



NEWSLETTER on news and actions
of the European University of Technology

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Dear members of our university community,

Welcome to the 23rd edition of the European University of Technology (EUT+) newsletter — a publication that reflects the energy, creativity, and people-focused mission of our alliance.

This summer, the Cyprus University of Technology is at the forefront of EUT+ developments. Highlights include the appointment of our Rector, Professor Panagiotis Zaphiris, as President of the EUT+ Rectors' Summit, and the successful hosting in Cyprus of "Rhythm Touch," the winning team of the EUT+ Incubation Program.

We are also proud of our students' participation in Erasmus Blended Mobility Programmes, which offered short but impactful learning experiences across the EUT+ alliance — including activities at the European Parliament in Strasbourg, as well as in Darmstadt, Cartagena, and Limassol. Meanwhile, new episodes of the EUT+ Podcast are now available.

Through shared experiences, collaborations, and creative exchanges, we continue to build the university of the future — with people at its core.

Happy reading!



The Rector of CUT is the President of the EUT+ Rectors' Council !

Effective July 1st, 2025, Professor Panayiotis Zaphiris, Rector of the Cyprus University of Technology (CUT), has been appointed President of the Rectors' Council of the European University of Technology (EUT+) for the upcoming semester.

This important leadership role marks a strategic milestone for CUT, further elevating its influence within the EUT+ alliance. Professor Zaphiris' priorities during his term include:

- Advancing discussions on the establishment of the School of Technology, Engineering and Design (TEDS).
- Expanding faculty development within the program clusters, based on the Pedagogical Framework coordinated by CUT under Task 4.2.
- Ensuring the alignment of the alliance's joint degree programs with the 12 characteristics of the European Degree, as defined by the European Commission.
- Promoting the EUT+ School of Entrepreneurship and launching the new micro-credentials program in Innovation and Entrepreneurship.

Together, we continue to build the European University of the Future!



CUT hosted the Winning Team of the EUt+ Incubation Program

The winning team of the first EUt+ Incubation Program, “Rhythm Touch” from the Technical University of Cluj-Napoca, traveled to Cyprus in early July as guests of the Cyprus University of Technology (CUT).

During their stay in our University, they took part in a music festival organized by the Municipality of Germasogeia, where they presented their innovative bracelet to the public and members of the deaf community, who tried out the device and shared their emotional reactions. During their visit to Cyprus, they also visited the School for the Deaf in Nicosia, as well as local companies and research centers, receiving valuable feedback from market experts.

The outcomes of the first EUt+ Incubation Program reaffirm the alliance’s founding principle: “Think Human First.” The team, comprised of students Bara Iulia, Mihali Mărioara, Popa Ioana, and Rizel Cătălina, presented an innovation that enables individuals with hearing impairments to *feel* music through vibrations. *Rhythm Touch* is more than just a tech product – it is a shining example of inclusion, empathy, and human creativity.

Tune into the latest episode of the EUt+ Podcast, where the four students talk about their journey, the idea behind the device, and how their experience in Cyprus strengthened their vision of a world without barriers.



EUt+ Podcast #12: Europe through the Eyes of Students

In the latest episode of the EUt+ Podcast, we welcome Associate Professor Vicky Trigka and CUT student Adonis Philippides for an insightful discussion about the participation of Cyprus University of Technology students in the recent Erasmus Blended Intensive Program, titled “Be an MEP for a Day”, organized with the involvement of three alliance partners from France, Germany, and Cyprus, and held in Darmstadt and Strasbourg.

The guests talk about the simulation of the European Parliament's work, the intense experience of parliamentary dialogue, the debates, and the political balancing acts students had to navigate. Adonis shares his impressions from participating as a

A conversation on democracy, civic engagement, and the importance of bringing Europe closer to young people through the EUt+.



EUt+ Construct 2025: A Public Project with Social Impact from the New Generation of Engineers

The Erasmus Blended Intensive Program, titled “*EUt+ Construct: Learn, Lead, Legacy*” was successfully completed in Limassol under the coordination of Associate Professor Stelios Yiatros, and hosted by the Cyprus University of Technology (CUT) in early July. The program was aimed at Civil Engineering and Architecture students from five EUt+ partner universities, including CUT, with the goal of strengthening practical skills in sustainable construction and project management.

A total of 27 students participated in a unique construction site simulation experience, collaborating on the creation of an outdoor relaxation area in the courtyard of the CUT Library. The project features flower beds, benches, aromatic plants, and a shading

EUt+ Construct 2025 was a celebration of collaboration, learning, and social contribution, leaving a tangible legacy while embodying the core values of the alliance: *Learning, Leadership, and Legacy*.



“POSTDOCTORAL” Program – Call for Research Proposals

The Cyprus University of Technology (CUT), as part of its strategic plan to enhance Research, Excellence, and Innovation, has announced the fourth call for research proposals under the “*POSTDOCTORAL*” Program. The aim is to support outstanding early-career postdoctoral researchers with strong potential for independent research, innovative output, and scientific development.

