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NEWSLETTER on news and actions
of the European University of Technology

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We are thrilled to present to you the 8th edition of our EUT+ newsletter, highlighting the latest developments and achievements within our European University of Technology consortium.

In this edition, we shine a spotlight on the recent Troyes EUT+ Week, where our collaborative efforts and dedication yielded remarkable actions and results. From informative masterclasses and workshops to insightful discussions, the Troyes EUT+ Week showcased the power of cooperation in driving positive change within our community.

Furthermore, we delve into other significant events that are shaping the development of the European University of Technology, providing insights into our collective progress and vision for the future.

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EUT+ Week in Troyes: Towards a Common European Degree Model

From 22 to 26 January 2024, the European University of Technology (EUT+) has hosted in Troyes (France) more than 130 participants for a physical meeting centred

thus hosted the launch of the new capacity building policy of EUt+ through the prism of a common reflection on Education in Europe.

Nine universities of European University of Technology - EUt+ signing a new partnership with the United Nations Institute for Training and Research to foster positive societal change, advance research initiatives, and contribute to global goals such as learning Technologies, Support for SDGs, and Peace and Security.



The Cypriot delegation from the Cyprus University of Technology to Troyes

The Cypriot delegation from the Cyprus University of Technology to Troyes included the Rector, Panagiotis Zaphiris, the Academic Head of the EUt+ Coordination Center, Professor Soteris Kalogirou, the Vice-Rector for Academic Affairs, Professor Nicolas Tsapatsoulis, Associate Professor at the Department of Communication and Internet Studies, Vasiliki Trigka, the legal advisor of CUT, Zoe Papagregoriou, the Responsible Officer for administrative support in the framework of the European Research Office

Associate Professor at the Department of Electrical Engineering, Electronics, Computer Engineering and Informatics, Michalis P. Michaelides, and Maria Afrodisi-Charalambous, research associate and communication officer for the promotion of EUt+.



Exploring Collaborations in the Health Sector

The delegation from the Cyprus University of Technology to Troyes was complemented by a team of academics from the School of Health Sciences, including: Ekaterini Lambrinou Professor - Dean of the School of Health Sciences, Nicos Middleton, Associate Professor and Vice Chair of the Department of Nursing, Nikos Konstantinou Associate Professor and Chair of the Department of Rehabilitation Sciences. In a series of planned meetings, they explored the range of opportunities, laying the groundwork for potential collaborations within the framework of the alliance with research groups, representatives of University hospitals, companies, and other collaborating partners in health-related matters at University of Technology of Troyes.



EUt+ Communication Office (WP9) Shapes Action Plan for Tomorrow's Engineering Programs Promotion

The EUt+ Communication office, with representatives from the 9 universities of the alliance, convened with Havas during a workshop held in Troyes last week. As an early supporter of the Alliance and its branding efforts, Havas played a pivotal role in shaping its identity. During the workshop, attended by a total of 13 students, discussions focused on developing tailored key messages for each member institution to effectively promote the emerging EUt+ model.



Informing and Promoting EUt+ at the Student Clubs Night

During the Student Clubs Night held on Wednesday, January 31, our representatives in the EUt+ Students Board, Andri Pitsilou and Antonis Christoforou, had the opportunity to distribute promotional material regarding the alliance of the European University of Technology (EUt+) and inform the student community about this promising program, in which CUT has been actively involved for the past 4 years. The event was co-organized by the Student Life Office, the Student Union and the Student Clubs.





Meet EUT+ People: Despoina Tsiloglanidou

Research Associate at Cyprus University of Technology (CUT), where she has dedicated the last six years of her career. Currently, her focus lies within the realms of the EUt+, BuildSkills Academy project, and Extras management support, where she actively contributes to the advancement and smooth operation of these initiatives. Despoina plays a crucial role in the administrative aspects of these projects, providing valuable input across all levels. “Eut+ gives new opportunities for students and staff. I am pleased that so many people have embraced the project and are helping to make it run smoothly and inclusively”, says.

With a background in business administration from the University of Macedonia in Greece and a master's degree in Corporate Financial Management, Despoina possesses a solid foundation in both academic and practical aspects of her field. Furthermore, her commitment to continuous learning and development is evident through her attainment of a certificate in Pedagogy and Teaching Competence from the School of Social Sciences of the Hellenic Open University.



Signing of Memorandum of Understanding between EUt+ and PwC Foundation: Promotion of Innovation and Entrepreneurship

Technology (EUt+), signed a Memorandum of Understanding with PwC Foundation on Thursday, February 8, as part of enhancing collaboration with local business entities. The memorandum institutionalizes a framework for cooperation aimed at developing joint actions, in general and in the field of "Innovation and Entrepreneurship," a working package led by our university within the EUt+ alliance.

Moreover, the Memorandum further opens doors within the alliance for collaborations with the communities of the 9 cooperating university cities within the EUt+ alliance.

Actions include supporting students through mentoring, organizing educational workshops to enhance their skills and knowledge, hosting events and conferences for the exchange of ideas and developing joint proposals for projects and initiatives.

The Memorandum was signed at CUT's premises by the Rector, Professor Panagiotis Zaphiris, and by Vasilis Vrachimis, Partner, Advisory, Head of Consulting, In charge of Health & Government & Public Services at PwC Foundation.



Exploring Innovation: Michaela Pieri's Experience at EIT Alumni CONNECT Barcelona 2023

Biotechnology, and Food Science at our University, participated in one of the educational workshops of the Inno-EU+ program with a focus on entrepreneurship. She had the opportunity, in December 2023, to select from the European Institute of Innovation & Technology (EIT) Higher Educational Institutions (HEI) Initiative (EIT HEI Initiative) to participate in the EIT Alumni CONNECT in Barcelona, Spain.

The EIT Alumni CONNECT Barcelona 2023 was organized by the EIT Alumni with the aim of bringing together alumni, entrepreneurs, and representatives of the Knowledge and Innovation Community (KIC) of the EIT HEI Initiative. The main theme of the conference was emerging technologies (deep tech).

The EIT HEI Initiative is a joint activity of the EIT community, which recognizes higher education institutions (HEIs) as the pivotal actors in regional and European innovation ecosystems.



EUt+ Coordination Center: Key Pillar of the Vision

The newly established EUt+ Coordination Center at the Cyprus University of Technology emerges as a central entity with the overarching goal of realizing the vision for the creation of the European University of Technology. It is composed of academic and administrative staff, with Professor Sotiris Kalogirou serving as Head and President of the Center's Council. The office spaces are located at Archbishop Kyprianou 1 and Agios Andreas corner, Loukaidis building, 1st floor. You can contact us at the email address: EUt@cut.ac.cy.

Next EUt+ Week in Sofia

The upcoming EUT week is set to take place in Sofia from February 26th to March 1st. Over six working packages will convene to advance the development of the European University of Technology, fostering collaboration and innovation in higher education across Europe. The main area covered by this meeting is research in the EUt+ and the associated research program EUT-EXTRAS.

Event entitled: "Women who excel, women who inspire"

The Equality Committee, the Office of Diversity and Inclusion and EUt+ of the Cyprus University of Technology (CUT) are co-organizing an event on Friday 22 March at CUT entitled: "Women who excel, women who inspire".

The event is held on the occasion of: International Women's Day in Science (February 11), International Women's Day (March 8), Awarding of the female personality award "Christiana Kouta" awarded to a female employee of CUT, Book presentation of a

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