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ERACON 2024 IN PORTUGAL

ERASMUS Congress and Exhibition - ERACON 2024 and CAREER-EU 2024 conference are planned to be hosted in Porto in late June 2024. More details soon on <https://www.eaecnet.com/> and www.eracon.info

Over 5000 students and education sector staff support changes to make Erasmus+ mobility more sustainable

Green Erasmus project

The Green Erasmus project wants to see significant changes in the mobility patterns of university students going on an Erasmus+ exchange to reduce the environmental impact of the programme.

Green Erasmus petition

During the course of the project, we ran a petition calling for:

- Increasing the current €50 to a universal top-up to individual support of up to €250 for green travel, proportionate to the distance covered
- And increasing the current 4 days up to 7 days of additional individual support covering additional subsistence costs and/or accommodation needs linked to green travel - for the round trip

Learn more **HERE**: <https://esn.org/news/over-5000-signatures-greenerasmus>



European STEAME Academy Symposium

The European STEAME Academy Symposium will be hosted in Rome during 12-16 March 2024.
The link is <https://steame-academy.eu/events/>

Erasmus+ World Wide Webinar 2023 **17-19 October 2023**

A webinar on exchange and cooperation opportunities that are open to organisations and individuals across the globe.

The seminar offers a unique opportunity for participants to better understand all aspects and benefits of international programmes (International Credit Mobility, Marie Skłodowska Curie, Erasmus Mundus, Capacity Building etc.).

More info and online web streaming here:

<https://erasmus-plus.ec.europa.eu/event/erasmus-world-wide-webinar-2023>

NEW EAEC project 2023: **KA220-HED - Cooperation partnerships in Higher Education** **“URBAN BIODIVERSITY TEACHING AND LEARNING** **IN HIGHER EDUCATION SECTOR (U.BI.TEACH)”**

The project:

The U.BI.TEACH project will promote a NEW METHODOLOGY ON URBAN BIODIVERSITY TEACHING and THE SKILLS to adopt NEW LEARNING APPROACHES IN HE's, INCREASING ENGAGEMENT IN SCIENCE AND MODERNIZING HE CURRICULA.

In 2020 the European Commission recognized that the climate crisis and the biodiversity crisis are strongly linked, highlighting the importance of THE GREEN URBAN ECOSYSTEM DEFENCE among the actions to restore the nature (EC, EU Biodiversity Strategy for 2030, 2020). Europe is a highly urbanized continent, but even if cities only account for around 4% of Europe's surface, they are causing enormous challenges. Investing in innovation and knowledge exchange will be key to developing the best nature-based solutions, as well as INTEGRATING URBAN BIODIVERSITY in EDUCATION. INNOVATIVE APPROACHES TO

TEACH AND LEARN URBAN BIODIVERSITY IN HEIs ARE NEEDED, as well as BOTTOM-UP ACTIONS INVOLVING LOCAL STAKEHOLDERS IN DESIGNING NEW URBAN BIODIVERSITY-BASED SOLUTIONS.

The implementation period is 36 months: 01/10/2023 to 30/09/2026 and the project KICK OFF will be December 1st 2023.

The objectives:

The general objective (GO) is to contribute to the fight against climate change. This GO generates the following 3 specific sub-objectives (SO):

- SO1: Promote an inter-connected HE system on urban biodiversity, modernizing HE curricula
- SO2: Provide a new teaching approach to urban biodiversity in HE
- SO3: Provide the skills to HE teacher to be able to drive this change

The deliverables:

- 1) the U.BI.TEACHing PACK (WP2) with a COMPETENCE MODEL ON URBAN BIODIVERSITY and a TEACHING METHODOLOGICAL REPOSITORY, both addressed to HE teachers,
- 2) the U.BI.TEACH TRAINING TOOLKIT (WP3) with LEARNING SNACKS and an E-SPACE, both tested by HE teachers and students and
- 3) the U.BI.TEACH Urban LAB.O. (WP4), LOCAL URBAN BIODIVERSITY OBSERVATORIES with green project ideas developed by HE students.

Indeed, U.BI.TEACH project will launch multilevel partnerships between HE students, HEIs, Third Sector, businesses, Communities on how to protect Urban Biodiversity, starting from the modernization of HE teaching approach to face this green challenge.

The project partners are 8 coming from 7 EU countries: 2 from Spain, Belgium, Lithuania, Italy, Greece, Romania, and Cyprus.

More information will be soon on the EAEC website: <https://www.eaecnet.com/>



EAEC REVEALING project (01/02/2022 - 31/07/2024)

The C1 Training of the REVEALING project took place on the picturesque island of Rhodes, Greece from 12-15 September 2023. Hosted by the University of the Aegean, this event marked a pioneering initiative dedicated to unleashing the full potential of virtual reality for higher education, training and collaboration.

Project website: <https://revealing-project.eu/>

Project Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/revealingeu>

