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## FROM THE EUCEET ASSOCIATION

### Brief report about the 13<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of the EUCEET Association

The 13<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of the EUCEET Association took place online on 18<sup>th</sup> September 2020, from 10.00 to 11.15 Spanish time [Central European Time Zone (CET)].

The General Assembly was attended by 15 people, representing 14 institutions members of the Association from 13 countries.

In the Part I of the meeting Prof. Laurie Boswell, President, presented the Report on the activity of the Association between the General Assembly held in Paris on 4<sup>th</sup> October 2019 and the 13<sup>th</sup> GA on 18<sup>th</sup> September 2020.

Prof. Jean Berlamont, Treasurer, presented the report on the financial situation of the Association and the accounts of 2020, which were approved. The budget for 2019, presented eventually, was also approved.

In the Part II of the 13<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of the EUCEET Association, a new Administrative Council was elected having the following composition for 2020-2022:

No	Country	Name and Surname/Institution	Function
1.	ES	<b>Jose TURMO</b> (UPC Barcelona Tech)	<b>President</b>
2.	LT	<b>Linas JUKNEVICIUS</b> (Vilnius Gediminas Technical University)	<b>Vice-President</b>
3.	BE	<b>Jean BERLAMONT</b> (Katholieke Universiteit Leuven)	Member
4.	ES	<b>Jose Antonio LOZANO-GALANT</b> (University of Castilla-La Mancha)	Member
5.	RO	<b>Anca POPA</b> (Technical University of Cluj-Napoca)	Member
6.	RU	<b>Vladimir ALEKHIN</b> (Ural Federal University Yekaterinburg)	Member
7.	UK	<b>Laurie BOSWELL</b> (City University London)	Member

**2021 First joint Conference of EUCEET Association and AECEF**

The 5<sup>th</sup> International Conference of the EUCEET Association will be held on 14<sup>th</sup> May 2021 and will be kindly hosted by Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (Greece). This Conference on Civil Engineering Education will be a joint EUCEET/AECEF event.



European Civil Engineering Education and  
Training Association



Association of European Civil Engineering  
Faculties

First Joint Conference of EUCEET and AECEF

## “The role of education for Civil Engineers in the implementation of the SDGs”

May 14th, 2021

Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece

Under the auspices of the Department of Civil Engineering of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki and the United Nations' Sustainable Development Solutions Network SDSN Black Sea

**Venue:**

Aristotle University Research Dissemination  
Center (<https://kedeia.rc.auth.gr>)

**Address:**

September 3rd, Aristotle University Campus,  
546 36 Thessaloniki, Greece

**Important dates:**

- October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020      Deadline for Abstract Submission
- November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020      Notification acceptance of Abstracts & call for Papers
- February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021      Deadline for Paper Submission
- March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021      Notification acceptance of papers
- April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021      End of Early Bird registration
- May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021      Conference

**The theme of the conference:*****“The role of education for Civil Engineers in the implementation of the SDGs”***

In 2015, the United Nations adopted the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development – “*a plan for people, planet and prosperity*”, which includes 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) that service as a roadmap for the national and international policies that should be implemented to achieve a better and more sustainable future for all.

Two European Civil Engineering associations, the European Civil Engineering Education and Training Association (EUCEET) and the Association of European Civil Engineering Faculties (AECEF), join forces to investigate the very important issue of “*The role of education for Civil Engineers in the implementation of the SDGs*”.

The topics of the conference are related, but not limited, to the following SDGs:

- SDG4 - Quality education
- SDG6 - Clean water and sanitation
- SDG7 - Affordable and clean energy
- SDG8 – Decent work and economic growth
- SDG9 – Industry, innovation and infrastructure
- SDG11 – Sustainable cities and communities
- SDG13 – Climate action
- SDG14 – Life below water
- SDG15 – Life on land

**Organizers**

The European Civil Engineering Education and Training Association (EUCEET) ([www.euceet.eu](http://www.euceet.eu))

The Association of European Civil Engineering Faculties (AECEF) (<https://web.fe.up.pt/~aecef>)

The Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece (AUTH) (<https://web.civil.auth.gr>)

The United Nations’ Sustainable Development Solutions Networks SDSN. ↗  
(<http://sdsn-blacksea.auth.gr/>)

More information soon on: <https://websites.auth.gr/euceetaecef2021/>

## FROM MEMBERS

### École des Ponts ParisTech, France



#### AMAURY HAYAT, CERMICS RESEARCHER, WINNER OF THE EECI PHD AWARD 2019

31 July, 2020

Amaury Hayat, researcher at CERMICS ( <https://cermics-lab.enpc.fr/> ), won the EECI PhD Award 2019. This prize has been awarded annually since 2007 by the European Embedded Control Institute in recognition of Europe's best thesis in control theory for complex systems. Control is a branch of mathematics that involves looking at a system that you have a means of action on and asking what you can make it do. Amaury Hayat was distinguished for his thesis on the stabilization of partial differential equations modeling flows such as rivers or road traffic. He did his thesis at Sorbonne University in partnership with the School's Saint-Venant laboratory.



