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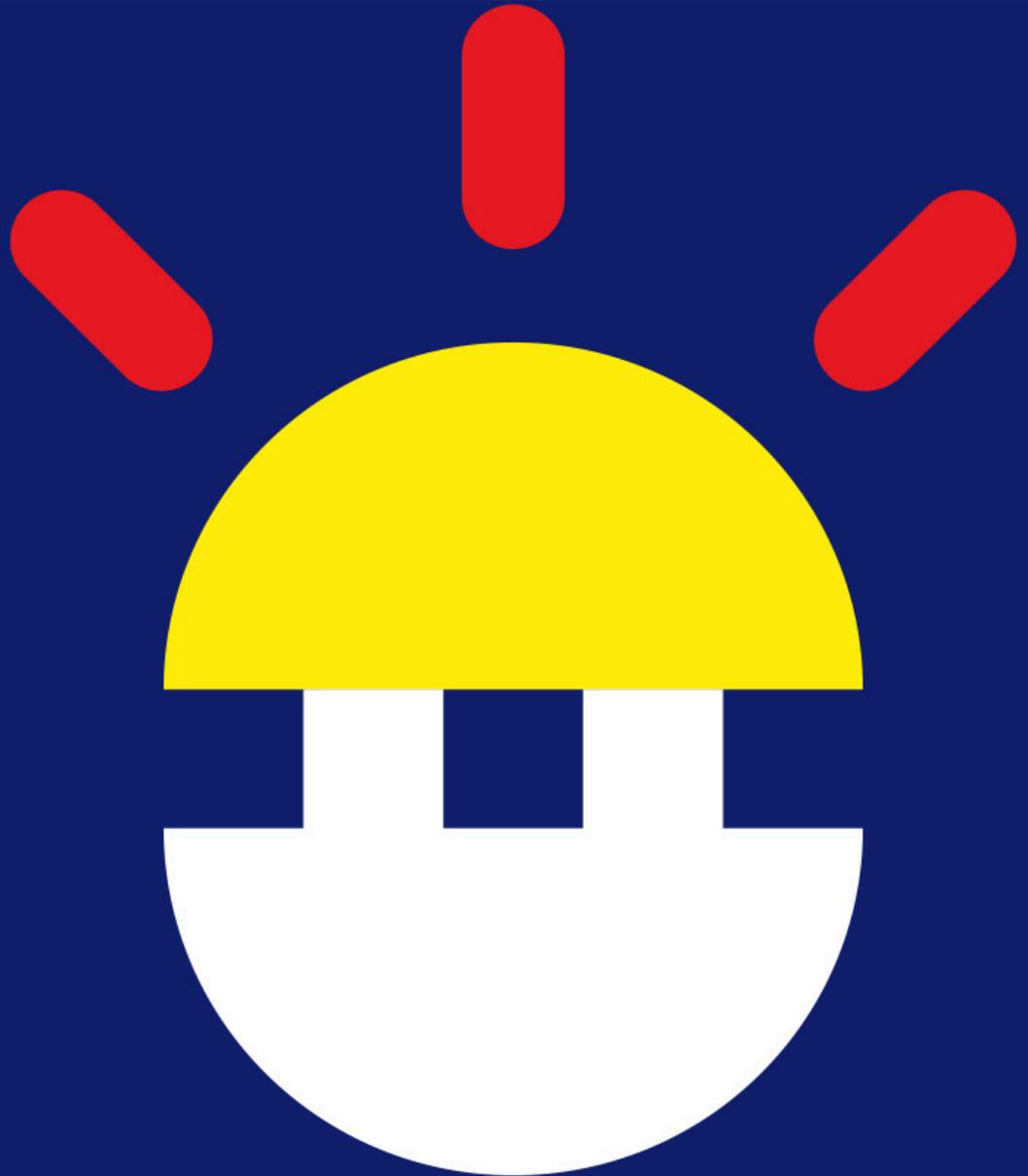
Well-attended Environmental Night



HSO's Environment Night on January 23 attracted scores of visitors, who enjoyed experiencing environmental and technology projects in the dark, including energy-efficient vehicles, climate-neutral agriculture, renewable energies and many more exciting topics.

Attendees got to take a look inside laboratories and learn more about Sol Aqua, for example, a demonstration plant for seawater desalination. Virtual tours, film screenings and a presentation on HSO's study courses rounded off the program. Many took advantage of the relaxed atmosphere to linger and talk to the experts as well as the students about current environmental and energy issues.

2025 pepperMINT competition launched



Developing creative ideas for the challenges of the future: The pepperMINT Foundation, a joint initiative between Hochschule Offenburg and companies, has invited school students (from 9th grade up) to take part in a major competition. Using the motto "Achieving more with less – smart ways to conserve resources and increase efficiency", exciting projects, valuable experiences and attractive prizes such as laptops and concert tickets await!

In the pepperMINT competition, students can show how they would make the world smarter and more sustainable. Individually, as a team or as a whole class, they can submit models, written work or similar. All projects will be presented at HSO in May and the best will be awarded prizes.

