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Type: **Workshop**

## Tackling your challenges with the EU Competence Centre for Science Communication

*Thursday 19 March 2026 11:00 (1 hour)*

Science communicators across Europe face evolving challenges: reaching beyond already-engaged audiences, navigating polarisation, and staying relevant in a rapidly changing environment. The COALESCE project is establishing the EU Competence Centre for Science Communication to strengthen evidence-based, inclusive, and dialogic practice.

This interactive clinic workshop invites participants to bring their own science communication challenges and work through them using the COALESCE clinic format —a structured, peer-to-peer method developed and tested with practitioners across Europe. The format combines short warm-ups, prioritisation of issues, group questioning, and rounds of recommendations and reflection.

Participants will experience a guided process fostering deep listening, practical insights and shared learning. The session demonstrates how structured peer exchange can turn complex communication dilemmas into actionable strategies.

Attendees will also explore how to apply tools and resources from the European Competence Centre for Science Communication to their institutional or project contexts, learning how to integrate inclusion, dialogue, and reflective practice into science communication.

Facilitators: Michael Creek (Stickydot, Belgium) and Ilda Mannino (Venice International University, Italy).

Expected outcomes:

- Participants identify and analyse their science communication challenges.
- Peer-generated recommendations and reflective insights.
- Strengthened capacity for inclusive, evidence-based engagement.

### Workshops only: Duration

1h

### Workshops only: participants

Minimum 10, no maximum

### Workshops only: Equipment

Flipcharts, pinboards, tables for group work, markers, post-its, moderation kit

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