#### EELISA HAS BEEN RECOGNISED AS A "EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY"

The European Commission published on 9 July 2020 the results of the second call for proposals for its flagship initiative under Erasmus+: Consortia of European Universities.



The European Engineering Learning Innovation & Science Alliance (EELISA - <http://eelisa.eu/>), which brings together three technical universities, one polyvalent university focusing on management, three Grandes Ecoles specialising in engineering (including Ecole des Ponts ParisTech, Chimie ParisTech and Mines ParisTech), two polyvalent universities and two polyvalent higher education institutions from seven European countries, representing more than 170,000 students, is among the 24

projects selected following a selection process involving more than 500 universities.

Universidad Politécnica de Madrid (Spain) as coordinator, Műszaki és Gazdaságtudományi Egyetem (Hungary), Universitatea Politehnica din București (Romania), Istanbul Teknik Üniversitesi (Turkey), Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg (Germany), École des Ponts ParisTech (France), Chimie ParisTech PSL, Mines ParisTech PSL, Scuola Sant'Anna (Italy) and Scuola Normale Superiore (Italy) have joined forces to create EELISA, with the European Network for Accreditation of Engineering Education (ENAE) as an associated partner. The consortium was launched on 28 and 29 January 2019 at a meeting of rectors in Madrid and extended on 20 January 2020 in Erlangen.

After twenty years of relations within the ATHENS network, the EELISA partners intend to show how they are helping to bring their students and staff closer together for the creation of a European engineering degree. They will also share their experience in education related to industry and research, and address societal challenges such as green, smart and resilient cities and Industry 4.0. ENAAE brings unique experience in European cooperation in the sector.



Photo taken on December 17th 2019 at the EELISA meeting at ITU (Istanbul) event

As the European Commission's assessment underlines: *"The proposal has a very high level of ambition, as it aims to transform engineering education in Europe by proposing a common European model of engineering education that would allow students to obtain a recognised European degree, developed in several locations."* The EELISA partners are keen to deepen their cooperation within the European Higher Education Area and the European Research Area and acknowledge the European Commission's confidence in this important recognition and in the €5 million funding granted to the selected applicants. Diversity will be a key element for EELISA. The consortium will support social diversity through the development of an engineering apprenticeship curriculum across Europe. It will then commit itself to gender equality, a major cause throughout Europe, but also more specifically in scientific careers. Action will be taken on the various campuses to ensure that all students develop in a supportive environment, making the EELISA campus a place where everyone can develop their abilities. The members of EELISA look forward to strengthening their cooperation within the European Higher Education Area and the European Research Area and thank the European Commission for the trust placed in them and for the funding of five million euros which is being allocated to the selected consortia.

This European university project is also a new step in the long and fruitful common history between the Universidad Politécnica de Madrid and the Ecole des Ponts ParisTech, which have been developing academic cooperation (including the first double degree agreement in engineering with the Escuela Técnica Superior de Ingenieros de Caminos, Canales y Puertos of the UPM in engineering training) and research collaborations for several decades.

## Białystok University of Technology, Poland



### Dr. Marta KOSIOR-KAZBERUK elected the rector of the Białystok University of Technology

June 2020

Dr. Eng. Marta Kosior-Kazberuk was elected as a new rector of the Białystok University of Technology (PB) for the term 2020-2024.

Dr. Eng. Marta Kosior-Kazberuk was the Vice-Rector for International Cooperation. She is the first woman on this position in the university's 70-year history.



The Administrative Council of the EUCEET Association wish to the new Rector reliable partners and many successes in the implementation of such an important mission as the management of the Białystok University of Technology.

## National Research Moscow State University of Civil Engineering (MGSU), Russia



### VII International Scientific Conference

«INTEGRATION, PARTNERSHIP AND INNOVATION IN CONSTRUCTION SCIENCE AND EDUCATION»

11-14 November, 2020



From November 11 to November 14, 2020 in Tashkent

(Republic of Uzbekistan), the National Research Moscow State University of Civil Engineering (NRU MGSU, Russia), the Tashkent Institute of Irrigation and Agricultural Mechanization (TIAME Uzbekistan) together with JSC "Uzbekhydroenergo" (Uzbekistan), the Samarkand State Architecture and Civil Engineering Institute named after Mirzo Ulugbek (SamSACEI, Uzbekistan), the Karshi Engineering Economic Institute (KEEI, Uzbekistan), the Kazakh-German University (KNU, Kazakhstan) are holding the International Scientific Conference «Integration, Partnership and Innovation in Construction Science and Education» (IPICSE 2020).

