

EADTU NEWS

Innovating Higher Education 2024 - registration & programme

Registration for the Innovating Higher Education Conference (23 - 25 October 2024), EADTU's annual conference, is still open. This year's event will take place in Limassol, Cyprus and is titled "Leading the Future of Learning". Our host is the Open University of Cyprus.

The conference explores innovations in hybrid, blended, and online education to pave the way for inclusive and personalized learning experiences.

The **programme** - combining keynotes, paper presentations, a dedicated research track, panel sessions and workshops - is available online.

You can register via our [conference website](#).

**I-HE2024
CYPRUS**
23 - 25 October 2024
St. Raphael Resort,
Limassol

Join Us for ENCORE Webinar Week! (1-3 October)

Are you an educator ready to step into the role of an education and experience designer? Join us for a week of enlightening webinars hosted by ENCORE (ENriching Circular use of OeR for Education).

ENCORE is dedicated to addressing the key trends shaping education today—digitalization, climate change, and post-COVID economic recovery. Our goal is to support educators in enhancing their teaching and recognition skills through innovative approaches.

On the Agenda

- **ENCORE Platform Launch:** Introduction to the ENCORE platform for optimizing OER use.
- **OER to ORE:** Exploring Open Badges on ENCORE.
- **Personalized Education:** Enhancing learning with personalized, playful approaches.
- **Skills Intelligence & AI:** AI's role in education

[Register here](#)

ENCORE WEBINAR WEEK
1, 2, 3 October 2024
Online

1 October 13.00-14.00 CEST ENCORE platform and from OER to ORE	2 October 13.30-14.30 CEST Personalized and Playful Education with the ENCORE platform	3 October 13.00-14.00 CEST Skills Intelligence using Artificial Intelligence

<https://project-encore.eu/>

Mastering Self-Regulated Learning: A Blended Challenge for Success!

The TUNED partnership invites you to our Final Conference & Contest — a free, exciting event showcasing the TUNED MOOC and our innovative serious game! These tools are designed to transform teaching through technology-enhanced and self-regulated learning methods.

On October 23rd, 2024, from 9:30 AM to 1:00 PM EEST, the St. Raphael Resort in Limassol will host an event dedicated to exploring the intersection of technology and education, with virtual participation available as well. Aimed at educators, researchers, and those passionate about innovative learning, the event will showcase the TUNED MOOC and serious game designed to enhance virtual and blended learning.

Highlights include keynotes on self-regulated learning and practical guidelines for using TUNED tools in the classroom, alongside an awards ceremony for a contest on designing virtual lessons, with a grand prize of €100 and a feature on the TUNED Project website.

[Register now](#)

Mastering Motivation & Self-Regulated Learning: A Blended Challenge for Success!

Join the TUNED project Final Conference & Contest: Elevate Your Teaching Skills Through Technology and Innovation

October 23, 2024
09.30 - 13.00 EEST
St. Raphael Resort in Limassol, Cyprus and Online

<https://www.tunedproject.eu/>
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H.O.U. has elected its first Rector and Vice Rectors

For the first time in its 27 years of operation, the Hellenic Open University (H.O.U.) has elected the first Rectoral Authorities which constitutes a milestone in the Institution's successful journey. Until recently, the H.O.U. was governed by a Board of Directors. However, following the recent passing of Law 5094/2024 (regarding non-state universities), the Institution was granted autonomy. The first elected Rector of the H.O.U. is **Prof. Manolis Koutouzis**, former Dean of the School of Humanities and the university has also appointed its first four Vice-Rectors. The term of office is four years, starting on September 1, 2024, and ending on August 31, 2028.



MOOC on Inclusive STEAM Education—Registration is open!

The MOOC on "STEAM education for all learners: Incorporating STEAM and Inclusive education practices in everyday teaching" is currently being offered by the "Special Education STEAM Academy (SpicE)" European project, coordinated by the **DAISSY Research Group of Hellenic Open University (HOU)**. The MOOC started on 9.9.2024, and is available in English, with all educational material also translated in Spanish, Bulgarian, and Greek. Participation is free of charge and the registration is open.

