Getting started

How to sign in and use the application

What the application does

The application helps researchers and industry identify opportunities to work together. Researchers share their work, industry indicates its interest, and both sides record what comes out of their discussions. The Board tracks progress and outcomes.

Log in or create a profile

Choose Log in and enter your email and password. To register, select Create profile, enter your contact details and, for an industry profile, select the relevant sectors.

Demo accounts: researcher1@aivc-demo.test through researcher6@aivc-demo.test; company1@aivc-demo.test through company6@aivc-demo.test; board@aivc-demo.test.
Shared demo password: Aivc2027!!

The six steps

1. A research paper is shared with industry.
2. The recipient rates their interest.
3. The researcher agrees to discuss the research.
4. The two sides get in touch; either can confirm that contact took place.
5. The researcher records the outcome of the discussion.
6. Industry assesses the potential or actual benefit.

Researchers and industry see steps 1-4 in their progress history. The Board can view all six.

Using the demo

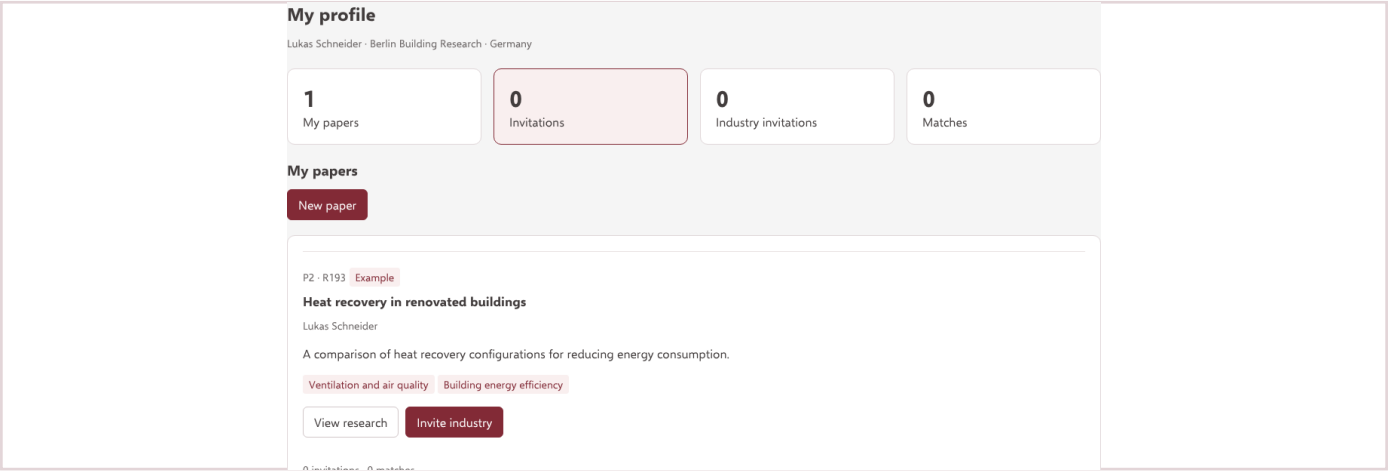
Your profile and activity are saved online, so they appear on any device you sign in from. Email links open your email app; the application does not send these messages for you. Use the demo accounts for testing.

Researchers

Share your research with industry

Your profile

Use My papers to manage your research, Invitations to track invitations you have sent, and Industry invitations to review approaches from industry. In Matches, you can confirm your interest and record the outcome of a discussion.



The researcher profile: papers, invitations and matches.

Add a paper

Select New paper, enter a title and abstract, and choose the relevant sectors. A paper may cover more than one sector. Your tracking lists show it once, with all its sectors displayed together.