The Conference promotes the popularization of research and development results in the field of construction in the international scientific and information space, the expansion of scientific cooperation, the formation of new interdisciplinary projects.

**Scientific sections of the Conference:**

- Building materials
- Reliability and Safety in Construction
- Engineering and Smart Systems in Construction
- Modelling and Mechanics of Building Structures
- Management in Construction
- Hydrotechnical Construction and Melioration
- Mechanization, electrification of agriculture and renewable energy

The proceedings of the conference participants will be published in the journal indexed in the international SCOPUS database.

**Language of the Conference:** English.

**Paper submission deadline:** September 30, 2020.

**Participation fee:** 180 € (13,500 rubles)

**Cost of participation for a co-author/accompanying person:** 130 € (10,000 rubles).

**Dates:** November 11 - 14, 2020.

**Venue of the Conference:**

- st. Kary-Niyazi, 39, st. Navoi, 22, Tashkent, Uzbekistan
- ave. Mustakillik, 225, Karshi, Uzbekistan
- st. Lolazor, 70, Samarkand, Uzbekistan

Detailed information about the Conference is available on the website [www.ipicse2020.ru](http://www.ipicse2020.ru).

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## FROM PARTNERS

### ECCE – European Council of Civil Engineers



#### ECCE statement on the Covid-19 crisis

ECCE call upon the entire construction industry, trade unions, public and private clients to actively support the EU in getting the important part starting again and finding its way to normality. A clear interpretation of set up regulations by the industry should help the government. All involved parties and planners need legal certainty!

From the point of view of the professional association, this kind of solidarity is a suitable means to contribute to the handling of the COVID 19 crisis. On the one hand, the danger of infection in the construction site area is further reduced. On the other hand, any economic disadvantages will not be senselessly exaggerated. By such solidarity, a cooperation of all parties involved after the end of the COVID 19 crisis is guaranteed.

ECCE supports the operation of construction sites, but demands clear regulations for the employees, for engineers, for construction industry and clients. Basis might be an agreement on a catalogue of measures for work on sites between the trade unions, construction industry and the Central Labour Inspectorate, regulating under which circumstances construction sites can continue to be operated.

As a political representative of the interests of European Civil Engineers -an important professional group for the construction industry -we expressly support efforts to keep the economic consequences of the Corona crisis as low as possible. This also includes continuing work on construction sites where this can be done safely. However, agreed general measures are not suitable for creating clear and legally secure conditions on each single site –they need to be adapted to every single site.

These measures can only be implemented with an acceptable level of risk if there is extremely good preparation, planning, training and checks.

On the basis of the present regulations concerning the corona virus, there is great uncertainty among the members of the entire construction industry regarding the handling of open projects (local building supervision, surveying, etc.).

At the same time, however, it is not possible for the ECCE to recommend a general halt of construction, where no measures to reduce risk of spreading COVID 19 are taken, to their members, as the liability risk for individual offices is too great in this unclear situation.

Due to the above-mentioned conflicts in practice, ECCE suggests to bring about a close alliance between all public and private clients and contractors, including all interest groups.

ECCE therefore recommends that the existing legal basis and existing or worked out guidelines be concretized together on an European level.

In the sense of a cooperative handling of the current contracts during the COVID-19 crisis, the following objectives should be pursued with this solidarity:

- To show possibilities to maintain construction and planning processes
- No penalty claims on the part of the client in the event of Corona-related failure/delay etc.
- Fair settlement of additional cost claims
- Execution of tasks that do not have to be carried out on site (construction site) Setting generous deadlines for new calls for tender to be published
- Extensions of deadlines for ongoing projects, even if they are dependent on temporary funding

But keep in mind:

- It is wrong to assume that the additional services required for this, concerning construction management and construction coordination, are covered by the existing contracts.
- It is also incorrect to assume that the complex additional services resulting from the COVID-19 Act would be included in the construction schedule in terms of costs and deadlines. Deadlines and penalties are therefore usually to be renegotiated or the additional expenditure incurred is to be remunerated separately by the client.

It seems to us to be appropriate and necessary to accompany and bundle the know-how of the stakeholders during the ramp-up of the construction industry within the framework of a task force. A successful outcome is of utmost importance for all parties involved and the European health care system!