Third THINK NEW ideas competition completed



The aim of the THINK NEW competition is to network the regional economy, culture and society with our Media students. In this innovative format, student ideas and concepts are developed for tasks from companies that focus on media, marketing communication and innovation.

Over the past few months, student teams have been working on solutions for practical topics. The submitted works were now presented to an exclusive audience at the third THINK NEW ideas competition and prizes were awarded by an expert jury. The variety of topics included the use of AI in the career guidance process for school students; an event concept on healthy eating and sustainability for young people; a social media strategy for customer acquisition with a focus on LinkedIn using the example of a B2B consulting company; ideas for dialogue-oriented awareness-raising; and participation formats for citizens in sustainable mobility in the Upper Rhine region.

KARAKURI Challenge: An Immersion in Low-Tech Eco-Design



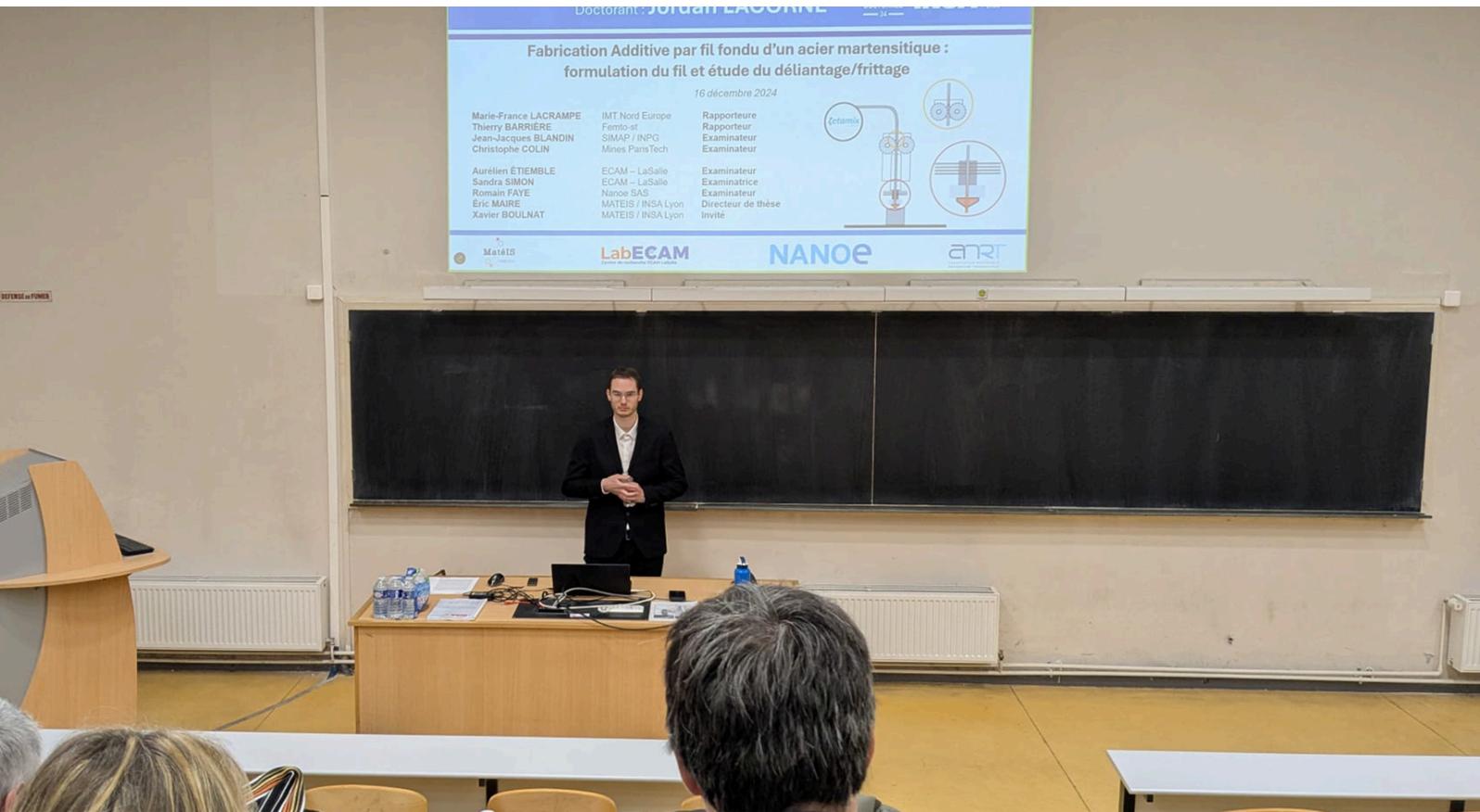
Approximately thirty students from the ECAM Engineering program, specialising in Industrial Engineering & Supply Chain Management, worked in teams to eco-design and assemble four pre-assembled low-tech conveyors inspired by Karakuri principles. This challenge aimed to meet an industrial need by simulating an assembly or disassembly flow, while considering technical, economic, and environmental constraints.

