



EUNICE, the European University for Customised Education, is an alliance nurtured by seven universities' intellectual and infrastructure input, resulting in a solid network of crossed interactions between educational institutions and industry, as well as other social, cultural, artistic and sports stakeholders.



BRAND NEW LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS



EUNICE European University has been working on **consolidating its educational offer**, both in terms of elective online courses and in terms of excellence programmes. After launching for the first time joint online elective courses in January 2022, this pilot courses offer has been prolonged for the academic year 2022-2023 with more than [30 new elective courses](#), to which students are now **able to register**.

Regarding the excellence programmes, **11 workshops were organised at the Université Polytechnique Hauts-de-France** on May 31, gathering dozens of teachers-researchers around various topics such as cyber-security, biomedical technologies and smart mobility. Many programmes are already well advanced in terms of content and EUNICE is still working on developing **suitable architecture models** for these joint European programmes.



START YOUR COMPANY WITH A BUSINESS CHALLENGE!



The EIC is a business competition between students of each EUNICE member university. It is a key opportunity for students to **get support in developing a business plan and launch a new company**. By June 2023, each university will select one team to enter the final of the competition, which will take place at the University of Catania (Italy). The winners will have the chance to **access a special internship program**. During this period, they will be able to visit EUNICE partner universities of their choice in order to be able to use the university environment to improve and test their business idea in different European contexts. [Follow EUNICE](#) on social media for future updates!



LET'S CELEBRATE EUROPEAN CULTURE TOGETHER!



The [EUNICE Weeks](#) are the **cultural festival of the Alliance**, which offers numerous events organized by all the partners and coordinated by the University of Mons (Belgium). The events are culturally diverse and accessible to all, as not only are they in-person events, but they are also broadcasted in streaming on EUNICE's [YouTube channel](#).

The second edition of the EUNICE weeks opened in October with the **Alliance Games: an e-chess tournament and an on-site mixed volleyball tournament** between the seven partner universities. These tournaments were respectively won by PUT chess player Mikołaj Nowak and the UNICT volley-ball team. Congratulations!

In November, **two forums promoting student and staff mobility** took place, as well as **lectures on Europe and its evolution** and **cultural sessions**.

The objective behind the EUNICE Weeks is to promote the richness and diversity of European culture, but also to facilitate students' employment through the development of intercultural and global skills and contacts with local companies and social structures.



The Alliance Games were also the first opportunity for EUNICE Students Advisory Board to meet face-to-face. EUNICE students from Poland, Spain, Italy, France and Finland, together with some representatives of PUT EUNICE Students Organisation, participated in a couple hour meeting where **many important topics connected with EUNICE were discussed**. Some of those were the promotion of EUNICE among students, short-term mobility opportunities for students, common degree options and many more.



INTENSIVE COURSE ON GLOBAL STUDIES: A "WORTHWHILE EXPERIENCE"

Over 40 students - 16 of whom travelled from other EUNICE countries or from the USA - followed EUNICE's course on **Introduction to Global Studies**, which took place in July at the University of Cantabria (Spain). This blended intensive programme consisted of two weeks of lectures on Globalisation, a concept which has been approached from different disciplines such as health, culture, migrations or business. Marta Gómez, Academic Director for Internationalisation at Home at UC, highlighted that having "students from different countries working and living together **made the experience worthwhile**."

For more information, watch the [dedicated video on EUNICE YouTube channel](#).





RESEARCHERS' NIGHT, EUNICE-STYLE



On 6th September, the University of Mons celebrated its **"Tuesday for researchers"**. On that occasion, Researchers, teaching assistants and PhD students from EUNICE member universities were invited to participate in the **Scientific Poster Contest** in the framework of the scientific dissemination opportunities promoted by EUNICE Research ([REUNICE](#)). The winner of the contest was the poster "Decomposing Numerals" - Isidor Maier (BTU).

The **European Researchers' Night**, annual initiative of the European Commission, was celebrated this year on September 30th all over Europe. At Poznan University of Technology (Poland), the EUNICE team took this opportunity to prepare a stand with promotional materials, spreading information about EUNICE and [REUNICE](#). Visitors also had a chance to **participate in a wheel of fortune contest** about both projects.

At the Brandenburg University of Technology (Germany), as part of the event the **"Night of Creative Minds"**, the EUNICE team presented itself on October 15th with a EUNICE and REUNICE booth. People who were interested could learn facts about the projects and answer all of their questions. Fun and excitement were provided by a **Kahoot Quiz** with various questions about Europe. In a pleasant atmosphere, visitors could playfully **get in touch with the future of Europe** and learn about the idea behind EUNICE.



FIRST STEPS TOWARDS A MULTILINGUAL ALLIANCE



In the beginning of this new academic year, the Alliance launched its first language courses offer. In total, [12 courses were part of this offer](#) (5 English courses and 7 national language courses for the seven languages spoken within EUNICE universities). This offer was a huge success, as **more than 2650 applications** were received from all partner universities. Participants were drawn to the unique concept, with national language courses being self-study courses, and by the easy access to specialized English courses designed by teams of teachers from different EUNICE universities. The national language courses are also **open to staff members**, which is a rare opportunity for them.



ARE YOU READY TO TAKE OFF?



