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We are pleased to announce the launch of the **2026 edition of the SGroup PhD Cup.** 😊

We kindly ask for your support in ensuring your university is represented in this networking and professional development opportunity by disseminating the call among your Doctoral Schools, Departments, PhD programmes, supervisors, and PhD candidates.

### ***What is the PhD CUP?***

The SGroup PhD Cup aims to strengthen PhD candidates' research communication skills through a competition inspired by the 3-Minute Thesis pitch model. Selected participants will benefit from a fully funded online training on rhetoric and research communication.

The PhD Cup includes:

- An **online training phase** with expert coaching
- A **video submission round**, leading to the selection of the top 10 candidates
- A **live final in Gliwice, Poland**, where the top five finalists, supported by their home institution, will present during the SGroup Annual Meetings.

The winner will receive a **PhD Mobility Grant of up to €1,000** to support research abroad.

### ***Who Can Apply?***

- PhD candidates enrolled at an **SGroup member university**.
- Candidates who are **neither at the initial nor final stage** of their PhD and will still be enrolled in **October 2026**

### ***How to Apply?***

Applications must be submitted via the following link:



[https://sgroup-unis.eu/form\\_sgroup\\_phd\\_cup\\_2026](https://sgroup-unis.eu/form_sgroup_phd_cup_2026)



Application Deadline: **11 March 2026**

### ***Key Dates***

- **12 March** – Applications sent to Liaison Officers for validation
- **18 March** – Deadline for eligibility check by Liaison Officers
- **25 March** – PhD Cup selection
- **26 March** – Results communicated to Liaison Officers
- **30 March** – Results communicated to selected candidates
- **4 & 6 May** – Mandatory online training

All participants will receive a certificate of participation.

We appreciate your support in sharing this opportunity with your PhD community.

For any questions, feel free to contact the SGroup Office.

Kind regards,

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