This challenge also helped to:

- Differentiate between low-tech and high-tech: prioritize simple and effective solutions to reduce costs, minimize risks, and simplify maintenance.
- Highlight technical know-how in industry: place mechanics at the heart of the project.
- Promote accessible solutions: demonstrate to SMEs that it is possible to design affordable and sustainable alternatives.

This challenge showcases the ability of future engineers to propose sustainable, simple, and tailored solutions for today's industrial needs. A great success that combines tradition and innovation!

Additive Manufacturing PhD Defense



On December 16th, Jordan Lacorne, a PhD student at ECAM LaSalle, defended his doctoral thesis titled: "Additive Manufacturing by Fused Filament Fabrication of a Martensitic Steel." This thesis is part of a collaboration between the company Nanoe, the MATEIS laboratories (INSA Lyon), and LabECAM.

The study aims to optimize FFF (Fused Filament Fabrication) technology for the production of metal parts.

The thesis focused on three main areas:

- **Filament formulation:** determining and adjusting the mechanical and rheological properties needed to create printable filaments.
- **Debinding optimization:** removing the polymer matrix while avoiding defects or contamination.
- **Sintering improvement:** achieving dense parts, minimising porosity, and controlling the final microstructure.

This defense highlights ECAM LaSalle's commitment to applied research projects related to industrial needs and underscores the importance of partnerships between academia and industry to advance tomorrow's technologies.

Sustainability and Corporate Social Responsibility Report Released 2024



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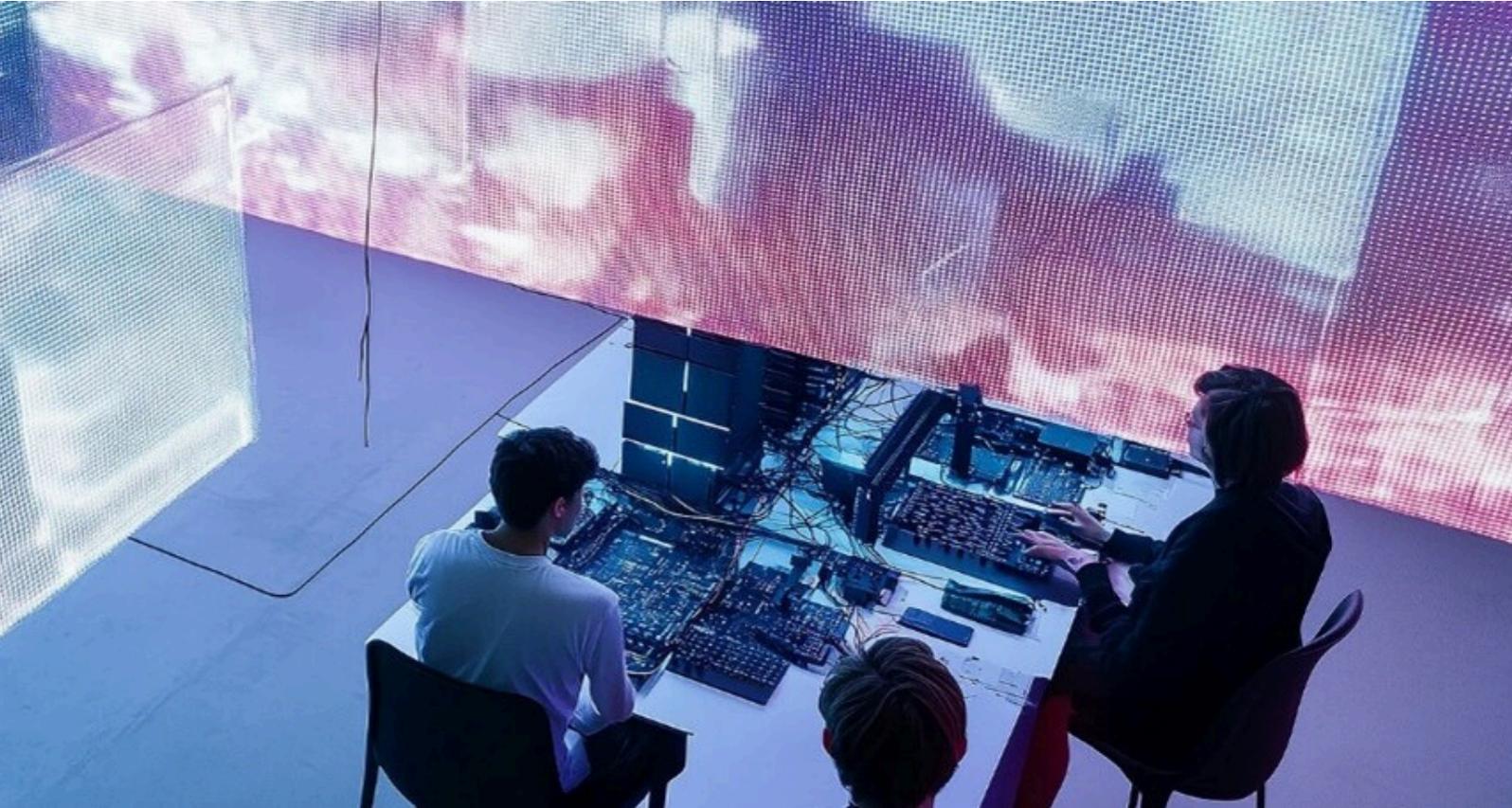
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Sustainable Development
and Social Responsibility
2024

In 2024, ECAM LaSalle renewed its DD&RS (Sustainable Development and Social Responsibility) label for a period of 4 years, a recognition first awarded in 2021, reflecting the school's ongoing commitment to these issues. With a 20% reduction in our carbon footprint, the recycling of 95% of our waste, and the integration of sustainable development and social responsibility modules into all of our programs, the school continues its efforts to address environmental and societal challenges.

