



NEWSLETTER



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EADTU NEWS



We thank you all for sharing your expertise and friendship in 2017 and wish you an inspiring 2018!

Season's Greetings to everyone!

Team EADTU



EADTU at the FIED International Conference

From 13–14 December, 2017, ICDE member, Fédération Interuniversitaire de l'Enseignement à Distance (FIED) who provides national and international representation of French distance university education providers, organised an international conference on the theme of "Distance education, a lever for educational transformation? Prospective views on the evolution of practices". EADTU was well represented by former president Anja Oskamp and representation on QA developments, by managing director George Ubachs and former Secretary General Piet Henderikx.

[More information](#)



UNESCO is preparing a Global Conference in Quality Assurance in Higher Education as a platform of discussion for educationalists, government representatives, QA agencies, as well as international organisations dealing with higher education and sustainable development. The goal is to explore in cooperation the ways in which higher education and its quality assurance mechanisms could better contribute to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The conference will be held at UNESCO Headquarters, Paris, from 5–9 November 2018. UNESCO has partnered up with ICDE, Commonwealth of Learning and INQAAHE for this initiative. ENQA is the main partner in setting up the European event and will contribute to the global conference.

EADTU has been appointed as ICDE Focal Point on Quality for Europe, with support of FIED, SADE and OUUK. EADTU will contribute in this position to UNESCO's regional consultation meeting for Western Europe to be held in [Geneva from 15–16 February 2018](#).



Annual Survey on MOOC strategies

The 4th annual survey on institutional MOOC strategies is available. Since 2013, five different surveys strongly indicate a distinct and more mature European MOOC response. This survey is now held for the fourth successive year, contributing to an increased understanding of the strategies of Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) on MOOCs and their reasons (not) to be involved. It addresses the possible differences and similarities between HEIs in different regions.

We invite you to fill out the [survey](#) for your institution.

MEMBER NEWS



The Viewbrics project nominated for the Best Educational Research and Practice Project Award 2017

Part of the Open University of the Netherlands, the Welten Institute is a leading international research centre for learning, teaching and technology employing over 60 researchers.

The [Viewbrics project](#), a project supported by NWO (Dutch National Research Council)/NRO and coordinated by dr. Ellen Rusman of the Welten Institute, was one of the three nominees for the Best Educational Research and Practice Project Award 2017. At the EAPRIL conference in Finland the 1st prize did not go to Viewbrics, but to the STEM education project from Heidi Knipprath.

Nevertheless the team looks back at the conference with satisfaction: the team felt very honoured to be nominated as one of the three best projects of 2017 and they received a lot of positive feedback from conference participants.



UNINETTUNO: the new multilingual and transnational Professional Master Degree in “IT Security”

Spam, computer fraud, ransomware, violation of sensitive data: in a few years, threats to IT security are increased. That’s the reason why defending itself from “Cybercrime” has become a priority, both for individuals and for companies.

The first Professional Master Degree in “IT Security”, will be realized thanks to [LMPI – Licence Master Professionnel en Protection Informatique](#) with the support of European Commission, in cooperation with universities of Europe and four countries (Moldova, Kazakhstan, Bulgaria and Vietnam).

The program will be delivered online and face-to-face. Contents will be available in English, Russian, Romanian, Bulgarian and Vietnamese in order to create a transnational, multilingual and multicultural initiative.

Contents will be realized by the best selected professors of the universities involved in the project (check the full list [here](#)). The innovation in the development of the distance learning approach will be coordinated by the [International and Telematic University UNINETTUNO](#) which will train all the professors and staff to the use of new technologies, the application of the UNINETTUNO model and platform, and the production of multimedia contents.



Mobile Learning Day at FernUniversität

Digitalization, artificial intelligence, and networking were the central issues discussed on FernUniversität in Hagen’s 9th Mobile Learning Day. Organizer Claudia de Witt was happy to welcome keynotes on what is considered “the next digitization wave”: “The massive jump in hardware” on the internet of things results, for example, in intelligent assistant systems that analyse data in high speed. Accordingly, production processes are customized and expert knowledge becomes more and more individual. Next to discussing juridical and ethical risks, a number of newly developed apps in educational sciences, economics, and mathematics were presented.

[Read more](#) (in German)

EVENTS 2018

- EADTU–EU Summit 2018: 17 April 2018, Brussels (Belgium)
- OER18: Open to All: 18– 19 April 2018, Bristol (UK)
- EMOOCs 2018: 23 April 2018
- OEGC: 24–26 April 2018, TU Delft Aula Conference Centre, Delft (The Netherlands)
- International week on Competence–based Learning in the Digital Age: 15–18 May 2018 at TAMK in Tampere (Finland)
- Empower Online Learning Leadership Academy 2018: 24– 25 May 2018, Brussels (Belgium)
- OOFHEC2018: 24–26 October 2018 in Aarhus (Denmark)

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