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του Ευρωπαϊκού Τεχνολογικού Πανεπιστημίου

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Dear partners and colleagues,

We welcome you to the 9th electronic edition of the newsletter for news and actions of EUT+. In this issue, you can stay informed about the latest developments, events, and activities that have taken place as part of our university's participation in the European University of Technology alliance: from partner meetings at the "EUT+ Week" in Sofia to meetings with the Ambassador of Cyprus in Bulgaria, as well as mobility programs and cultural events.

We delve into the dynamics of the EUT+ alliance by transmitting to you the pulse of our innovations and collaborations!



First EUT+ Rectors Meeting in Italy: Signing of the Declaration for University Autonomy of the alliance.

The agenda was packed for the inaugural EUT+ Rectors Board meeting held at the University of Cassino and Southern Lazio (UNICAS) on April 3rd and 4th, 2024. During the meeting, discussions revolved around the conclusions drawn from the final event of the STYX program on March 26th regarding the potential convergence of European Alliances towards a legal entity. This was followed by an analysis of the European Commission's recent blueprint for the creation of common European degrees, with a focus on the numerous elements inspired by the work and conclusions of the EUT+ alliance regarding the 12 characteristics of a European degree. The meeting of the Rectors concluded with the signing of the Declaration for University Autonomy by all participants.

It's noteworthy that students at UNICAS, including international students from 58 different countries, are ready to welcome their peers, representatives from the nine (9) university cities of the EUT+, during the upcoming EUT+ Week scheduled for November 2024 in the Italian university city.



Throwback to the EUT+ Week in Sofia, Bulgaria.

The organization and enhancement of research activities constituted the central axis of discussions among representatives of the nine (9) universities participating in the alliance, gathered at the Technical University of Sofia.

During the Working Week in Sofia, which took place from February 26th to March 1st, the nine (9) partners examined the fundamental role of research within the EUT+ alliance. Discussions focused on improving collaboration and strengthening research frameworks for future achievements.



Meeting with the Ambassador of the Republic of Cyprus in Bulgaria.

The head of the EUT+ Coordination Center in CUT, Professor Soteris Kalogirou, along with the Center's Officers, Mr. Aristodimos Lanitis and Ms. Andria Iapona, met with the Ambassador of the Republic of Cyprus in Bulgaria, Mr. Haralambos Kafkarides, during their presence in Sofia for the EUT+ Week.

The head of the EUT+ Coordination Center briefed the Ambassador on the European University of Technology (EUT+) and the cooperation of CUT with the other academic institutions of the alliance, one of which is the Technical University of Sofia. Additionally, prospects for collaboration with other academic institutions and hospital units in Bulgaria for student placements, etc., were discussed, and opinions were exchanged on ways to strengthen cooperation.



EUT+ and CUT at the core of the alliances that shaped the design for European Degrees.

Following the announcement by the European Commission regarding the establishment of European Degrees, the Rector of the Cyprus University of Technology (CUT), Professor Panagiotis Zaphiris, stated that CUT has been at the forefront of the alliances of higher education institutions that have defined this decision through its participation in the European University of Technology (EUT+).

Moreover, CUT actively participated in the JEDI project (Joint European Degree Label in engineering), funded by the Erasmus+ Program, aiming to propose changes to policies for tertiary education in Europe. The project's results are expected to be presented on April 29 in Brussels, and the proposal includes significant elements for the award of a European label in Engineering.

CUT's involvement in this initiative, through a consortium of three European university alliances (EUT+, EELISA, and ENCHANCE), is a significant step towards strengthening education and the recognition of degrees at the European level. It is an

Listen to the relevant statements of the Rector of CUT on the Politis's radio, specifically on the Morning Review program with journalist Katerina Eliadi.



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Trip to Europe by Train: The BIP EUTA - INTERRAIL Program.

The Hochschule Darmstadt (University of Applied Sciences), a partner of our University in the EUT+ alliance, organized a short, intensive program titled "BIP EUTA 2024 - INTERRAIL: EXPLORE EUROPE BY TRAIN" from March 10 to March 16, 2024. The program involved 12 students from the Department of Communication and Marketing in CUT under the supervision of Associate Professor Youla Melanthiou, funded by the Erasmus+ Program.

The BIP EUTA 2024 INTERRAIL: EXPLORE EUROPE BY TRAIN program aims to address the challenges faced by Deutsche Bahn in raising awareness and increasing ticket sales for European train travel through Interrail among the 18-25 age group.

aims to understand attitudes towards Interrail and enhance its attractiveness, promoting greater participation and adoption among the target population.



Promotion of language learning within the EUT+ alliance: Second year of classes.

During its second year, the EUT+ Language for Staff initiative not only maintained but also strengthened the initiative of learning foreign languages for the administrative, academic, and research staff of the nine universities participating in the EUT+ Alliance. With an emphasis on inclusion, commitment, and program improvement, the initiative has achieved significant milestones and has garnered increased interest and participation, with more than 550 individuals expressing interest in language courses. After careful evaluation of registrations, 244 individuals have actively enrolled in 15 different language courses offered through the program, indicating a strong commitment to language learning within the alliance.

This year's language courses, which have already begun, feature popular choices among applicants including English, French, and Spanish. With the introduction of new languages such as Italian and Irish, as well as additional proficiency levels, participants now have the opportunity to choose from a wider range of learning opportunities.