The 2024 CSR report highlights our commitments to building a more sustainable future, while staying true to the founding values of our school: excellence, solidarity, and humanism. The initiatives showcase our actions in key areas: reducing our environmental impact, fostering responsible innovations, promoting social inclusion, and strengthening skills related to sustainable development. These advancements, driven by our entire community—students, faculty, and administrative staff—reinforce the ambition to make ecological and societal transition a cornerstone of ECAM LaSalle's strategy.

FHNW launches School of Computer Sciences



It's official: the FHNW School of Computer Science has opened its doors as the 10th School of the FHNW.

The FHNW School of Computer Science provides lifelong, meaningful learning opportunities through education and continuing education. The degree programs in Data Science, Computer Sciences, iCompetence (bridging technology, design and management), and Artificial Intelligence & High-Performance Computing feature flexible study options, personal support, and strong industry partnerships. Courses in continuing education provide advanced qualifications in current topic areas such as cloud computing, information security or data analysis.

The new School is home to three institutes with over 150 experts offering advanced expertise in Computer Science, Data Science, Artificial Intelligence, Digitalization, IT Security, and more. In application-oriented research and development, they cooperate with companies to develop innovative products and projects. The institutes have state-of-the-art laboratory and simulation infrastructure.

Further information: [FHNW School of Computer Science](#) | [FHNW](#)

Full Circle – The Symposium on the Circular Economy in Switzerland

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On 27 and 28 March 2025, the Basel Academy of Art and Design FHNW and the FHNW School of Business are organising a symposium on the circular economy entitled "Full Circle".

The first edition of the symposium brings together stakeholders from business, research and society and thus accelerates the necessary change towards more sustainability. The "Basel Declaration for a Circular Economy", which will be signed during the symposium, aims to raise the profile of success stories and networks and to advocate for better framework conditions.

The programme offers a mix of inspiring keynotes from international speakers, topic-specific interactive formats, discussion panels and plenty of time for informal exchange and networking: Keynote speech by Lukas Bärzfuss, insights into circular economy models in Amsterdam, Zurich and Basel, lighthouse projects (Roche, Häbo AG and FHNW), panels, deep dives, interactive workshops, a networking lunch and aperitifs.

The topic areas reflect the 'Zero Emission' vision of the FHNW Strategy 2035.

Further information:

[FULL CIRCLE - BASEL](#)

[The strategic action fields of the FHNW | FHNW](#)

FHNW launches executive education programme „Growth Market India“



The University of Applied Sciences and Arts Northwestern Switzerland FHNW is expanding its activities with India and is now offering the Executive Leadership Programme for Swiss SMEs “Explore & Discover Business Opportunities with Trade Partner INDIA” starting in August 2025.

The course, which is based at the FHNW School of Business, enables participants to gain a first concrete impression of the Indian market and to network with stakeholders in Switzerland and India who have already gained experience in business relations between the two countries. In addition to webinars and on-site events in Switzerland, a nine-day study trip to India will give participants the opportunity to gain an in-depth impression of the opportunities and potential of the Indian market on site in Delhi, Mumbai and Bangalore.

The programme developed in close cooperation with the Swiss-Indian Chamber of Commerce SICC also comes at the right time for its President Philippe Reich: “The trade agreement TEPA signed in March 2024 will most likely be ratified in parliament this summer and then India will become an absolute game changer for the Swiss economy! We at SICC are very pleased that such a programme is being offered to interested Swiss SMEs on the initiative of the FHNW and are happy to support it with full conviction.”

State Secretary and Director of the State Secretariat for Economic Affairs (SECO) Helene Budliger Artieda emphasizes the importance of such coordinated initiatives: “As a state, we can create the framework conditions through agreements with other countries. It is then up to the local economy to fill these with life. Science can also make a significant contribution to representing Swiss interests.”

Further information:

[FHNW launches executive education programme “Growth Market India” | FHNW Executive Programme for Swiss-Based SME on INDIA | FHNW](#)

Latvia University of Life Sciences and Technologies Celebrates New Graduates at Winter Commencement Ceremonies



In January, Latvia University of Life Sciences and Technologies (LBTU) held its winter commencement ceremonies, awarding diplomas to graduates from several faculties, including the Faculty of Forest and Environmental Sciences (MVZF), the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technology (IITF), and the Faculty of Economics and Social Development (ESAF).

A total of 130 bachelor's and master's graduates received their diplomas, including 11 outstanding students who earned the prestigious "red" diploma, a recognition of their exceptional academic performance, discipline, and commitment to their studies.