Invite industry and review the responses

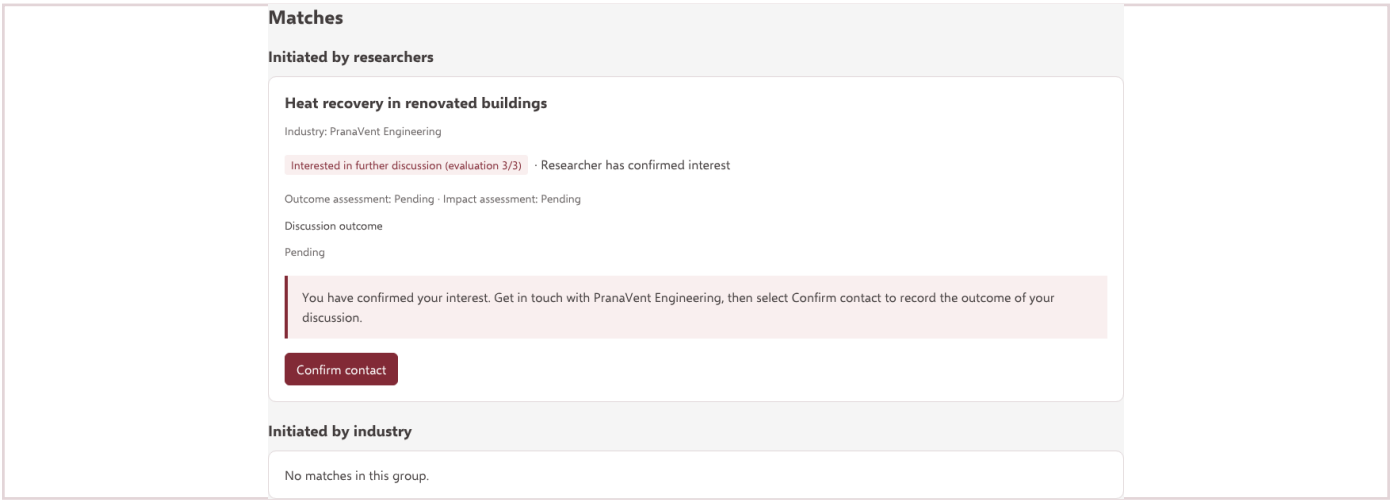
Select Invite industry and choose who to approach. You can track responses in Invitations:
1: Not of immediate interest - no response is required.
2: Potential relevance.
3: Interested in further discussion.
If industry approaches you, respond in Industry invitations. Choose 2 or 3 if you are open to further discussion.

Researchers

Agree to discuss, make contact and record the outcome

Confirm interest first

Open Matches and select Confirm interest to agree to a discussion. Industry can then select Contact researcher. This first confirmation records your interest, not that you have already spoken.



After confirming your interest, get in touch.

Confirm that contact took place

Get in touch to discuss your research. Afterwards, select the red Confirm contact button. Industry can confirm instead if you have not updated the record. The application records who confirmed and when. Until then, Discussion outcome remains Pending.

Evaluate the outcome

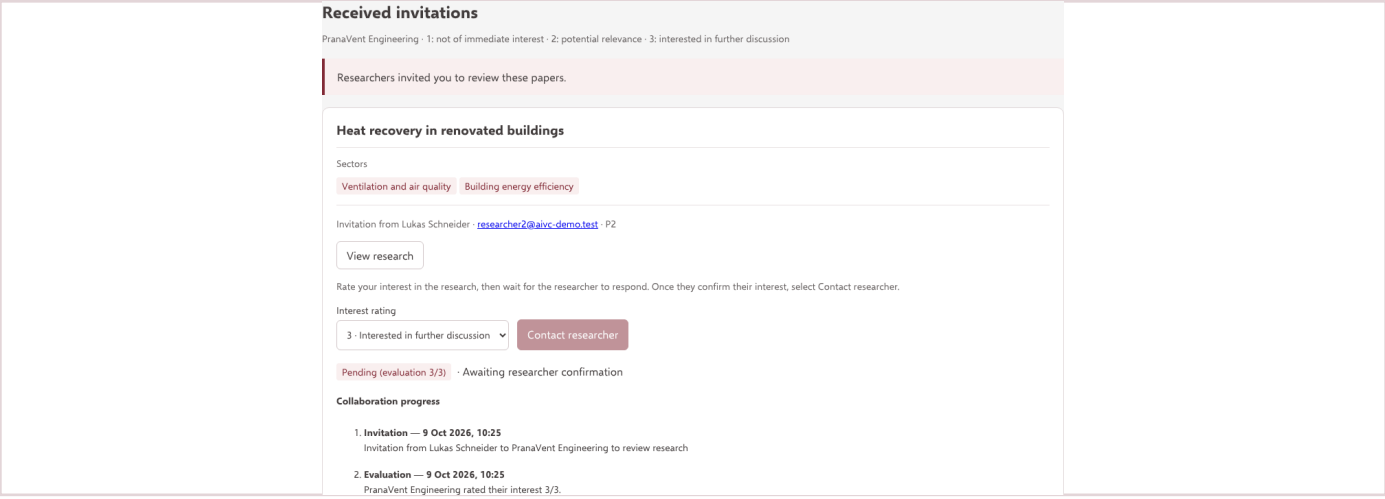
Once contact has been confirmed, choose the outcome:
1 - No outcome: the discussion has not led to collaboration.
2 - Collaboration under discussion: you are exploring a possible collaboration.
3 - Collaboration in progress: you have started working together.
The interest rating cannot be changed once contact has been requested or confirmed. You record the outcome separately.

