question.

PLEASE CONFIRM THAT YOU HAVE READ AND WILL FOLLOW THE GUIDELINES ON THE USE OF AI IN THE APPLICATION

3. **Newsletter**

- ☐ I DECLARE that I want to receive newsletter and emails for information about the activities of the Institute for Comparative Federalism (e.g. calls, invitations, publications)



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II. Personal Information

* 4. **Surname**

* 5. **Given name(s)**

* 6. **Gender**

- ☐ female
- ☐ male
- ☐ other
- ☐ prefer not to say

* 7. **Date of birth**

Date

Date

* 8. **Place of birth (town/city and country)**

* 9. **Citizenship**

* 10. **Schengen Visa**

The Winter School on Federalism and Governance takes place one week in Austria (Innsbruck) and one week in Italy (Bolzano/Bozen)

- ☐ I need an invitation from Eurac Research to obtain a Schengen visa to enter Austria and Italy
- ☐ I do NOT need an invitation from the Eurac Research to obtain a Schengen visa to enter Austria and Italy

11. Please indicate your full **current address** and your **country of residence** for the period of October 2025 - February 2026.

* 12. **Email address**

* 13. **Confirm** your email address

* 14. **Telephone number** incl. country code (valid for the period of October 2025-February 2026)



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III. Education and Work Experience

* 15. **Current position (work and/or studies)**

Please specify your current job position and/or the study program you are currently enrolled in, indicating also the place and country where you are working or studying.

* 16. **Previous work experience**

Please indicate your work experience, especially if relevant to the topics of the Winter School.

* 17. **Education**

Please indicate: degree(s), subject, name of institution/university, country and year of graduation.

18. **Additional Studies**

e.g. internships, courses/seminar, publications etc., especially if relevant to the topics of the Winter School.

* 19. **Proficiency in English**

Please describe your level of English (e.g. your CEFR level; university degree in English; TOEFL/IELTS results, study abroad, etc.)

* 20. **Professional reference**

Please provide a name, details and email address of a person (faculty member, job supervisor, etc.) who could be contacted to attest to your abilities, qualifications and academic/professional performance.

Name

Company

Email Address



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IV. Further Application Details

* 21. **Motivation to apply**

Please describe your reasons for applying to the Winter School on Federalism and Governance (**max. 1500 characters incl. spaces**)

* 22. **Scholarship**

A limited number of scholarships will be awarded based on need and merit. Please indicate whether you are applying for a scholarship.

☐ Yes

☐ No



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IV. Further Application Details

* 23. Please write a short motivation (max. 1000 characters incl. spaces) as to why you deserve a scholarship.

* 24. Would you be able to attend the Winter School without scholarship funding?

☐ Yes

☐ No



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V. Workshops and Essay

* 25. **Workshop**

Please choose the workshop that you would like to participate in during the Winter School. "*Federalism, Innovation and...*"

- ☐ A: Financial Relations
- ☐ B: Migration
- ☐ C: Democratic Innovation
- ☐ D: Public Health



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Workshop A: Federalism, Innovation and Financial Relations

* 26. For your essay (**max 3500 characters, incl. spaces**), please choose ONE of the two questions below.

- ☐ Financial relations and innovations: Present a notable case of innovation in the legal framework of financial relations, either formally introduced through legislation or informally established through practice. Please focus on a case study you are familiar with and provide examples.
- ☐ How do innovations in financial relations emerge within federal systems? Describe a key innovation from a case you're familiar with, by focusing on how the decision-making process unfolded. Did the change arise through institutionalized channels or through practice and/or deviations from the rules? Please focus on a case study you are familiar with and provide examples.



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Workshop A: Federalism, Innovation and Financial Relations

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28. References (if any)



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Workshop A: Federalism, Innovation and Financial Relations

* 29. How do innovations in financial relations emerge within federal systems? Describe a key innovation from a case you're familiar with, by focusing on how the decision-making process unfolded. Did the change arise through institutionalized channels or through practice and/or deviations from the rules? Please focus on a case study you are familiar with and provide examples.

30. References (if any)



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Workshop B: Federalism, Innovation and Migration

* 31. For your essay (**max 3500 characters, incl. spaces**), please choose ONE of the two questions below.

- ☐ How do different legal statuses (temporary, permanent, undocumented, naturalized) affect immigrants' opportunities for political participation in federal systems? And what innovative approaches or reforms (e.g., local voting rights, consultative councils) aim to expand inclusion, based on case studies you know?
- ☐ What kinds of institutional innovations or participatory practices have emerged to overcome barriers to immigrant political participation? What lessons can be drawn from case studies you know?



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Workshop B: Federalism, Innovation and Migration

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33. References (if any)



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Workshop B: Federalism, Innovation and Migration

* 34. What kinds of institutional innovations or participatory practices have emerged to overcome barriers to immigrant political participation? What lessons can be drawn from case studies you know?

35. References (if any)



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Workshop C: Federalism, Innovation and Democratic Innovation

* 36. For your essay (**max 3500 characters, incl. spaces**), please choose ONE of the two questions below.

- ☐ Reflect more broadly on the relationship between democracy and innovation. In your view, how open is democracy to innovation, and where do you see the limits or boundaries of innovation in democratic systems?
- ☐ What specific opportunities and challenges do federal structures create for democratic innovation? Please illustrate your answer with an example of a democratic innovation that you believe has been—or could be—successfully implemented in a federal state.



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Workshop C: Federalism, Innovation and Democratic Innovation

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38. References (if any)



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Workshop C: Federalism, Innovation and Democratic Innovation

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40. References (if any)



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Workshop D: Federalism, Innovation and Public Health

* 41. For your essay (**max 3500 characters, incl. spaces**), please choose ONE of the two questions below.

- ☐ How can nationwide standards and/or incentives encourage health-care innovation while preserving room for subnational experimentation? Please provide examples.
- ☐ What are the main opportunities and challenges for public-health management in cross-border areas? Please provide examples.



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Workshop D: Federalism, Innovation and Public Health

* 42. How can nationwide standards and/or incentives encourage health-care innovation while preserving room for subnational experimentation? Please provide examples.

43. References (if any)



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Workshop D: Federalism, Innovation and Public Health

* 44. What are the main opportunities and challenges for public-health management in cross-border areas? Please provide examples.

45. References (if any)



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VI. Other Information

46. Additional remarks

47. How did you find out about the Winter School on Federalism and Governance? *(more than one answer possible)*

☐ EURAC Research or Winter School Homepage

☐ Former participants

☐ Newsletters of Associations and Blogs

☐ Newsletter of University

☐ University/ Professor

☐ Internet Research

☐ Eurac Research Social Media

☐ Other (please specify)



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VII. Conclusion

* 48. Declaration

- ☐ I hereby CONFIRM that all information stated in this application is correct. If any of this information changes or if I decide to revoke my application, I will immediately inform the Institute for Comparative Federalism on the following email address: winterschool@eurac.edu.

* 49. Commitment to Respect

- ☐ I ACKNOWLEDGE that all participants of the Winter School must recognize the right of individuals to be treated with respect and dignity, and that no form of harassment is tolerated.

* 50. Refund Policy

- ☐ I have read the [refund policy](#) of the Winter School on Federalism and Governance 2026



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