LBTU awards the excellence diploma to graduates who have received at least 75% of their grades as 9 or 10 and have no grades lower than 7 during their studies.

Latvia's Universities and Colleges to Undergo Major Study Process Modernization



By the end of 2029, Latvia's universities and colleges will implement a large-scale modernization of study solutions. The initiative, titled "Digitalization of the Study Process", will be carried out in two phases with support from European Union (EU) funds. By introducing digital solutions into higher education, Latvian students will gain access to study opportunities as modern and flexible as those available at leading European universities and colleges.

As part of this modernization, study management will be significantly improved by offering a flexible course selection (including options across faculties, universities, and other European countries), introducing e-diplomas, promoting lifelong learning, and transitioning to paperless processes. The modernization will also encompass four key study support systems: integrated digital resources and library management with extensive AI support for searching and content processing, modern internship management, study process evaluation, and personal data management in student research. These solutions will ensure a more efficient and contemporary approach to education management.



LBTU Continues to Perform Well in Times Higher Education Subject Rankings



In January, the Times Higher Education (THE) World University Rankings 2025 were published for social sciences, engineering, and life sciences. The Latvia University of Life Sciences and Technologies (LBTU) was included among the world's best research-active universities.

A total of 2,238 higher education institutions were evaluated in the ranking, an increase of 334 institutions compared to the previous year.

New Research Project Supports Companies in Contributing to a More Sustainable Society



The IMPHET project is now underway, where researchers at Mid Sweden University are offering small and medium-sized companies in the advanced materials and manufacturing processes sectors access to research. The goal is to contribute to more environmentally friendly products and manufacturing processes. The three-year project targets small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) working with material development and process technology in Västernorrland. Participating companies include Bright Day Graphene, 2dFab, SKF, Permascand, and Nouryon, with more expected to join during the project period.

With a total budget of 13 million SEK, funded by Region Västernorrland, Tillväxtverket, Mid Sweden University, and the municipalities of Sundsvall, Timrå, and Härnösand, the project is an initiative to promote the development of more environmentally friendly solutions. The goal is for regional companies to help drive this transition. – We want to strengthen collaboration between companies, universities, and municipalities to contribute to the development of a more sustainable society in northern Sweden, says Jonas Örtegren, project leader for IMPHET.

Interest young people

The project also has a particular focus on generating interest among young people for technology and science education at the high school level, and continuing on to university studies. – We need to transition our society towards green energy production, and we will need many new engineers to manage this transition. Through the project, we want to spark students' interest in energy issues, and we also want to attract students to our educational programs so they stay in the region and can work here in northern Sweden, solving tomorrow's energy challenges, says Jonas Örtegren.

The focus is on materials with smart functions, such as nanomaterials for more efficient energy storage and electrically conductive structures that can convert mechanical energy into electrical energy. – We want to create opportunities for companies to develop new, high-value products by giving them access to the latest research and technology in sustainable production, explains Jonas Örtegren. The project also has a clear ambition to promote gender equality and diversity within the tech sector by attracting more women and individuals from diverse backgrounds to the field.

By building strong networks and creating long-term structures for collaboration, IMPHET hopes to contribute to both regional growth and the national green transition. – It will be exciting to get different work cultures within industry, academia, and municipalities to collaborate. It requires understanding and adaptation, but the opportunities are enormous, says Jonas Örtegren. The [project IMPHET](#) is being conducted at the [FSCN Research Centre](#), one of Mid Sweden University's research hubs.

New international assignments for CER researchers



Mustafa Nourallah, who is currently participating in an educational collaboration in Dubai, has been elected Vice President of the Academy of Financial Services (AFS), responsible for international affairs. Michelle Cull from Western Sydney University in Australia was elected as chair. On the board, Mustafa will also collaborate with three other prominent researchers: Thanh Ngo from East Carolina University in the United States, Kirsten MacDonald from Griffith University in Australia and Thomas Korankye from the University of Arizona in the United States.

Furthermore, CER (Peter Öhman and Mustafa Nourallah) has been assigned to be responsible for the area "Future perspectives and emerging challenges in the financial services sector" at the Institute of Higher Commercial Studies (IHEC) conference. The conference will take place on April 18-19 on site in Tunisia and online. The best articles within CER's remit will be invited to a review process for possible publication in the journal Financial Services Review.

Can a tourist tax be the right way to ensure sustainable tourism?



Over the next three years, researchers from eight European tourism research institutes will collaborate in a new development project to study the controversial issue of tourist tax and similar charges. In Sweden, the work is led by the tourism research centre ETOUR at Mid Sweden University. "The issue is highly topical and we see, for example, that several Swedish municipalities, especially popular tourist destinations, have proposed local tourist taxes to handle the influx of visitors and finance improvements to the infrastructure. The development leads to an intense debate among decision-makers, industry representatives and environmental groups," says Lovisa Högberg, Mid Sweden University's project manager for the RETURN project.