ECCE calls on the EC to set up quickly these rules and legal basis for handling these issues not on National level but on a European level, as COVID is not a national but a global challenge.

Information from: <http://www.ecceengineers.eu/newsletter/Files/ECCE-E-journal-20.pdf?m=1593533889&>

### 71<sup>st</sup> ECCE General Meeting

The **71<sup>st</sup> ECCE General Meeting** that was to be held from 21 to 23 May 2020, in **Malta**, hosted by the Kamra tal-Periti (Chamber of Architects and Civil Engineers) **has been postponed.**



### 4<sup>th</sup> European Engineers Day "Engineering intelligence in a digitalized Europe"

The 4<sup>th</sup> European Engineers Day "*Engineering intelligence in a digitalized Europe*" **was postponed for June 2021.**



## European University Association



### **EUA webinar: Universities and open innovation**

**8 October 2020, 14:00-15:00 CEST**

EUA is offering a webinar on open innovation and universities. The webinar will feature examples from both the university and the private sectors, as well as the European Commission's perspective on ensuring further uptake of this approach.

Open innovation presents a model for researchers, students and university leaders to engage in the co-creation of knowledge and solutions through being active and leading in their innovation ecosystems. With great potential to support Europe's recovery and speed up the digital and green transition, open innovation can enable universities to play a truly systemic role in making societies more resilient. The webinar will be an opportunity for EUA members and other interested participants to learn more about the potential of open innovation through existing initiatives and to ask questions directly.

#### **Programme**

Introduction and welcome from EUA

- Walter Baets, Eindhoven Engine Academy
- Isidro Laso Ballesteros, Cabinet of Commissioner Mariya Gabriel, European Commission
- James Lovegrove, Red Hat
- Q&A

More information: <https://eua.eu/events/143-eua-webinar-open-innovation-and-universities.html>

### **2020 European Quality Assurance Forum**

**12 - 13 November, 2020**

#### **Online Conference**

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the 2020 European Quality Assurance Forum will be organised in the form of online sessions. This decision was taken with the health and safety of all participants in mind. The EQAF organisers express their gratitude to the host, Aalto University, for all of the work and effort put into the preparations for the 2020 event and look forward to holding the next event there in person in 2021.

The 2020 EQAF online event, entitled "Flexible higher education: implications for QA", will combine online sessions about European policies and trends, research, and practical case examples related to the Forum theme and more generally about current developments in quality assurance.

Responding to current societal changes, higher education institutions are increasingly inclusive and accommodate diverse student populations. In addition, as part of the move towards student-centred

learning, institutions are expected to allow students to choose the pace, place and mode of delivery. These developments are leading to the emergence of more flexible learning paths and educational offers beyond traditional qualifications. The 15th edition of EQAF will explore if QA is fit for this dynamic and flexible environment and how it could better support higher education institutions in this transition and encourage them make the most of it.

The European Quality Assurance Forum (EQAF) provides a platform for discussion, professional development and exchange of experiences among the main stakeholders in quality assurance. Specifically, the Forum will be of interest to rectors and vice-rectors responsible for quality assurance, quality assurance officers in higher education institutions, students, quality assurance agency staff and researchers working on higher education or the quality assurance field.

Further information about the Forum including the programme and registration information for the online sessions will become available in the early September.

For updates, follow @EQAF on Twitter.

More information: <https://eua.eu/events/72-2020-european-quality-assurance-forum.html>

## Academic Cooperation Association

### UK and France: consequences of different exams at the end of high school



While France had decided from the start to take the grades from the previous semesters to count for the high school graduation grade, leading to a higher number of incoming university students than before (in an environment that is already very tense), the UK went the other route but the automated results caused outrage among students and the government also had to backtrack. **Two opposite approaches to the same problem appear to have still lead to the same result and issue.**

The inability for several countries to organize end of high school exams due to the pandemic has lead to different coping strategies. While France decided from the start to use the grades obtained during the year to determine the graduating grade, the UK went the other route with automated results, which caused outrage among students, forcing the government to backtrack. Now both countries are faced with a higher number of incoming university students than before.