Detailed information about the content of the SpicE MOOC is presented at <https://spiceacademy.eu/spice-platform/>. So far, SpicE is the only project to combine STEAM Education with Inclusive Education.



Professor Stavros Stavrou the new OUC Rector

Professor Stavros Stavrou assumed the leadership of the Open University of Cyprus (OUC) on September 1, 2024, following his election as Rector for the next four-year term. Professor Stavrou succeeds Professor Petros Pashiardis, who retired after 17 years of service to OUC, having completed his term as Rector. The election of Professor Stavrou to the highest academic office marks the beginning of a new era for the University, which, since its establishment in 2002, has been firmly established in the Greek-speaking higher education sphere as a university synonymous with open and distance learning and lifelong education.

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Two OUC Faculty Top ScholarGPS Rankings

Two faculty members from the Open University of Cyprus have been ranked among the top scholars worldwide, based on data from the past five years compiled by ScholarGPS. This significant recognition is awarded to Professor Michalinos Zembylas, Director of the Master's programme in "Education Sciences" and holder of a Commonwealth of Learning Chair, and Associate Professor Antonis Zorpas, Director of the Master's programme in "Environmental Sustainability Engineering" and Head of the Chemical Engineering and Sustainable Engineering Laboratory at OUC. ScholarGPS ranks OUC 4th in terms of publications and their impact among accredited universities in Cyprus.

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AMUE Publication on the EAD Passport

The EAD Passport is featured in AMUE's article in *La Collection Numérique* #33: "Explorations of Digital Uses in Higher Education".

The EAD Passport, **developed by FIED** in collaboration with several universities, offers students an initial introduction to the digital university environment. Comprising flexible and modular courses, this program allows students to acquire the necessary skills to succeed in online studies while benefiting from tailored support and shared academic resources.

[See publication](#)

Publication AMUE sur le Passeport EAD



Unifg Erasmus+ 'Tuned' Multiplier Event In Limassol

University of Foggia announces the [Final Multiplier Event of the "TUNED" project](#) during the I+HE 2024 conference by EADTU.

The event will take place at St. Raphael Resort on October 23rd, 9:30am – 1:00pm.

This event will present the TUNED MOOC and our innovative serious game, two tools designed to transform teaching practices with technology-enhanced and self-regulated learning methods.

Attending the event, you may:

- Discover how the TUNED MOOC and serious game can enhance virtual and blended teaching
- Connect with experts in education, psychology, computing, and technology-enhanced learning.
- Engage in discussions, share best practices, and participate in an interactive Q&A.



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Unifg Erasmus+ "E-Medic" Multiplier Event In Rome

University of Foggia announces that there will be a Multiplier Event about the "E-MEDIC" project during the HELMeTO24 conference in Rome.

The event will take place at [Centro Congressi Frentani](#) on September 26th ([program](#)).

At 9:45am there will be a Keynote Speech by Prof. Patrik Telléus, University of Aalborg, about the project, its goals and objectives; at 11:10am there will be the presentation of a Project Result named "*Thoughtful thoughts before developing distance learning in medical education*".

The E-MEDIC project deals about stimulating innovative learning and teaching practices in the medical fields, through a miniMOOC and a Serious Game.



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Universidade Aberta hosts Conference on Inclusive Memory

The *Inclusive Memory Conference on Transforming Museums into Inclusive Health Promoting Environments* takes place in Lisbon (at the Museum of the Orient) next October, 10. The event is dedicated on how to transform museums into inclusive health promoting environments. Having evolved substantially in the last decades, museums play a pivotal role in today's societies by actively contributing to social inclusion by widening people's access to education, knowledge, culture, health and well-being. This complex role brings about major challenges to museum institutions, notably in what concerns the professional development of staff, which need to be addressed in a multidisciplinary way.