The debate reflects the challenges of balancing economic growth, overtourism, environmental sustainability and a range of other health issues that are in line with the UN's 2030 Agenda. Organizations such as Visita have warned that extra taxes could deter tourists and negatively affect the tourism industry. Conversely, environmental advocates express concern that recent political decisions, such as the abolition of the aviation tax, undermine Sweden's climate goals. One of the objectives of RETURN is to find new models for the transfer of tourism revenues – including various tourist taxes, visitor allowances and voluntary payments – to ensure that the economic benefits of tourism contribute directly to the common good of the host communities.

"We want to increase knowledge about how tourism revenues can be used to improve the environment, adapt to climate change and strengthen cultural heritage. In this way, we want to help municipalities, authorities and other bodies to create transparent and effective mechanisms that ensure that the benefits of tourism are shared fairly and that promote a sense of participation and accountability among tourists," says Robert Pettersson, director for ETOUR at Mid Sweden University.

The project, which will run for three years, will start on 1 April 2025 and is funded by the EU's Interreg programme, The Northern Periphery and Arctic (NPA), with just over SEK 18 million. In RETURN, leading tourism experts from Iceland, Greenland, the Faroe Islands, Sweden, Norway, Ireland, Scotland and Finland collaborate with tourism and environmental organisations on sustainable models for the future of tourism in Northern Europe. The work is led by the University of Lapland in Rovaniemi.

"Tourism has great potential to be a long-term livelihood for northern communities, but it needs systems that ensure that tourism supports local communities and protects the natural environment. mutually beneficial partnership between visitors and host destinations," says initiator Ari Laakso, Science Communicator at the Arctic Centre, University of Lapland.

SEEU's Global Reach: Advancing Knowledge and Experience through UK Alumni



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As part of its development strategy, South East European University (SEEU) highlights its strong collaboration with top UK universities, enhancing its academic excellence and international reach. Many faculty members and researchers at SEEU have studied or worked at prestigious institutions in the UK, bringing global expertise to the university.

Notable scholars include Mennan Selimi, a Senior Research Associate at SEEU's Max van der Stoel Institute, who completed a postdoctoral fellowship at the University of Cambridge, contributing to EU-funded projects on internet connectivity. Hyrije Abazi Alili, Dean of the Faculty of Business and Economics, earned her PhD at Staffordshire University and now integrates global and local economic perspectives into her teaching. Similarly, Fatmir Besimi, with a PhD from Staffordshire and executive programs at Harvard, Yale, and Cambridge, brings extensive policy experience to SEEU as a former Minister of Finance, Economy, and Defence. And also Merita Zulfiu Alili, an alumna of Staffordshire University, and Dean of SEEU's Faculty of Contemporary Social Sciences, focuses on labor market dynamics, labor migration, and transition economies.

SEEU also welcomes a new generation of researchers with UK degrees. Fortesa Asani (London School of Economics) specializes in social policy, while McCall MacBain Clean Air Fellows from the University of Birmingham—Lejla Ademi Shaqiri, Albinota Nuredini, and Vlera Ismaili—focus on environmental research and public health. Their expertise strengthens SEEU's commitment to interdisciplinary research and tackling regional challenges.

By fostering international collaboration and investing in top talent, SEEU continues to build a globally connected academic community that prepares students for an evolving world.

SEEU: A Hub for Innovation – Student Fehmi Havziu Develops Ways2Go App



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Ways2Go



South East European University (SEEU) continues to establish itself as a center of academic excellence and innovation, empowering students to develop real-world solutions to everyday challenges. A remarkable example of this is Fehmi Havziu, a fourth-year Computer Science student, who has successfully developed Ways2Go—a mobile application designed to simplify intercity bus travel in North Macedonia.

Embracing SEEU's innovative spirit, Havziu collaborated with fellow students to create this platform, which provides real-time bus schedules between cities and includes contact information for taxi services in all major urban areas. With Ways2Go, travelers no longer need to call bus stations for information; instead, they can plan their journeys quickly and efficiently from their smartphones.

This project reflects SEEU's strong commitment to equipping students with practical, career-ready skills. Beyond providing a high-quality education, the university fosters an entrepreneurial and supportive environment, encouraging students to turn their ideas into impactful solutions that benefit the community.

Havziu's achievement highlights that studying at SEEU is not just about gaining theoretical knowledge—it's about innovation, hands-on experience, and professional growth.

The application has successfully completed its testing phase and is now available for download on Android and iOS. Link to the website: <https://www.ways2go.mk/>

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"Art in the Library" Exhibition Showcases Student Creativity



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"Art in the Library", was the theme of the exhibition, which was held at the Art Gallery in Tetovo, organized by the "Max van der Stoel" Library, of the South East European University.

The exhibition showcased a collection of paintings reflecting the passion and creativity of the participants. The paintings, although created by amateurs, brought vivid colors and powerful emotions, making the exhibition unforgettable.

The realization of the exhibition was supported by the Ministry of Culture of North Macedonia, aiming to integrate art into academic spaces and the wider community. It attracted a large audience, offering visitors the chance to experience the creative work produced during the painting course held at SEEU.