The UK and France now face the same issue of having an increased number of incoming students, in addition to reduced space due to necessary social-distancing on-campus. Interestingly enough, neither country seems to have found an effective solution. **It appears that in the face of the current pandemic, there is no winning approach for higher education institutions.**

More information: <https://aca-secretariat.be/newsletter/uk-and-france-the-aftermath-of-disturbed-end-of-high-school-exams/?titleId=1&articleId=16&edition=2020&current=1>

### ACA Reflection Paper on synergies through internationalisation

The objective of enhancing synergies between education, research and innovation has recently gained in prominence within the EU, national and institutional policy and programme agendas. To contribute to this critical evolving conversation, **ACA** – as a unique type of stakeholder organisation in higher education, representing national-level internationalisation agencies – has released this month a related [Reflection Paper](#) titled ***Minding the gap – Higher education, research and innovation in international cooperation.***

Through this paper, ACA advocates for the **role of international higher education cooperation in strengthening synergies between education, research and innovation.** By enhancing synergies through internationalisation, not only is a **fourth dimension added to the knowledge triangle**, but also an **essential ingredient** for maximising these interrelations and their impact. Factual and theoretical evidence show that international cooperation and exchange positively contribute to the quality of research, teaching and innovation, in a variety of ways. As a result, the **paper:**

- showcases several **successful examples of national policies and programmes run by ACA member organisations** and related bodies, that have demonstrably contributed to further integrating higher education, research and innovation activities in an international set-up and in multiple ways. These are to serve as inspiration for policies and programmes currently designed at EU level; and
- puts forward a number of **reflections and possible implications for and of further action** at European, national and institutional level.

**Key** in the enhancement of synergies are: pursuing them with the added value, quality and greater impact objectives in sight; cross-policy and cross-programme thinking and funding; joint promotion of mobility schemes for students, staff and researchers; open and regular communication in the co-development process by actors at different levels; facilitating great flexibility in testing new models and concepts, fostering innovation potential; and working to close the gap between different statuses assigned to education and research, by reshaping the current excellence paradigm.

The paper was developed in close consultation with the ACA members, and also builds on discussions that took place in the framework of the [webinar](#) by the same name, which took place on 16 June 2020. The session recordings are available on [ACA's YouTube](#) Channel.

<https://aca-secretariat.be/newsletter/aca-reflection-paper-on-synergies-through-internationalisation/?titleId=2&articleId=23&edition=2020&current=0>

## Innovation through internationalisation. How international cooperation and mobility foster innovation in higher education

4 November, 2020

Zürich, Switzerland

ACA, [Movetia](#) and [swissuniversities](#) have the pleasure to announce the exciting conference **Innovation through internationalisation. How international cooperation and mobility foster innovation in higher education.**

The conference focuses on two main themes: internationalisation and innovation. It will identify ways in which internationalisation - through mobility, but also other international activity forms - can boost institutional innovation and it will explore the role of international partnerships and collaborative projects in advancing institutional innovation agenda.

**Info-COVID-19:** The conference is planned as an on-site event. The event will be held in accordance with the rules laid down in the Swiss Federal Council Ordinance on the organisation of public events. Measures will be taken to ensure the protection of our guests.

More information: [https://aca-secretariat.be/post\\_event/innovation-through-internationalisation-how-international-cooperation-and-mobility-foster-innovation-in-higher-education/](https://aca-secretariat.be/post_event/innovation-through-internationalisation-how-international-cooperation-and-mobility-foster-innovation-in-higher-education/)



## FROM THE EUROPEAN UNION



### News from Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA)

#### Coronavirus Impact

##### EACEA's response to Coronavirus

The COVID-19 outbreak negatively affects ongoing or planned activities under EACEA's funding programmes.

##### The European Commission's response

The European Commission's main objective is the safety and protection of all participants in EACEA's funding programmes, while fully respecting all the containment measures taken at national level. The European Commission is working to help beneficiaries, students, volunteers and other participants in these programmes to deal with the consequences for them.

The Commission will continue to adapt its response to this unprecedented situation as it evolves, clarifying and simplifying the application of rules and procedures where necessary in cooperation with National Agencies and the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA).

##### EACEA's support for beneficiaries

EACEA continues to offer support and guidance to beneficiaries of our funding programmes. If you are a beneficiary of one of our funding programmes, please read the message below for steps to follow during this difficult period.

##### Message for the attention of beneficiaries/contractors/experts

If the implementation of the project or contracts are impeded by the spread of Corona Virus COVID-19, as a first step the beneficiaries/contractors/experts must inform the Executive Agency (EACEA) by e-mail to the responsible project officer you are usually in contact with or the functional mailbox of the Action and describe in detail the issue and its impact on the project implementation.

In any case, the following flexibility measures will apply:

#### 1) Eligibility of costs in ongoing actions or contracts

Where individuals who were to take part in mobilities, meetings or events are prevented from doing so, for example owing to their recent contact with someone suffering from the virus or their presence in an area considered to be at high risk, EACEA may consider as eligible (if they fulfil the general

eligibility conditions set out in the grant agreement/decision, or contract) expenses of travel or accommodation that could not be cancelled and which are not reimbursed from other sources provided that the beneficiaries/contractors/experts submit relevant supporting documents in this sense (in particular that they have claimed reimbursement and that it was denied).