Industry

Review research and contact the researcher

Review a paper and rate your interest

Browse Overview and select View research to read the abstract and see the author and sectors. Use Save for later to add a paper to your reading list. Then rate your interest:
1 - Not of immediate interest.
2 - Potential relevance.
3 - Interested in further discussion.
Your rating is saved automatically and appears in your invitation list.



An invitation showing the paper, its sectors and your interest rating.

Wait for the researcher to respond

If you select 2 or 3, the researcher must confirm that they are open to a discussion. The connection stays in Pending until they confirm, then moves to Matches. Contact is not enabled for a rating of 1.

Make contact and confirm it

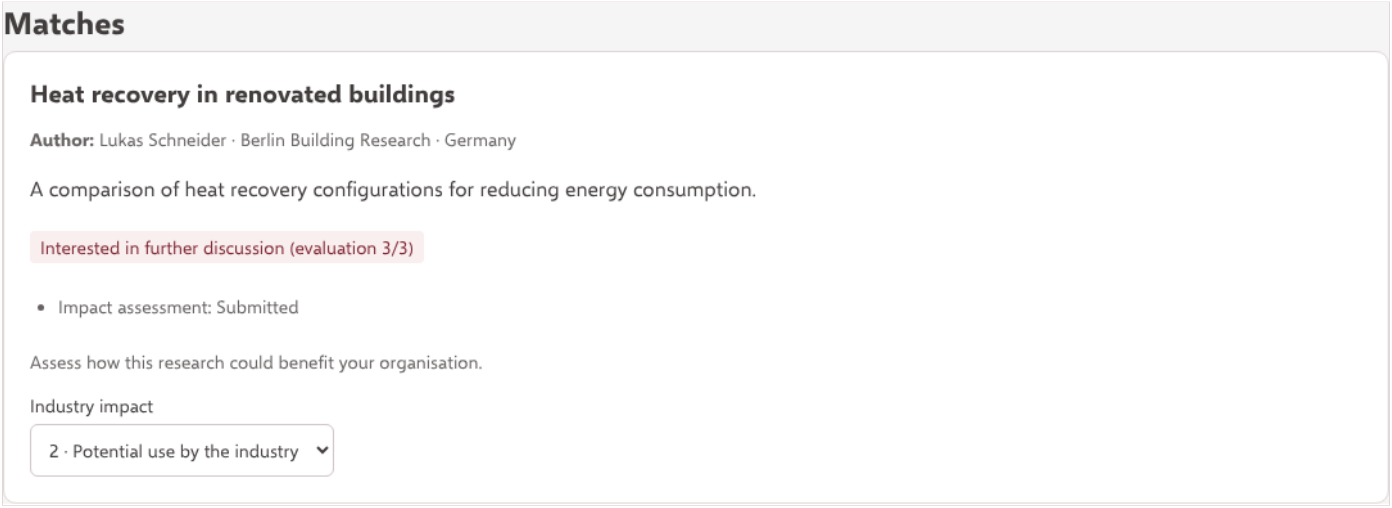
Once the researcher confirms their interest, select Contact researcher and use the email link to get in touch. The button records your request; you send the email yourself. Your interest rating is then locked. After you have been in touch, either side can select Confirm contact.