The European University promotes healthy relationships through the “Amor del Bueno” workshop (True Love workshop)



On February 13, in celebration of Valentine’s Day, Dr. Silvia Melero led the “Amor del Bueno” workshop, where attendees learned to recognize key warning signs in relationships. The session explored behaviors that may be harmful and provided essential guidance on building healthy, fulfilling bonds based on assertiveness and emotional responsibility.

Held in an engaging and interactive environment, the workshop encouraged collective reflection and experience-sharing among participants, emphasizing the importance of awareness and communication in relationships.

The European University of Valencia (Alicante campus) inspires future professionals through 'Buscando Vocaciones' (Searching for Vocations)



On February 11, the European University of Valencia (Alicante campus) hosted the first edition of "Buscando Vocaciones," an event designed to guide students in their career choices. Bringing together educators and industry experts, the initiative explored emerging trends in health and technology sectors.

Experts highlighted the growing role of telemedicine, data analytics, and personalized medicine in modern healthcare. "Future professionals must adapt to a rapidly evolving job market," noted Noelia Rodríguez, Director of the Health Sciences Degrees at the Universidad Europea de Valencia, Alicante campus. Additionally, discussions addressed academic anxiety and the importance of aligning personal interests with career aspirations.

The event reaffirmed the university's commitment to bridging education and professional practice. "The university must offer what students need because they require a profile that is both specialized and highly adaptable," stated Carmen Lozano, Admissions and Orientation Advisor for New Students, reflecting the discussions on the evolving demands of the job market. "With initiatives like "Buscando Vocaciones," Universidad Europea de Valencia continues to inspire and prepare the next generation of professionals.

Universidad Europea de Valencia has celebrated Women and Girls in Science Week



The European University of Valencia, as part of a research project led by lecturer Cristina Escamilla and her Criminology group, has launched an innovative road safety intervention for young university students. This initiative aims to reduce traffic accidents and prevent road crimes, factors that continue to be one of the main causes of death among children and young people.

The project, which includes a series of six theoretical and practical workshops, addresses the risk factors involved in road accidents and crimes from a psychological and criminological perspective. The university students, after receiving training on these risks, have had the opportunity to experience the scenarios in a driving simulator, allowing them to safely experience the possible consequences of dangerous driving behaviour.

This practical and educational approach aims to evaluate the effectiveness of the training in reducing road accidents among young people, a particularly vulnerable population group. According to Cristina Escamilla, 'it is crucial that young people understand the risks and implications of their actions behind the wheel, not only for their own safety, but also for the safety of others'.

With this initiative, the European University of Valencia contributes to the fulfilment of Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 3, 'Health and Well-being', which aims to halve the number of deaths and injuries caused by road accidents worldwide. The intervention highlights the importance of education and training as key tools to improve road safety and foster greater awareness among young drivers.

Related research project: 'Effectiveness of a road safety intervention for the prevention of road crashes and road offences aimed at young university students'.

Portugal's Education Minister Joins Student Ombuds Event at Universidade Europeia



At the “III Encontro Intercalar de Provedores do Estudante” (Meeting of Student Ombudsmen) on February 7th at Universidade Europeia, experts emphasized the need for effective strategies to combat school dropout rates and ensure academic success for higher education students.

Minister of Education, Science, and Innovation, Fernando Alexandre, highlighted the importance of Student Ombudsmen and praised the quality of national higher education institutions.

The Student Ombudsmen’s meeting was organized by the Portuguese Network of Higher Education Student Ombudsmen (RPPES), featured discussions on key challenges and solutions to support students.

The initial plenary session focused on strengthening institutional policies to prevent school dropout, reinforcing the need for better coordination and emotional support for students.

In the session “On the Path to Solutions,” practical initiatives like the SuPERA program were presented to help prevent dropout. The rector of Universidade Europeia, Hélia Gonçalves Pereira, emphasized the institution's commitment to inclusivity and innovation.

The event concluded with a cultural performance by the Tuna of Universidade Europeia (TUE), reaffirming the commitment to improving the student experience in higher education.



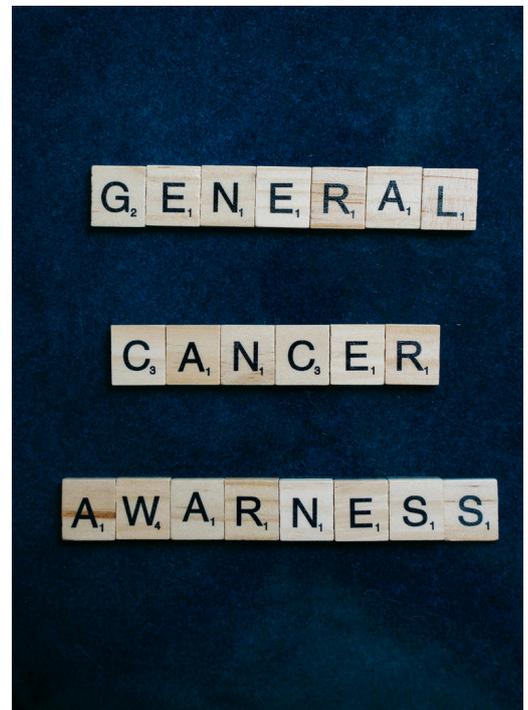
IADÉ-Universidade Europeia students tackle cancer awareness on health literacy project



IADÉ, a faculty of Universidade Europeia, challenged final-year Communication Sciences students to explore cancer through research and hypermedia reports. Supported by the Portuguese League Against Cancer - Southern Regional Center, the project highlighted the role of communication in cancer prevention and treatment.