## 2) Where COVID-19 prevents implementation of action or contract

Where the execution of contracts is impeded because of COVID-19 (for example due to unavailability of key staff, the impossibility of carrying on work in a zone affected by the virus or any other case which can be regarded as **force majeure**), EACEA may accept replacement activities or delayed performance. This could be done following a justified request by the beneficiary/contractor/expert to amend the contract including by extending the period of its implementation/ performance.

### Documentation

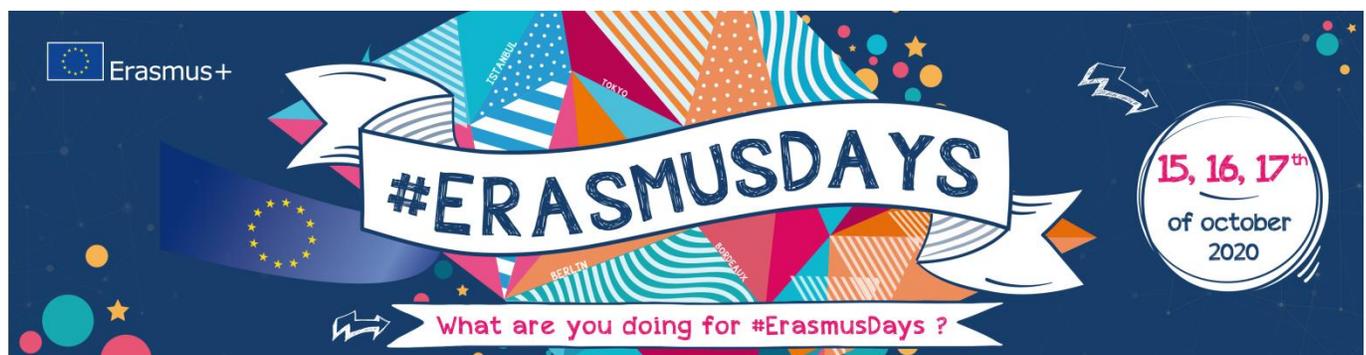
Beneficiaries/contractors/experts must collect and keep the relevant documentation which might be needed at a later stage to prove/justify any decision taken having an impact on the implementation of the project (notably from a financial point of view). Other updates may follow as the situation evolves.

Information from: [https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/about-eacea/coronavirus-impact\\_en](https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/about-eacea/coronavirus-impact_en)

### Erasmus Days 2020

Publication date: Thursday, 6 August, 2020

Programme and action: Erasmus+



The #ErasmusDays 2020, now in its fourth edition, will take place on 15, 16 and 17 October.

Whether you are an Erasmus+ beneficiary, alumnus of the programme, or are another European actor, #ErasmusDays is an opportunity to spread the word about your project, share your experience and showcase the impact of your work.

## What is #ErasmusDays?

Launched as an initiative of the Erasmus+ French National Agency on the 30th anniversary of Erasmus+, #ErasmusDays consists of a series of events organised all over Europe and beyond.

At the core of this international celebration is a simple idea: to put the spotlight on European values, on the benefits of mobility, and on Erasmus+ projects results.

Last year, 3 995 events were organised in 53 countries during the #ErasmusDays by various Erasmus+ programme players.

## How to participate

The success of #ErasmusDays is bottom up: events are organised by and for citizens.

Each organisation is free to organise any kind of events during three days. In previous editions, events organised included seminars, partner meetings, photo exhibitions, concerts, radio shows, conferences, digital activities, etc.

This year, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, #ErasmusDays 2020 will mostly consist of online events. These can be online conferences and webinars, online quizzes, video testimonials, live events, podcasts, or others. It is up to each organiser to choose the most suitable format.

The events will be visible on the #ErasmusDays website, where a digital communication kit is also available for download.

For more information about #ErasmusDays and to register your event, visit [the #ErasmusDays website](#).

Contact: [EACEA-ERASMUSPLUS@ec.europa.eu](mailto:EACEA-ERASMUSPLUS@ec.europa.eu)

## **Prior information notice of a future call for tenders for the provision of services to support Online Language Support (OLS)**

Publication date: Wednesday, 5 August, 2020

Programme and action: Erasmus+

The Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency, as the contracting authority, recently published a prior information notice on the provision of services to support Online Language Support (OLS) ref: 2020/S 142-348300.

