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NEWSLETTER on news and actions
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Dear members of our university community and partners,

Welcome to the 11th Electronic Edition - June, of the European University of Technology (EUT+) Newsletter! Discover the latest news from our dynamic alliance through the lens of CUT's participation, focusing on EUT+ initiatives centered on sustainability. Listen to the first EUT+ Podcast about transformative learning experiences within EUT+, and learn about the recent and upcoming EUT+ Weeks in Germany and Latvia, respectively.



EUT+ Podcast: Exploring Transformative Experiences - Episode One

knowledge gained by members of our university community from their participation in the Blended Mobility Program (BIP) EUTA 2024 at the Darmstadt University of Applied Sciences in Germany in late March 2024.

Our guests are students Nikoleta Averkiou and Christina Evlavi from the Department of Communication and Marketing, and the Assistant Professor of the Department of Communication and Marketing Dr. Youla Melanthiou. They share unforgettable moments, challenges, and the personal growth they achieved through their participation in this experience.



Promoting Collaboration and Sustainability: Key Takeaways from the EUT+ Week in Darmstadt.

Over 200 representatives from the nine (9) partner universities of EUT+ gathered at the Darmstadt University of Applied Sciences (H_DA) from May 20 to 24, 2024, aiming to deepen and promote common synergies at the European level, this time focusing on research and sustainability. Participants had the opportunity to follow developments in joint research within EUT+, particularly in Nanotechnologies (EUTINN), with 30 scientists from seven partners participating. The discussions also included scientific conferences, poster presentations, and lab visits, emphasizing securing third-party funding and planning future projects. Additionally, the week featured strategies for the creation of the EUT+ Graduate School and workshops and joint discussions on addressing sustainability through the EUT+ European Laboratory for Sustainable Sciences.



Sustainability at the Core of EUT+.

More than 60 participants from the EUT+ alliance gathered for the first in-person meeting and General Assembly of the European Sustainable Sciences Laboratory (ESS Lab+) during the EUT+ Week at the Darmstadt University of Applied Sciences in Germany, from May 20-23. The workshop titled "Sustainability: What's in a name?" included keynote speakers, presentations, panel discussions, and interactive workshops to explore the complex, interdisciplinary issues of sustainability. A key objective was the creation of interdisciplinary ideas and projects. One notable idea presented by CUT researcher Konstantina Achilleos, titled "Global Knowledge Harvesting: A year-long submersion for an intersectional diverse group", focused on resource management and energy conservation by traditional chair makers, garnering particular interest.

In a panel discussion on "Achieving Green Transition in EUT+: Challenges and Strategies for Integration," Andreas Dionysiou, Coordinator of CUT's Green Office, and academic Dr. Marlen Vasquez participated. The General Assembly also established Special Interest Groups such as "DaiSSy," "SAFA," "PESE-AST," "DESD+," and "S2," with the collaboration of Board members: Eric Chatelet, Nazaret González, Silke Kleihauer, and David Ortiz Haro.



The EUT+ Communication Office (ECOMO) in Action.

Representatives and communication and promotion experts from nine (9) universities in the EUT+ alliance have joined forces to create the EUT+ Communication Office (ECOMO). This office focuses on both the communication of the EUT+ brand and the communication of the alliance's identity within each participating partner and globally. During the EUT+ week in Darmstadt, a special workshop was organized with the primary purpose of crafting communication messages for different audiences. Participants included Professor Evripides Zantides, Dean of the School of Fine and Applied Arts; Maria Afrodisi Charalambous, Head of the Communication Office at the EUT+ Coordinating Center at CUT; Antonis Vrasidas, Deputy Head of the Office of Communication, Promotion and Internationalization; and our university's graphic designer, Eleftheria Iasonos.



MEET EUT+ PEOPLE: Antonia Christou.

Antonia works on Work Package Six (6) titled "Innovation and Entrepreneurship" (WP6) of EUT+ Accelerate, under the coordination of Associate Professor Stylianos Yiatros. Work Package Six (6) includes the following tasks : EUT+ Entrepreneurship School, Connection with the entrepreneurial ecosystem, EITTO (EUT+ Innovation and Technology Transfer Office), and Student Startup Lab. She is also a Trainer for Climate Entrepreneurship Training at CUT. Antonia believes that through the Alliance's Entrepreneurship and Innovation activities, EUT+ graduates will be equipped to solve the complex social and environmental challenges of tomorrow. "At our University, we have already seen clear benefits from introducing entrepreneurship education to engineering students, and the goal is to create a community to promote the university's research and technology in society," she points out.

Antonia previously worked in the aerospace industry in France and Germany and has worked as an Innovation Manager in Singapore, supporting young entrepreneurs and startups through the Industry 4.0 Accelerator she established. She holds a degree in Applied Foreign Languages in Economics and a Master's degree in Business Development from the University of Toulouse.



Learning Through Action in Cyprus with EUT+.

Nineteen (19) students from seven (7) universities in the EUT+ alliance, along with their academic professors, had the opportunity to participate in an engaging week at the Cyprus University of Technology in early May 2024. Their experience included fun games and active workshops based on the "learning through action" approach.

Participants tackled important issues through games like The Atlas of Weak Signals, Revolt, and In the Loop. Additionally, they unleashed their inner creativity by participating in a Hackathon focused on repurposing old technologies for new innovations. Special thanks go to their instructors from CUT, Teresa Giorgalli and Dimitris Savva. This unforgettable educational experience was organized by the Mad Lab.

UPCOMING EVENTS- NEWS



EUT+ Riga Week:

EUT+ Week at Riga Technical University Latvia, from Monday, July 8 to Friday, July 12, 2024. The week will feature various activities and meetings focused on the Development of Common European Study Programs, as well as meetings for Work Packages Two, Three, Four, Six and Seven (WPA2, WPA3, WPA4, WPA6, WPA7 (- the EUT+ Human Resources Office)).



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