The reports, available on digital platforms, aim to raise awareness about cancer and promote health literacy.

All the projects can be consulted on [Universidade Europeia's official news page](#). All sites have been developed in Portuguese.





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Student Radar: Informing and Building Community



The academic town in Kortowo has long been a hub for student gatherings and initiatives. Although there is no shortage of ideas for spending free time outside the classroom, awareness of nearby happenings can sometimes be lacking. To address this, two young innovators have developed a tool to keep students informed about the most intriguing events.

Zosia Wielesik, a second-year student in trend analysis and creation, recalls feeling that there were few student-focused initiatives when she first started her studies. Sharing her observations with Adrian Zyskowski, they decided to take matters into their own hands by collecting event information and disseminating it to interested peers. The result is Student Radar. Adrian, who studied trend analysis and creation for a year before working as a programmer and marketer, handles the platform's technical and design aspects.

Anyone organizing an event that might interest students can submit their details via an online form. Representatives from academic clubs on campus are also encouraged to get involved. Ultimately, the creators hope that Student Radar will foster a culture of mutual information sharing, event organizing, and a vibrant, active student community.



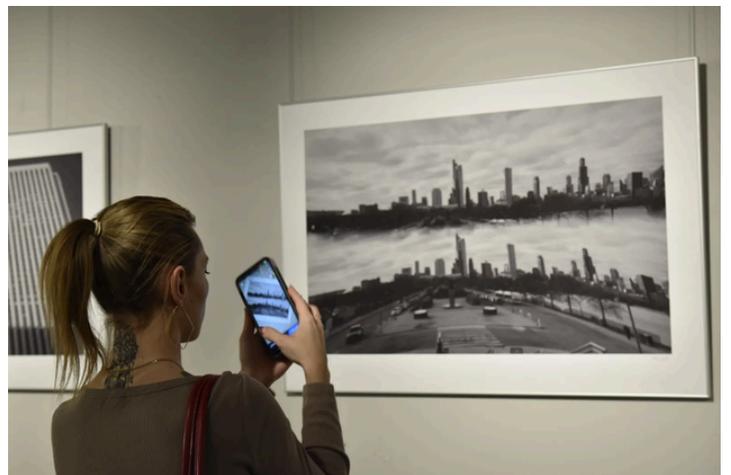
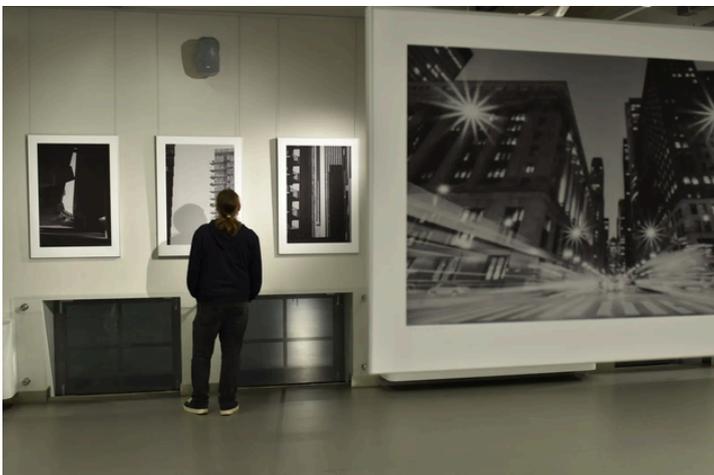
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Constructing Reality Through a Glance



A photographer doesn't create a new reality; rather, he sees the familiar with fresh, inventive eyes. Maciej Janicki's exhibition tells the story of his personal perspective on the city. Even the title hints at a journey through shifting viewpoints—a record of authentically coming to terms with urban life, from the initial surge of awe to a state of quiet contemplation.

"Chicago Low & Fly" marks Janicki's debut photographic exhibition.



Meeting with Science: Poetry about Copernicus



On Polish Science Day (February 19), Professor Zbigniew Chojnowski from the Faculty of Humanities delivered a lecture as part of the “Meetings with Science” series, exploring Nicolaus Copernicus through the eyes of poets. The renowned astronomer, who spent over 40 years in Warmia, has long inspired artistic reflections.

Professor Chojnowski, a literary scholar at UWM specializing in Polish literature of the 20th and 21st centuries—with a focus on writers and poets connected to Warmia and Mazury—dedicated his presentation to a figure significant not only to the region but to the world of science. He underscored the symbolic timing of the event on Polish Science Day and presented poetic works commemorating the eminent astronomer on the 552nd anniversary of his birth.

Highlighting Copernicus’s multifaceted career and life story, which has served as a muse for numerous writers, the professor also noted that Copernicus was, in his own right, a poet. In his era, being well-educated meant mastering the art of composing verse according to classical standards.