The Agency wishes to conclude a contract to buy services for producing high quality language learning contents and support for the future Erasmus+, European Solidarity Corps programme participants. To a certain extent language learning basic materials will also be accessible to the general public to encourage them to learn new languages. The language learning materials will be hosted on the EU Academy Moodle platform and a Moodle App.

Estimated total value, excluding VAT: EUR 38 418 850.00

The contract for which the pre information is published will be divided into 2 lots:

- Lot No. 1: Core and Open learning contents

Lot 1 will focus on the development of language learning content (CORE content) designed to help future Erasmus+, European Solidarity Corps programme participants to learn any official “Programme Countries” language to a sufficient level to fully engage in the project or mobility for which they have been funded. Lot 1 will also focus on producing basic language exercises associated with videos (OPEN content) produced by the winner of Lot 2 for the area open to the public. The winner of Lot 1 will also be responsible for the coordination of the project and for OPEN and CORE content testing, updating, adaptation and all other measures, including close collaboration with EU Academy team, to ensure the ongoing implementation and quality of the OLS learning activities.

- Lot No. 2: Community Management, Open Video Production, Communication/Promotion

Lot 2 will focus on the production of videos (OPEN Content) to help the public to have free access to basic online language learning activities (“tasters”) and language “teasers”. The winner of Lot 2 will in addition be responsible for the recruitment, training and management of a team of community managers for an online community focusing on language exchange, language learning. Finally, the winner of Lot 2 will have overall the responsibility for promotional activities relating to the CORE and OPEN Online Language Support contents and the social networking activities envisaged by the contracting authority.

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Information from: [https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus/news/prior-information-notice-a-future-call-for-tenders-for-provision-services-support-online-language-support-ols\\_en](https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus/news/prior-information-notice-a-future-call-for-tenders-for-provision-services-support-online-language-support-ols_en)

## NEWS FROM THE WORLD

### International Convention of Engineering in Cuba 2020

21 – 25 October, 2020

Cuba



The [National Union of Architects and Construction Engineers of Cuba \(UNAICC\)](#) together with its specialized organizations, organizes and develops these meetings every two years, and they are the members of the Provincial Board of Directors of the association in Matanzas, which issued the ICC 2020's first notice.

In the new edition of the Engineering Convention, participants will focus their lectures and presentations, based on the main theme: **“The role of engineering today, ... for a better world”**, which responds to the 2030 Agenda of the United Nations, the Sustainable Development Goals, integrating its economic, social and environmental dimensions, where engineering plays a leading role.

The Organizing Committee of the VI International Engineering Convention – CIIC 2020, urges professionals and specialists, to start preparing their work, based on their experience and practice of their daily work on such current issues as the inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable engineering.

More information: <https://www.ciiccuba2020.unaicc.cu/>

## WEEF & GEDC 2020 Conference – Disruptive Engineering Education amidst Global Challenges

16 - 19 November, 2020



The World Engineering Education Forum and the Global Engineering Deans Council (WEEF/GEDC) Virtual Conference will be held from 16 – 19 November 2020.

The WEEF/GEDC will welcome professors, academics, engineering educators, industry leaders, researchers, students and governmental organizations to attend and participate in this uniquely designed virtual conference. This will give us all an opportunity to share our experiences, vision, strategy, research, products, technology and also network with engineering thought leaders from across the world in a safe virtual space during this Covid-19 pandemic.

The WEEF/GEDC provides a strong platform for interaction and consultation with international delegates for the sharing of interests and expertise, and we look forward to welcoming back our returning sponsors and providing opportunities for new partners.

The virtual conference will include both live and pre-recorded events which will give our sponsors maximum visibility. The live events will be recorded and available to delegates beyond the conference dates hence giving the sponsors maximum and extended visibility. There will be a separate Studio for all corporate sponsors to showcase themselves during and after the conference both live and also asynchronously.

WEFE will be represented by its President, [Prof. Gong Ke](#).

More information: <http://www.wfeo.org/event/weef-gedc-2020-conference-disruptive-engineering-education-amidst-global-challenges/>

## International Conference “Water, Megacities and Global Change”

1 – 4 December, 2020

Paris, France

UNESCO’s Division of Water Sciences, the Research-Communities Association in the Water Sector in Ile-de-France (ARCEAU-IdF, Association Recherche Collectivités dans le domaine de l’EAU Ile de France), the Greater Paris Sanitation Authority (SIAAP, Syndicat Interdépartemental pour l’Assainissement de l’Agglomération Parisienne) and the Greater Paris Metropolis are organizing the 2nd International Conference on “Water, Megacities and Global Change” (EauMega 2020), on 1-4 December 2020, at UNESCO’s Headquarters in Paris, France.