STUDENT MOBILITY

Students from all EUNICE member universities can benefit from **multiple mobility opportunities** throughout their studies, and have a chance to find out about them thanks to internal events. At the University of Mons (Belgium), the 7th edition of the international mobility forum was held on 12th October, which helped students get more familiar with all existing possibilities, such as exchange semesters or internships abroad, cultural and linguistic immersions, financial aids, accommodation, etc. At the University of Cantabria, the [International Day](#), a yearly fair, encouraged students to participate in Erasmus and other mobility programmes, while celebrating diversity, openness and multiculturalism. New Erasmus students also received a warm welcome at the University of Catania, with an **Erasmus Quiz Night**, organised with the associations ESN ASE Catania and AEGEE-Catania APS. Find out more information about student exchange on the [EUNICE website](#).



FIRST EDITION OF THE "INDUSTRY-DRIVEN EDUCATION" WORKSHOPS

Around 50 participants from the European countries of the EUNICE European University gathered from 5th to 7th October at the University of Catania with one goal: **facilitating the approaching and cooperation between University and Industry for education and research activities**. This was the first edition of the Industry-driven Education workshops organised by the alliance, with the collaboration of UMONS. It brought together EUNICE staff working on "Training, Research & Development for Industry-oriented problems", experts of industrial Ph.D. programmes, representatives of companies and industries, PhD students and researchers. For more information, [read the article](#).



A JOINT ACTION PLAN ON HUMAN RESOURCES STRATEGY FOR RESEARCHERS



REUNICE promotes excellence in research and innovation and fosters diversity, inclusiveness, and gender equality in a specially designed crosscutting work package. With the Joint Action Plan on the Human Resources Strategy for Researchers (HRS4R), the first deliverable was presented in September 2022. Despite the varying starting points of the EUNICE universities, the Joint Action Plan clearly shows the **great commitment to implement the 40 principles of the European Charter of Researchers and the Code of Conduct for the Recruitment of Researchers**. Through the implementation, ethical aspects, recruitment procedures are strengthened, but also working and training conditions of the researchers. For more information, visit the [EUNICE Blog](#).



VALENCIENNES HOSTS THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY



As the project was reaching its midterm stage, Université Polytechnique Hauts-de-France hosted the **General Assembly** from May 30th to June 1st in Valenciennes. This celebration gathered the Rectors and academics of the member universities, more than 70 people, and included **parallel workshops** to advance in the construction of joint study programmes under the EUNICE umbrella. Together with the Steering Committee, the Rectors **reviewed the achievements of the alliance** in its 18-month trajectory, and debated the statutes for the alliance to become a legal entity.



EUNICE BECOMES AN INTERNATIONAL NON-PROFIT ASSOCIATION



EUNICE European University officially became an institution upon the **signing of its founding statutes** before a notary. This event took place at the University of Mons (Belgium) on 16th November. Thus, the legal form of the alliance will be, from now on, an **international non-profit association** - AISBL, abbreviated in French - . Philippe Dubois, current Rector of the University of Mons, will be the First President of the AISBL and Abdelhakim Artiba, President of the Université Polytechnique Hauts-de-France, its Vice-President. This means a **step forward as an alliance**, given the fact that it will no longer be only a European project but also an **international organisation**. For more information, [read the article](#).



EUNICE EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY WELCOMES THREE NEW MEMBERS



On 27th September, in the framework of EUNICE General Assembly at the University of Cantabria, rectors of EUNICE [signed the expansion agreement](#) that increases the alliance from seven to ten members, with **three new universities**: the **University of Peloponnese** (Greece), the **Polytechnic Institute of Viseu** (Portugal), and the **University of Karlstad** (Sweden). This means EUNICE alliance's student community grows to reach 150,000 people. Welcome to all new members!



WHO AND WHERE WE ARE



Poznań University of Technology ([PUT](#)), Poland



[Poznań University of Technology](#) (PUT) is the best technical university in the Wielkopolska voivodeship, in western Poland. It is the third most frequently chosen university in Poland and is among the leading technical universities in Poland. Founded in 1919, PUT trains highly qualified engineers and researchers.



Brandenburg University of Technology ([BTU](#)) Cottbus-Senftenberg, Germany

[BTU Cottbus-Senftenberg](#) is a university of technology located in the state of Brandenburg, north-eastern Germany. BTU collaborates closely with partners from business and science communities to overcome current challenges related to Energy, Materials, Construction, Information and Communication Technology, Health and Environment. One third of its students come from over one hundred different countries.



University of Cantabria ([UC](#)), Spain



The [University of Cantabria](#) (UC), a 50-year-old university located in Santander, northern Spain, is the only public university in the autonomous region of Cantabria. Thanks to the scientific prestige of its researchers, its international projection and its setting in a coastal city surrounded by mountains, UC attracts around 500 international students every year from the five continents.



University of Mons ([UMONS](#)), Belgium

[UMONS](#) offers a wide variety of courses in an enriching environment, as well as close teacher-student relationships. Located in the city of Mons, in the Belgian region of Wallonia, and despite its small size, UMONS, is nonetheless open to internationalisation, with more than 70 nationalities among its students.



University of Catania ([UNICT](#)), Italy



The [University of Catania](#) (UNICT) is the oldest university in the Italian island of Sicily -founded in the 15th century- and develops many of its resources in global challenges research: public health, environmental sustainability, technology and social integration.

Université Polytechnique Hauts-de-France ([UPHE](#)), France

The [Université Polytechnique Hauts-de-France](#) (UPHF) is the very first polytechnic university in France and is based on two poles: Humanities and Science and Technology. Located in Valenciennes, northern France, 14% of its students come from 85 different nationalities.



University of Vaasa ([UniVaasa](#)), Finland



The [University of Vaasa](#), named after its city on the west coast of Finland, is focused on responsible business. The core competence of this university consists of high-level expertise in business, technology, management, and communications. Almost one third of its teaching staff are foreigners.



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