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EADTU wishes you a
merry Christmas and
happy New Year!

EADTU NEWS

I-HE2021

3 - 5 November 2021



I-HE2021: Message, Proceedings and other sources

The Proceedings of the Innovating Higher Education conference 2021 at the University of Bari are now available! The publication, including the [Message of Bari](#), is a reflection of a successful conference which was organised in close co-operation with the Universities of Foggia and Bari.

More sources on I-HE2021:

*The [conference programme](#), including all presentations

*A recording of the plenary sessions during Day 1 is uploaded on our Youtube account (check [Part 1](#) and [Part II](#)).

*Also check out the pictures made on [Day 1](#), [Day 2](#) and [Day 3](#).

16, 17 & 19 November 2021

Implementing Microcredentials In Continuing Education

empower webinar week



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Looking back at 'Implementing Microcredentials in Continuing Education'

We would like to thank all participants for attending our Webinar Week on 'Implementing Microcredentials in Continuing Education' and for making it a very interesting and lively event.

In the Empower Webinar Week, we outlined a European concept of Microcredentials, discussed possible Microcredential implementation strategies and extrapolated present trends by asking 'Where next for Microcredentials?'

The recordings of all 3 days are available on the [EADTU Youtube channel](#). If you are keen to have another look at the presenters' slides, then check our [Slideshare page](#).

DigiTel Pro

DigiTel Pro: Launch of the courses

On Thursday 18th of November 2021, the official DigiTel Pro Launch took place. During this launch the experts provided an opportunity for continuous professional development (CPD), primarily for course and curriculum developers and for all those who support teaching staff and learners, secondarily for leaders who direct these processes in higher education.

Three courses were launched, guiding universities towards sustainable, high-quality digital education for the future, including continuing education and professional development. The courses will cover synchronous hybrid, blended and online education.

[Register for the courses](#)



Final Convention and Policy Forum on MOOCs and microcredentials for the labour market

On the 15th of December, the final convention and Policy Forum on MOOCs and microcredentials for the labour market was organised by EADTU.

During this event we presented:

- Labour market needs related to open and flexible learning opportunities
- Common grounds for collaborations between European MOOC platforms, universities and labour market organisations:
- Current European MOOC offerings for the labour market
- Co-development and co-delivery of MOOC-based programmes
- The concept and use of microcredentials and the Common Micro-credential Framework
- Ways of organising a sustainable dialogue between MOOC platforms, universities and the labour market. Defining a shared responsibility in education and training.

Special attention was given to the EMC-LM Policy Recommendations as well as the [proposal for a Council Recommendation on micro-credentials](#), recently published by the Commission. The presentation by Koen Nomden (DG Employment) on this topic can be found [here](#).

With more than 120 representatives from MOOC platforms, universities, employment agencies, sectors and companies as well as national and European governments the event captured reflections and feedback from all labour market stakeholders.

Please find the event recording [here](#).
All other presentations are available via the [Eventbrite](#) page.



EPIC: Call for proposals now open!

Are you an educational pioneer or innovator? Submit your proposal for EPIC! EPIC is the Educational Pioneers and Innovators Conference of 2022, providing higher education professionals from around the globe, the opportunity to share knowledge on and experience with the digital transformation and innovation with technology in higher education.

You're invited to submit a proposal and share your projects, research, good practices, collaborations, or lessons learned within one of the various programme tracks. If you have an interesting case study or a compelling idea for a presentation, submit your proposal before 28 January 2022.

EPIC is a three-day conference taking place on 30 and 31 May, and 1 June 2022 in Rotterdam, the Netherlands. EPIC is organised by the Dutch Acceleration Plan for Educational Innovation with IT. The Acceleration Plan is a four-year government-funded programme to stimulate educational innovation with technology in higher education institutions in the Netherlands.

Visit www.epic-conference.nl for more information



SAVE THE DATE: mLearn2022 Conference

From 10 to 12 October 2022, the mLearn2022 conference will take place in Heerlen, The Netherlands. The Open Universiteit and EADTU co-organize this 21st world conference on Mobile, Blended and Seamless Learning. mLearn is the leading annual international conference for researchers, policy makers, educators, developers and solutions providers in the field of mobile learning, attracting participants from more than 60 countries. The International Association for Mobile Learning ([IAMLearn](#)) is the custodian.

The conference theme of this year is "Smart mobile learning for education, lifelong learning and continuous professional development".

We look forward meeting you next year online or face to face to share innovative approaches and research around this theme! More news and information on the conference will become available in January, on the [conference website](#).

MEMBER NEWS



The Innovating Higher Education Conference 2022 in Athens, Greece

The conference of Open Universities entitled "IHE2022: Innovating Higher Education" which took place in Bari on November 2021 was successfully completed. The presence of the Hellenic Open University was notable since 15 presentations and/or workshops took place.