The main challenges related to this theme have changed little over the past five years despite the constant increase in the number of megacities, the augmentation of scientific communications alerting on the negative effects of climate change, and the population growth within these megacities.

The EauMega 2020 conference responds to the need to consider the challenges of megacities from a water perspective, and vice-versa, as their interdependence is strong and their management deeply linked.

### Objectives of the conference

- Produce a scientific and technical overview of water management in Megacities in order to identify and update the most important issues,
- Strengthen the dialogue between science and policy actors, and
- Officially launch the Megacities Alliance for Water and Climate (MAWAC). MAWAC aims to provide a platform for Megacities to share their experiences and challenges, propose solutions, and to obtain access to technical and financial support for programmes and projects, enabling them to successfully overcome the challenges of climate change.

<https://en.unesco.org/events/eaumeга2020>



## DFI-PFSF Piling & Ground Improvement Conference

10 - 12 March, 2021

Sydney, Australia



### Conference Summary

This second joint conference of the Piling and Foundation Specialists Federation (PFSF) and Deep Foundations Institute (DFI) will promote all aspects of deep foundations, retention and ground improvement works. Presentations at the historic International Convention Centre Sydney (ICC) will promote all aspects of deep foundations, earth retention and ground improvement works, including:

- Design and construction approaches and solutions for deep foundations
- Use of innovative site investigation methods and techniques
- Foundation testing methods and analyses
- Ground improvement for structural support and retention works
- Developments and innovations in deep foundation equipment, methods and materials
- Risk and project delivery practices, and interaction between structural, geotechnical and construction
- Challenging project case studies with lessons learned

### Who Should Attend and Why?

This conference will gather design professionals, engineers, contractors, researchers, material and equipment suppliers, and government agencies involved in the design, construction and research of piling and ground improvement solutions for building and infrastructure projects.

International experiences with worldwide experts will be shared along with interactions with practitioners specializing in cutting-edge technologies. All delegates can participate in technical sessions that include design methods, testing and quality control/assurance, equipment developments, and more.

Sessions will cover design, testing, construction, ground improvement, risk and project delivery practices, challenging project case studies, and developments and innovations.

More information: <https://events.american-tradeshow.com/PilingConference2021>

## CALENDAR

Date	Event	Place
19-20.10. 2020	50 <sup>th</sup> International JVE Conference	Timisoara, ROMANIA



<https://www.jveconferences.com/conference/TIMISOARA-2020>

19-23.11.2020	ERASMUS CONGRESS & EXHIBITION - ERACON 2020	Varna, BULGARIA
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<http://eracon.info/index.php?id=665>

01-04.12.2020	International Conference "Water, Megacities and Global Change"	Paris, FRANCE
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<https://en.unesco.org/events/eaumega2020>

Date	Event	Place
14 – 16.12.2020	CARRS 2020 — Condition Assessment and Retrofitting & Rehabilitation of Structures	Hyderabad, INDIA



<https://www.carrs2020.org/>

18-20.01 2021	14 <sup>th</sup> Baltic Sea Geotechnical Conference 2020	Helsinki, FINLAND
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<https://www.ril.fi/en/events/bsgc-2020.html>

14.05.2021	First Joint Conference of EUCEET and AECEF <i>“The role of education for Civil Engineers in the implementation of the SDGs”</i>	Thessaloniki, GREECE
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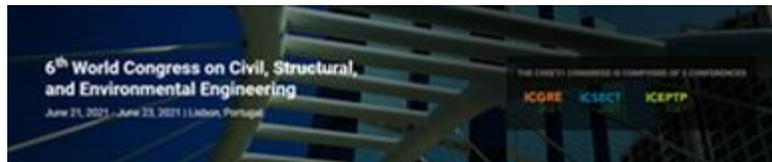
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<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Place</b>
23–26.05. 2021	4 <sup>th</sup> International Conference on Transportation Geotechnics (4th ICTG)	Chicago, ILLINOIS



<http://conferences.illinois.edu/ICTG2020/>

21-23.06.2021	6 <sup>th</sup> World Congress on Civil, Structural, and Environmental Engineering	Lisbon, PORTUGAL
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<https://lisbon2021.cseecongress.com/>

21-24.06.2021	11 <sup>th</sup> Annual International Conference on Civil Engineering	Athens, GREECE
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<https://www.atiner.gr/civileng>

19-21.07.2021	Sixth GeoChina International Conference 2021	NanChang, CHINA
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<http://geochina2021.geoconf.org/index.php>