The Program encourages creativity and active engagement of young researchers in the development of new scientific activities, while also contributing to job creation in high-priority sectors. Eligible applicants are exclusively postdoctoral researchers, who may submit only one proposal. If selected, physical presence at CUT is required.

👉 <https://forms.office.com/e/2LPpaFC1NW>

The call is also open to applicants from the EU+ alliance.

For more information: postdoctoral@cut.ac.cy



Meet EU+ People: Constantinos Karseras

Constantinos Karseras is a Research Associate at the Erasmus Office of the Cyprus University of Technology (CUT), where he plays a key role in managing and supporting Erasmus mobilities within the framework of the EU+ European alliance. With dedication, he contributes to the smooth handling of procedures for incoming and outgoing students, enhancing the international study experience and intercultural exchange.

A graduate in Multimedia and Graphic Arts with a Master's degree in Management and Entrepreneurship, Constantinos brings a multidisciplinary background that enables him to approach his role with both creativity and efficiency. At the same time, he is actively involved in the fields of youth, participatory democracy, and European citizenship, promoting the values of engagement and social inclusion.

environment that supports the growth of both students and staff.



EntrepBoot Camp 2025: A Creative Summer for CUT Students in Romania

The *EntrepBoot Camp 2025* was successfully held from July 14 to 18 in Romania, offering a unique sustainable entrepreneurship experience to students from the universities of the EUt+ alliance. The program took place at a guesthouse by Lake Tarnița, combining creative learning, multicultural collaboration, outdoor activities, and moments of relaxation.

The Cyprus University of Technology (CUT) was represented by four student participants: Elli Panayi, Alexandros Savvides, Stavriana Kyriakou, and Vasiliki Petrou, who proudly represented our university by taking part in workshops, activities, and intercultural networking.

The participants received funding from Key Action 1 of the Erasmus Programme, confirming the University's commitment to enhancing outreach and student mobility.



A Multicultural Learning Journey

As part of the Erasmus Blended Intensive Programme (Erasmus BIP), titled *“Descubrir el español en una Europa intercultural”*, six Cypriot students took part in a vibrant multicultural educational journey, proudly representing our University.

During the four-week program—three weeks online and one week on-site in Spain—our students attended intensive B1-level Spanish language courses, participated in workshops, cultural activities, and group projects, showcasing their talent, creativity, and collaborative spirit.

Their final presentations impressed both the instructors and their peers from Ireland, Germany, Italy, and Spain, proving that language development, intercultural communication, and a shared European identity can be built in just one month. The group was accompanied by Dr. Gabriella David, Spanish language instructor at the Language Centre.



New Partnerships with a Focus on Innovation: Memorandum of Understanding between CUT and Irerobot LTD

As part of efforts to strengthen the connection between the academic community and the business world, the Cyprus University of Technology (CUT), on behalf of the European University alliance EUt+, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Cypriot company Irerobot LTD.

Irerobot LTD is an innovative and dynamic company based in Cyprus, specializing in robotics, automation, and smart technological solutions, with a particular emphasis on sensory and haptic systems. With a strong research orientation, the company maintains active collaborations with academic and industrial networks, contributing to the development of technologies that meet contemporary social and technological needs.

The signing of the Memorandum further reinforces the collaboration between higher education and industry within the broader EUt+ ecosystem, promoting knowledge, innovation, and technology transfer with a human-centered approach focused on societal needs.



The EUt+ Mural at CUT: A Message of Art, Identity, and Sustainability

In the courtyard of the CUT Library now stands an impressive mural, inspired by the values of the European University alliance EUt+. With vibrant colors and figures symbolizing cooperation, solidarity, and sustainable development — core elements of the EUt+ vision — the artwork harmonizes with the natural and urban landscape of the university, highlighting the connection between local identity and a European perspective.

Behind the mural is Christos Kyriakou (EDMON 1419) and his team, TWOTWENTY, from Limassol. Christos Kyriakou (EDMON 1419) is known for his participation in many local festivals and has left his mark on numerous public spaces across Cyprus.

His work at CUT adds a new, meaningful dimension to the intersection of art and university identity within the EUt+ alliance.



Happy Holidays!

The EUt+ Coordination Center at the Cyprus University of Technology wishes everyone a restful and creative summer!

We look forward to reconnecting in September with new initiatives, collaborations, and innovative experiences within our European university alliance. Until then, enjoy the sun, the sea, and the moments that fill you with energy and inspiration!

Have a great summer!

UPCOMING EVENTS- NEWS

Completion of the VALUEU Project

The VALUEU project of the EUt+ alliance is concluding in Riga with a two-day conference on August 27-28.



Technical University, and the SEAL organization will meet in person to present the project's final report, exchange experiences, and discuss next steps, based on the results of the five citizen labs conducted by VALUEU since September 2024.



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