

Why Communication?

As an engineer, you will spend most of your time communicating—**up to 85%**. Communication is how your engineering **earns approvals, resources, and trust**—and how you build your career and your reputation. Good communication helps engineers to:

- **Set direction and win approvals.** Clear plans and proposals that help teams agree early and speed up permits and funding.
- **Align teams and stakeholders.** Explain choices that make sense to engineers, managers, clients, regulators and the public.
- **Fix issues fast.** Real-time checks and clear decisions reduce delays and costly rework.
- **Reduce risk.** Improve safety and compliance with brief, accurate notes and handovers.
- **Work internationally.** Communicate concisely with partners in other countries and keep timelines on track.



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Key Details

When and Where?

- **Date:** 20–24 July 2026
- **Location:** Universidade de Trás-os-Montes e Alto Douro (UTAD), Portugal*
- **Online:** Kick-off and online workshops from mid-May 2026

Why join?

Design technical communication, deliver credible messages that move projects forward, and collaborate effectively with diverse stakeholders in international settings—**grounded in realistic green-tech engineering projects.**

Who should apply?

- Bachelor's/Master's students in engineering, environmental science, or related fields.
- Prepared for hands-on project experience in an English-medium, international setting.

Accreditation: 3 ECTS (workload: 75 hours)

Tuition Cost: €150 per student

More Information & Registration

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Engineers Communicating & Collaborating Internationally for the **Green Transition**

Summer School Structure

Kick-Off

- Online Kick-Off (May 2026)
- Team Setup
- Self-directed team work
- Online groups tutorials

On-Site

- Interactive workshops
- Focus on applied communication skills
- Project and team work
- International seminar and practitioner symposium
- Networking with experts

Follow-Up

- Individual reflective journal and plan for future competency development
- Online closing workshop

Design Technical Communication in Global Engineering Practice

In the European summer school **Engineering Communication for the Green Transition**, you will work on realistic green-tech projects, with communication designed as part of the technical workflow.

In mixed, international teams you will explore collaboratively how communication is embedded in engineering practices, stakeholder processes, and public engagement, and design a technically driven communication plan and brief communities and decision-makers with evidence they can trust.

What you'll do:

- Design a defensible communication plan for a major international engineering project.
- Develop skills in stakeholder mapping, requirements analysis, internal comms, audience-first design.
- Build targeted outputs (e.g., infographic, press note, policy brief) that confidently brief boards, regulators, industry, and communities.
- Present and defend your plan to an expert panel.
- Collaborate across disciplines, cultures, and roles.
- Learn from and network with experts at a research & practitioner seminar plus industry interactions during the week.

Group Projects

Work in small, international teams on realistic, large-scale green-tech cases. You'll map stakeholders, set a clear communication objective, and build a concise, evidence-based plan—treating communication as a design element embedded in the engineering workflow. Collaboration is multidisciplinary and cross-border, mirroring how real projects run.

Industry Seminar

Join an industry seminar where academics and practitioners from green-tech companies unpack real communication requirements and challenges; you'll engage in Q&A, exchange ideas, and network for future collaborations, internships, or project opportunities.

Skills Workshops

Develop targeted skills for international engineering communication with experts in technical communication, engineering education, and international collaboration from across 7 European universities.

Key Takeaways

- A standout interview story — a real green-tech case you can describe end-to-end.
- Evidence of team work and experience presenting to stakeholders and handling Q&A.
- International collaboration in English—reflecting real-world engineering practice.
- Industry connections for internships, theses, or first roles.