During the closing plenary session, HOU's President, Prof. Odysseas Zoras, announced that the next conference will be held in Greece from 19 until 21 October 2022 at the War Museum of Athens. The next conference will place great emphasis on the technological advancement in higher education and the leading position of online, open and distant teaching universities in research and innovation.



FernUniversität in Hagen

Ada Pellert Re-elected as President of the FernUniversität

In September, Prof. Dr. Ada Pellert, president of the FernUniversität in Hagen, was re-elected by the University Council for her second term as head of Germany's only state distance-learning university. Following her first six-year term beginning in 2016, her second term will last until 2026. Pellert had been requested by the University Council and Senate to run again for office. In her second term, Pellert plans to focus on the university's mission of lifelong learning and digital transformation.



FernUniversität in Hagen

Virtual English Conversation Club

Since January 2021, the FernUniversität in Hagen's International Office has been running an English Conversation Club in collaboration with the Open University of the University of Jyväskylä and –joining in June – the Universitat Oberta de Catalunya. The club brings together faculty and staff from across the three universities in three different groups for practicing conversational English in a casual environment. Meetings are held online twice a month and feature lively discussions about a wide range of topics, including work and personal interests.

[Read more information here](#)



2nd Edition of Reporting Climate Change - The Online Training Programme Of Uninettuno University
 UNINETTUNO and COPEAM, thanks to the support of the EIB - European Investment Bank, launch the second edition of the international e-learning course "Reporting Climate Change" during the opening works of the Glasgow Coop 26. This innovative training opportunity is open to TV, radio and press journalists from the MENA region, the Balkans and the sub-Saharan Africa, and it aims at reinforcing their knowledge and reporting skills about the current sustainable development challenges and the impact of climate change.

Several international experts - from the academic, scientific and media sectors - are involved in the course's modules to deliver video-lessons (available in English, French and Arabic), to talk about case-studies and in-the-field experiences, to provide a rich multimedia supporting material about key-issues such as climate change, water security, energy transition, sustainability, environmental crimes.

At the end of the training programme, the participating journalists having completed the course will receive a certificate of completion co-signed by UNINETTUNO University, COPEAM and the European Investment Bank.

[Read more](#)
[Video of the first edition](#)



ATICA2021 & ATICAces2021
 The 12th International Congress on Application of Advanced Information and Communications Technologies (ATICA2021) and the 8th International Conference on Application of Information and Communications Technologies to Improve Accessibility (ATICAces2021) took place at Fundação Oriente, in Lisbon, Portugal last November, from the 24th to the 26th.

Both events took place within the Erasmus project "Technological assistance to accessibility in Virtual Higher Education - EduTech" and the 2021 edition was organized by the Universidade Aberta (Portugal) and the Universidad de Alcalá (Spain), as partners of the project.

[More information](#)



ASSOCIAÇÃO DE EDUCAÇÃO A DISTÂNCIA DOS PAÍSES DE LÍNGUA PORTUGUESA

Digital Education in the Lusophone Space
 The Association for Distance Education in the Portuguese-speaking Countries (EADPLP) organized its III International Meeting on the 18th November. The 2021 edition was held online and exclusively focused on Digital Education, as one of the greatest challenges for pedagogical innovation and the construction of sustainable networked knowledge communities. The conference counted with the participation of speakers living in different geographies who share their knowledge, ideas and learning experiences, in particular those developed throughout the pandemic.

[More information](#)



The research project PLAY on student anxiety ended
 After two years of fruitful and creative work, the research project "PLAY: Play, Learn, fight back Anxiety" (coordinated by University of Patras), of which the Open University of Cyprus (OUC) participated with a research team of its Educational Technology Lab, came to an end. PLAY's objective was to develop a 3D virtual world using the potential of a gamification-based approach to simulate real-life scenarios that familiarize students with various stressful situations, help them be better prepared for University curricular activities and ultimately assist them to reduce the anxiety they may face during their academic lives.

[More information](#)



New Masters in "Educational Leadership & Policy"
 The Open University of Cyprus launches a new postgraduate programme in "Educational Leadership and Policy" to be offered as of the academic year 2022-2023 in the English language. The Programme confers 90 ECTS, can be completed in 18 months in full-time study mode, and it is designed by renowned academics based on current and emerging trends in educational policies and practice to provide contemporary knowledge and skills to the educational leaders of tomorrow. The Programme is accredited by the Cyprus Agency of Quality Assurance and Accreditation in Higher Education.

[More information](#)

EVENTS 2022

ICDE Leadership Summit 2022
 Face to Face & Virtual
 20 - 21 Jan 2022

European Learning & Teaching Forum (EUA)
 University of Deusto, Bilbao, Spain
 17 - 18 Feb 2022

Education Pioneers and Innovators Conference
Rotterdam, The Netherlands
30 May - 01 June 2022

mLearn2022 Conference
Heerlen, the Netherlands
10 - 12 October 2022

2022 Innovating Higher Education Conference (I-HE2022)
Athens, Greece
19 - 21 October 2022

Distance Education: a Brave New World
Online
20 - 21 October 2022

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