

Creating a Culture of Innovation for future education

"The European Commission is today strongly responding to the call of students for more freedom to study across Europe, from teachers and researchers to better pool knowledge, and from higher education institutions to pool resources."

Margaritis Schinas, European Commission Vice-President for Promoting our European Way of Life.

INnoVations of REgional Sustainability: the five European University Alliance (INVEST), as a nurturer of freedom, active citizenship, tolerance, diversity openness, and critical thinking plays a key and leading role in strengthening the global need for talent and innovation, for transparency and openness, for exploration and excellence, for better harmony and integration to promote the quality and diversity of the European higher education worldwide and generate a deeply transformative impact within Europe.

In realizing its vision to transform future learning, bring innovation to promote research, and inspire student mobility, in the European regions and globally, it is reflecting on its past, present, and preparing its future actions.

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65.000
students

74 bachelor
programmes

100 Master
programmes

Doctoral
studies

Retrospect: A Look Back at Last Year

Living Labs

The Living Labs, a pedagogical method and applied research project sees implementation across all partner Universities. The ambition is to provide more opportunities to strengthen the link between teaching, research, innovation, and knowledge transfer. INVEST Students experience a plethora of options for engagement through course assignments, internships, and research. Quadruple helix partnerships of knowledge institutes, private companies, citizens, NGOs, and governmental organizations via Living Labs configuration presents a new form of transdisciplinary collaboration.

Our Living Labs:

- # RES-Q, Larissa, Greece
- # Peatland Area, Friesland, Netherlands
- # De Achterhoek, Gelderland, Netherlands
- # Delta East, Gelderland, Netherlands
- # South-Central Region, Bulgaria
- # North Karelia, Finland
- # Nitra, Slovakia, are concrete examples.

EdUC8EU

Academic advising is fundamental yet enlightening for the cohesive retention strategy of the INVEST alliance. To provide students with more sustained and personalized guidance, the EDUC8EU integrated platform will be utilized as a way to streamline the advising services with a higher level of informed recommendation to emulate the academic advisor's role. The EDUC8EU software framework covers the complete lifecycle of the academic advising process by offering a toolkit that can be parameterized to serve various business and educational needs and scenarios at all three study cycles - bachelor, master, and doctoral, together with the living labs, Winter/Summer schools, and other extracurricular educational activities. Thus, it provides support and guidance to students at key decision points or exceptional situations that require appropriate modifications/reconfigurations of a student's academic plans, thus increasing the flexibility of the learning processes.

Retrospect: A Look Back at Last Year Summer/Winter schools

The objective of INVEST Alliance is to establish, diversity, openness, and gain multi-professional skills from the learning process. Thus, two successful online summer/winter schools (June 2021) and (October/November 2021) took place.

"Empowering regional development and innovations - Building resilience in rural communities" a joint summer school for BSc, MSc, and Ph.D. students from all disciplines. The course was implemented as a hackathon.

"The Use of Artificial Intelligence to support regional sustainable development" a joint winter school for BSc, MSc, and Ph.D. students from all disciplines. The course was also implemented as a hackathon. The students worked in multidisciplinary groups on a specified challenge on supporting regional sustainable development using AI.

INVEST Summer School

Empowering regional development and innovations - Building resilience in rural communities



Looking ahead

March 2022, "Virtual Campus", Invest At INVEST, we believe that Equality and alliance's basic tool to facilitate mobility, Diversity are central to achieving the goals, teaching/ learning at all levels, and Life-long whilst enhancing our cultural, teaching profile, learning will be completed and will and labor demographic. We are committed to enhancing our excellent record in teaching, materialize.

March 2022, The design of the curriculum is finalized in Nitra. research and learning by ensuring there is equality of opportunity for all, fostered in an

March 2022, The first in presence Rector's Assembly meeting after the pandemic will be held in Nitra. environment of mutual respect and dignity.

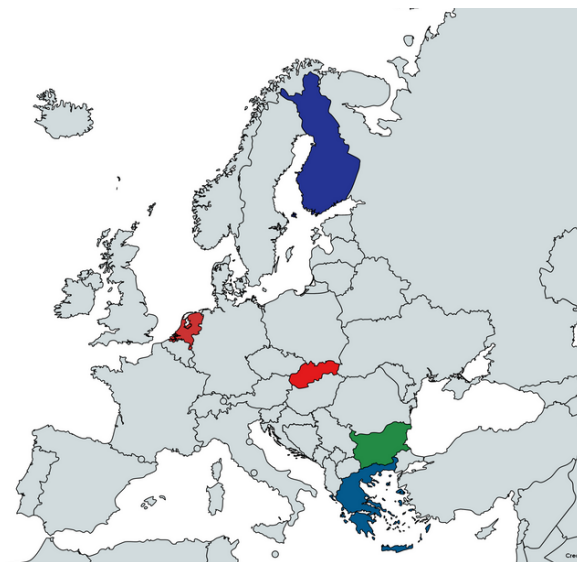
April 2022, The EduC8EU, our flagship for student advising will be embedded in "Virtual Campus".

April 2022, The completion of the "Learning communities" platform to link faculties and staff of all Universities into a mutual host environment.

April 2022, Five Bachelor specializations will be announced on our website.

June 2022, INVEST Summer School titled "Ensuring Quality of Public Services in Sustainable Regional Development", held both virtually and in-person in Plovdiv.

June 2022, training of the trainers at Karelia UAS.



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