Industry

Assess what the research could offer your organisation

When you can assess the impact

Open Matches. You can complete Industry impact once contact has been confirmed and the researcher has recorded an outcome. Impact assessment: Pending means you have not yet submitted your assessment.



A match with the author, a short description and the impact assessment.

Choose the impact rating

Assess how this research could benefit your organisation:
1 - No impact: you have not identified a benefit or a use for the research.
2 - Potential use by the industry: you see a possible use, but have not put it into practice.
3 - Already used by the industry: your organisation is already using the research.
Report potential use even if the research has not yet been put into practice.

Interest, contact and impact

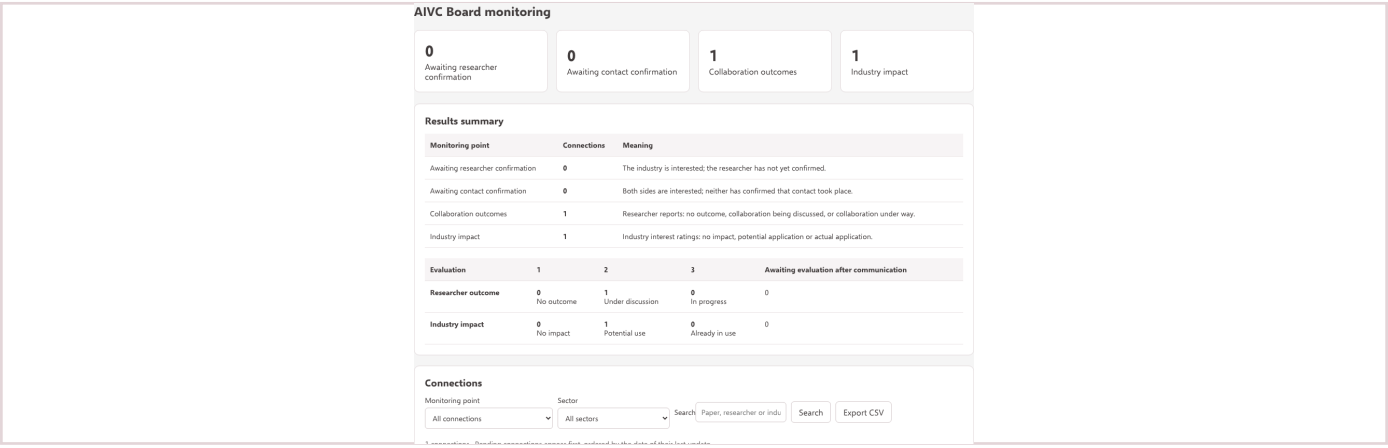
Interest means you are open to a discussion. Contact confirmation means the discussion took place. Industry impact describes the benefit or use of the research. A match does not by itself mean that collaboration has started.

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Track pending connections and reported results

Four monitoring points

Awaiting researcher confirmation: the industry is interested, but the researcher has not yet confirmed.
Awaiting contact confirmation: both sides are interested, but contact has not yet been confirmed.
Collaboration outcomes: the number of outcomes reported by researchers, including no outcome and discussions still in progress.
Industry impact: the number of assessments submitted by industry, including potential use.
The same connection may have both a researcher outcome and an industry impact assessment.



The summary shows totals and a breakdown of each type of assessment.

Use the connection list

Select a monitoring card to see the relevant Connections; this clears any other filters. You can then filter by sector or search by paper, researcher or industry. Pending connections appear first, with the longest-standing records at the top. Each page shows 25 connections. Select View for the full history or Export CSV to download a report.

Interpret the results

Use the breakdown to distinguish discussions from active collaboration, and potential use from research already in use. Pending means a confirmation or assessment is still missing; it does not mean failure. Withdrawn invitations are excluded from the totals. Days since last update shows how long a record has been unchanged. A dash means no update date is available.