



HIRe Monthly Newsletter

February 2026

Welcome to the first HGS-HIRe Newsletter.

Thanks once more to everyone who joined the recent HGS-HIRe Graduate Day. Your input, ideas and suggestions to our program are highly appreciated. During the Graduate Day one suggestion was a regular newsletter, summarising upcoming events and providing regular information on the HGS-HIRe program. We heard you and here we are: The first HGS-HIRe Newsletter.

The HGS-HIRe Team

Recent events

A good old HGS-HIRe tradition has returned: The HGS-HIRe Graduate Day!



As the main annual event of the graduate school, the HGS-HIRe Graduate Day at GSI brought together everybody involved with HGS-HIRe, we discussed possibilities in our graduate school's program and got an exciting view of the science we are working on. The program consisted of scientific presentations by HGS-HIRe participants, information and discussions sessions on the program and the festive 'HIRe Feier' in the evening. The results of two group based discussions on new or refined measures in the HGS-HIRe program will be evaluated and first implementations - including this newsletter and the new HIRe Hour — have started.

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Program Feature

Every month we will feature one of our many program elements in HGS-HIRe to inform or remind you on the variety of ways how you - as a HGS-HIRe participant - can strengthen your doctoral project and advance your skill set.

The HIRe Hour

One idea that developed during the discussions at the HGS-HIRe Graduate Day was a regular, online platform, were on a regular basis, once a month, as a 'HGS-HIRe jour fix' **individual experiences or recommendations with technical tools, procedures or techniques** can be shared and discussed. Rather than trying to provide in every session an all-embracing summary with the claim to demonstrate the ultimate wisdom on a certain topic, the format shall give room for individual perspectives were certain topics can be discussed or presented. Over time different views on perspectives on certain topics may emerge. An important ingredient to this measure is a growing archive of presentations for reference and future support. We tried to summarise 'The HIRe Hour' as **brief, regular, individual views from life**.

The HGS-HIRe Hour is planned once a month, **every first Thursday at 16:00**.

In a 30 minute pitch presentation, invited experts or experienced doctoral students from HGS-HIRe share their individual experience, advice or recommendation on the topic of the month. The introductory presentation is followed by a 30-60 minute question and discussion session as needed. Previous presentations will be found in the "The HIRe Hour" archive. "The HIRe Hour" is online only, no registration needed, just zoom in.

For recommendations of potential speakers, ideas for future topics or self nominations please contact the HGS-HIRe team.

Upcoming events



The HIRe Hour - Git

February 5, 2026, 16:00

Dr. Mario Krüger (GU Frankfurt)

Git is a powerful version control system that helps you track changes and collaborate efficiently on code and text related to your research project. In this short presentation, we'll introduce what Git is and give a practical overview of the most relevant commands. By the end, you'll see how Git can help you document, share, and revisit your work more easily.

► [Details on the event](#) ► [Zoom-Details](#)

ERASMUS+ Winter School in Jena: "Physics and Technology of Inertial Fusion Energy with focus on Laser Technology & Sources"

February 16-20, 2026, Jena

An advanced training course for postgraduate students (PhD & MSc) aiming at the physics and technology of Inertial Fusion Energy. Particular focus will be given on the high energy and high efficiency laser technology required for laser driven fusion and on diagnostic sources.

Please register as soon as possible, but no later than **February 8, 2026**, via the corresponding online form. As an RS-APS/HGS-HIRe participant, please be aware of the following important notes: The winter school starts on Tuesday morning and ends on Friday at noon. The Social Dinner (ERASMUS+), the Introductory Test, and the Completion Test are for ERASMUS+ members only. Please organize and book your accommodation and travel by yourself, following the recommendations provided on the event webpage ► [Details](#) ► [Registration](#)



HGS-HIRe Soft Skills Course B1

April 13-16, 2026, Castle Buchenau (residential face-to-face)

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HGS-HIRe Soft Skills Course B3

May 5-7, 2026, Castle Buchenau (residential face-to-face)

► [Details](#)



HGS-HIRe Soft Skills Course B2

June 8-11, 2026, Castle Buchenau (residential face-to-face)

► [Details](#)

General Information

HGS-HIRe Market Place



Here you can find information on external training events etc. we received to forward to you.

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If you would like to know more about the graduate school or have questions...

The next HGS-HIRe Information and Contact Session for participants will be held as an online event on Thursday, February 19, 2026, 16:00-17:30 (online via Zoom)