The Human(She): Women's Stories and Achievements.

The European University of Technology (EUT+) actively participated, supporting the organization of an event dedicated to women and their achievements in the field of technology. Hosted by the Cyprus University of Technology (CUT), titled "The Human (She): Women's Stories and Achievements," the event is evidence of our commitment to gender equality and diversity within the alliance. Key speakers included the Rector of the Athens School of Fine Arts, Dr. Erato Hadjiapostolou, Member of Parliament Mrs. Savia Orphanidou, and the Commissioner for Gender Equality, Mrs. Josie Christodoulou.

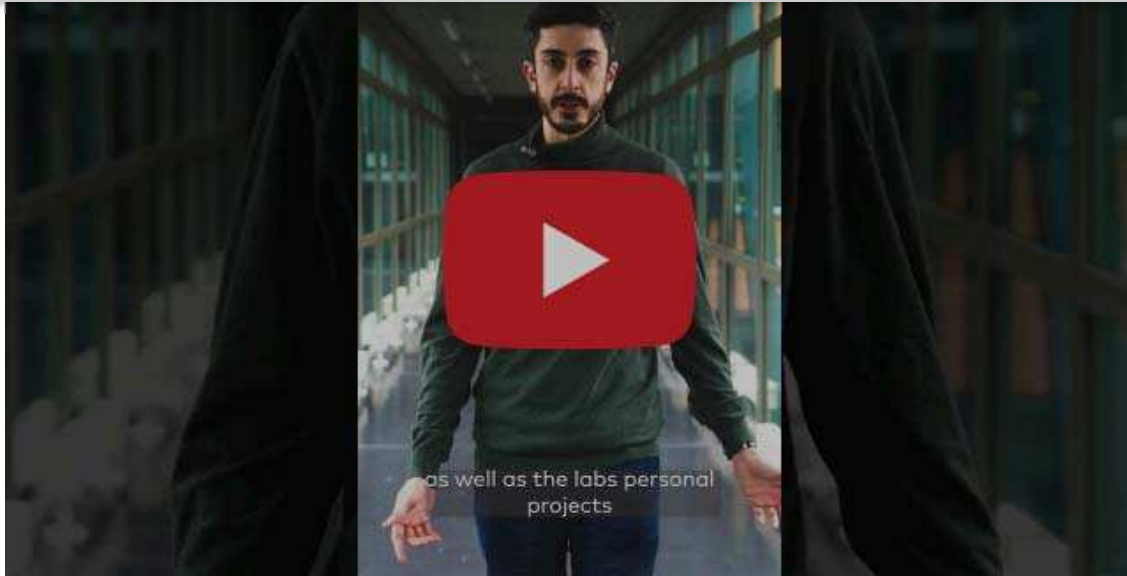
During the event, the "Christiana Kouta" Women's Personality Award was presented. This year's award was given to Dr. Melita Menelaou, Assistant Professor at the Department of Mechanical Engineering and Materials Science and Engineering at CUT, and designed by Professor Klitsa Antoniou of the Department of Fine Arts at CUT. The event took place on Friday, March 22nd.



MEET EUT+ PEOPLE: Emily Kouzaridi

Emily Kouzaridi serves as a research assistant for EUT+. Her primary focus lies within the EUT+ EXTRAS project, specifically on tasks TX4.2 and TX4.4, where she accentuates research policies and priorities while fostering connections between research and society through citizen labs. Motivated by EUT+'s human-centric vision and the collaborative ethos guiding the project, Emily is propelled towards the realization of its goals, envisioning a future where technological advancements align seamlessly with societal progress. Recognizing the imperative role of integrating social sciences into technological domains, she endeavors to ensure their positive impact on society.

With a Bachelor's degree in Sociology and a Master's in Digital Media and Journalism, Emily brings forth professional expertise garnered from engagements in projects dedicated to migrants, refugees, and asylum seekers, both for adults and children. These endeavors underscore her commitment to promoting social inclusion and combating inequalities and racism.



The Unique Integration in the University Campuses of the EUT+ Alliance.

"The feeling of unique integration in each university campus of the EUT+ alliance" is what defines the experience of Pablo Calleja Cayon, a doctoral student at the Polytechnic University of Cartagena in Spain, who participates in a mobility program for doctoral students at the Riga Technical University, within the framework of the European University of Technology - EUT+ alliance.

From the very first day, Pablo actively engages in research processes, laboratory projects, and knowledge exchange, enhancing collaboration between the two sides. Pablo emphasizes the value of his connection with members of the academic community there, as not only does it enrich the development of his dissertation, but his presence there confirms the principles of the alliance for a unique sense of "belonging" to each of the nine universities participating in EUT+.

UPCOMING EVENTS- NEWS



EUT+ DUBLIN WEEK.

From April 8th to 12th, Dublin University is hosting the EUT+ Week where the nine (9) partners will meet to collectively work towards the creation of the Common European Curriculum. Our University is represented by an 19-member delegation.



EUT+ PODCAST.

Coming this month to the Cyprus University of Technology, the first episode of the EUT+ Podcast! Our first guests? Academic staff and female students who recently participated in an intensive mobility program at the Darmstadt University in Germany. Stay tuned!



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