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UOC launches three research projects to improve its educational model

The UOC is funding three e-learning research projects to enhance its educational model and address global e-learning challenges. These projects focus on using AI and learning analytics to support students, provide personalized feedback, and improve monitoring of online discussions. The research aims to create early warning systems, AI-driven feedback tools, and real-time data access for better student assessment. Led by UOC experts, the initiatives seek to boost the use of learning data and contribute to the development of innovative educational practices. The findings are expected to benefit the UOC and other educational institutions worldwide.

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Langtern app harnesses the power of AI to help language teachers prepare their lessons

A finalist team in this year's SpinUOC entrepreneurship programme at the Universitat Oberta de Catalunya (UOC) has designed a new AI-based tool designed to assist language teachers. This innovative technology aims to enhance language instruction by providing personalized support and resources. The AI tool can analyse students' language skills, offer tailored feedback, and suggest targeted activities to improve learning outcomes. By automating routine tasks and offering insightful data, it helps teachers focus on more interactive and strategic aspects of teaching. The tool represents a significant advancement in educational technology, aiming to make language learning more effective and efficient while supporting educators in delivering high-quality instruction.

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Maria Amata Garito Wins the John McCarthy Award 2024

Maria Amata Garito, rector of the International Telematic University UNINETTUNO, has received the prestigious John McCarthy Award for Artificial Intelligence during AI Week 2024. This recognition honors her pioneering work in integrating generative AI into digital education, relying on scientifically validated content contributed by international experts. The award highlights Garito's leadership in applying AI to education, a journey that began in the early 1990s. UNINETTUNO is building global alliances to ensure that AI training is based on solid scientific knowledge, aiming to combat the spread of fake news.

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UNINETTUNO Launches AI Lab to Evolve Education and Processes

UNINETTUNO has inaugurated an AI Research Lab to integrate artificial intelligence into its renowned psycho-pedagogical model. The lab focuses on enhancing personalized learning through AI and generative AI, while also improving internal processes such as administration and data management. Each AI application will be carefully evaluated for both ethical considerations and effectiveness, ensuring that technological advances bring real benefits to education and operations. With this initiative, UNINETTUNO aims to keep pace with the latest developments in AI, evolving its systems and maintaining its leadership in digital education. In the first step UNINETTUNO has integrated ChatGPT into its educational platform to enhance the learning experience. The AI, trained on digitalized

materials such as video lectures and academic publications, provides students with scientifically validated responses.



Opportunities for lifelong learning through FULL

FULL FORTHEM University Lifelong Learning Network has been actively operating for over three years. The goal of establishing a lifelong learning network was to serve the needs of external stakeholders in learning future skills and upskilling. FULL network aims to offer opportunities for lifelong learning involving staff, organizations, and citizens of all ages in FORTHEM regions and beyond. Within the FULL network, universities have organized in cooperation tandem courses and established FOR EU Lifelong Learning Network. Erasmus+ Mobilities for adult learners are starting this Autumn.

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PUBLICATIONS

European higher education institutions in times of transition

EUA's 2024 Trends report explores how European universities have adapted to major changes. It highlights shifts in education strategies, student demographics, and internationalization based on a survey of 489 institutions.



Quality assurance and internationalisation

The ENQA report highlights the importance of internationalization in the European Higher Education Area, supported by common quality assurance frameworks aimed at fostering trust and cross-border cooperation.



EVENTS

Innovating Higher Education Conference 2024

EADTU
Limassol, Cyprus
23 - 25 October 2024

ENCORE Webinar Week

ENCORE
Online
01 - 03 October 2024

TUNED International Conference and Contest Event

TUNED
Limassol, Cyprus
23 October 2024

30th ICDE World Conference 2025

ICDE
Te Whanganui-a-Tara Wellington
10 to 13 November 2025



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