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Welcome to our fourth edition of the European Chips Diversity Alliance Newsletter!

We're thrilled to have you with us as we share the latest updates, initiatives, insights and events from our network.

In this issue, you will find the latest updates from the project, as well as what is coming up.

We are glad to have you on this journey with us, and look forward to catching you at one of our events!

## SUMMER WEBINAR SERIES

### DEI Training Suite: Bridging Education and Industry for Diverse Talent

This webinar series will explore how educators, industry representatives, and workforce development professionals can work together to strengthen the semiconductor talent pipeline and attract more diverse talent into microelectronics career.

**Topics will include:**

- Increasing awareness of semiconductor careers among diverse student populations
- Building stronger partnerships between industry and education
- Addressing barriers to participation in STEM pathways
- Sharing successful initiatives and practical case studies from across Europe



**Weekly webinar + Q&A session**  
**Dates: 22 July to 19 August**  
**Time: 2pm**

[Click here for full agenda and registration links.](#)

## Nominations Open: Spark Excellence Award 2026



Do you know someone in the semiconductor industry who is driving meaningful change in diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI)?

Following the successful launch of the award last year, the European Chips Diversity Alliance (ECDA) is once again recognising individuals who are driving meaningful progress in diversity, equity, and inclusion across the semiconductor industry through the Spark Excellence Award.

**Nominations open now until September 30, 2026**  
**Ceremony: SEMICON Europa, Nov 10–13, Munich**

[Read more and fill the nomination form.](#)

## ECDA Partners Gather in Trieste for Inclusive Chips Forum and Consortium Meeting

The last **Inclusive Chips Forum - Diverse Talent Driving Business Value** was hosted by IAL FVG and Adecco in Trieste. The event brought together industry, education, healthcare, and policy representatives to explore how diversity, equity, and inclusion can strengthen innovation, workforce development, and long-term resilience within the European chip sector. Through discussions on neurodiversity, LGBTQIA+ inclusion, women in the workplace, and practical actions for inclusive organisational cultures, alongside industry-led best practice sharing, the forum highlighted the growing importance of building a semiconductor workforce where everyone can thrive.



[Read full article.](#)

## ECDA DEI Working Group holds third meeting

The European Chips Diversity Alliance convened the second meeting of its Diversity, Equity & Inclusion (DEI) Working Group on 23 June 2026, bringing together stakeholders from across industry, academia, and training organisations to strengthen inclusive workforce development across Europe's semiconductor ecosystem. This session provided valuable insights, particularly through the presentation of preliminary findings from the upcoming ECDA DEI Report on Retention, which generated an engaging discussion on what keeps technical talent engaged and retained within the sector. Click the link below to get more information and sign up to join the next DEI Working Group in September.



[Read more about the working group.](#)

## Congratulations to Mary Finegan, appointed Director of I-C3

On June 16th, Ireland's Chips Competence Centre, appointed Mary Finegan as its new Director, and we couldn't be more pleased to share the news. As a valued member of the ECDA Diversity in Chips Leadership Board, Mary has been a strong advocate for strengthening Europe's semiconductor ecosystem through collaboration between industry, academia and public stakeholders.

We wish Mary best of luck in this new role!

[Read the full article.](#)



## **Become an ECDA Ambassador!**

The ECDA Ambassadorship Programme recognises and empowers passionate DEI advocates in the European microelectronics industry. Ambassadors serve as visible role models, extend the reach of ECDA, and foster DEI engagement across companies, universities, and regions.

Be part of a movement that celebrates inclusion, representation, and excellence in microelectronics!

[Read more and become an ambassador.](#)



## **Join the MentorChip Programme**

The European Chips Diversity Alliance (ECDA) created the European MentorChip Exchange Programme to build a flexible and accessible mentorship network across Europe's microelectronics sector. The programme is designed to be community-driven and accessible to all. Join the European MentorChip Exchange Programme today as a mentor or mentee and be part of building a diverse, inclusive, and innovative microelectronics sector!

[Read more and become a mentor or mentee.](#)



## ECDA Irish Pilot gets underway in Limerick

Creating innovative organisations starts with creating environments where every voice can be heard. Last June 16th, the ECDA Irish Pilot got underway in Limerick, bringing together participants to explore how more inclusive, supportive workplaces can help strengthen Europe's semiconductor workforce.

As the European Chips Diversity Alliance continues rolling out and validating its DEI training programme, pilots like this one help ensure the learning is practical, relevant, and grounded in real workplace experiences.



[Read the full article.](#)

## ECDA on social media

The European Chips Diversity Alliance (ECDA) is on Instagram and LinkedIn!

As we continue our mission to promote diversity, equity, and inclusion in the semiconductor industry, we're continuing our digital presence to bring you inspiring stories, industry insights, and community highlights in different formats. Follow us!

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