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Discover what's new across the E<sup>3</sup>UDRES<sup>2</sup> Alliance as we share recent updates, upcoming events, and inspiring activities shaping our journey together.

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## The E<sup>3</sup>UDRES<sup>2</sup> Team

### Featured Spotlight



#### E<sup>3</sup>UDRES<sup>2</sup> Alliance Publishes Sustainability Guide to Advance the Alliance's Green Efforts

The E<sup>3</sup>UDRES<sup>2</sup> European University Alliance has released a dedicated E<sup>3</sup>UDRES<sup>2</sup> Sustainability Guide, presenting a unified framework to support and strengthen sustainability and emission reduction efforts across the alliance. The publication underscores E<sup>3</sup>UDRES<sup>2</sup>' commitment to developing "Smart and Sustainable Regions".

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## E<sup>3</sup>UDRES<sup>2</sup> Course Directory

The E<sup>3</sup>UDRES<sup>2</sup> Course Directory gives students, staff, and the public access to a wide range of free courses offered across all alliance universities. It allows students to explore new subjects beyond their home curriculum and helps staff discover additional learning options. Staff members can also contribute by adding their own courses to the platform, creating a continuously growing learning space across the E<sup>3</sup>UDRES<sup>2</sup> alliance.

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## E<sup>3</sup>UDRES<sup>2</sup> Language Courses

The E<sup>3</sup>UDRES<sup>2</sup> Language Courses offer students and staff the chance to explore the languages and cultures of the alliance's partner countries through accessible, beginner-friendly online classes. Courses are free, held in English, and include cultural components. Open to learners across all E<sup>3</sup>UDRES<sup>2</sup> institutions, it's a perfect opportunity to grow your skills, expand your horizons, and connect across Europe.

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## Technological Solutions for Healthy Development

The Polytechnic University of Setúbal offers this Blended Intensive Programme, bringing together European students to co-create innovative technological solutions for health, well-being, and sustainable development.

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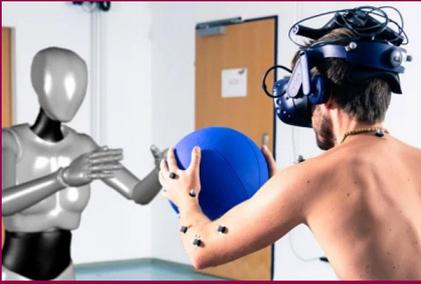


## Saxion Student to Represent Saxion and E<sup>3</sup>UDRES<sup>2</sup> at the European Student Assembly 2026

A Saxion student has been selected to represent both Saxion and the E<sup>3</sup>UDRES<sup>2</sup> Alliance at the European Student Assembly 2026 in Strasbourg. Miguel Pérez Hernández will join 250 students from across Europe to discuss key challenges and help shape future policy ideas.

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## E<sup>3</sup>UDRES<sup>2</sup> Joint Programs



### Master in Applied XR: Gamified Reality Applications (GRACE)

The GRACE Joint Master in Applied XR lets you study immersive technologies across Austria, the Netherlands, and Latvia, with industry mentoring and Erasmus+ funding support. Application Deadline 1 February – afterwards remaining places allocated on a first-come, first-served basis!

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### Master in Citizen-Centered Digital Health and Social Care (JEUDITH)

The Joint Master in Citizen-Centered Digital Health and Social Care prepares future professionals to drive digital transformation across healthcare and social care systems. Study across Austria, the Netherlands, and Finland and gain the skills to create impactful, citizen-focused digital solutions. Apply by 1 February!

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## News from the E<sup>3</sup>UDRES<sup>2</sup> Alliance



### E<sup>3</sup>UDRES<sup>2</sup> Student Board Moves from Vision to Action with its 2026 Action Plan

The E<sup>3</sup>UDRES<sup>2</sup> Student Board has launched its first Action Plan for 2026, focusing on onboarding, engagement, and communication. The plan strengthens student participation across the alliance and marks a clear step toward establishing the Board as an active and integral part of E<sup>3</sup>UDRES<sup>2</sup>'s development.

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### YOSHI Week Brings International Entrepreneurial Experience to Enschede

From Monday 12 to Friday 16 January 2026, the YOSHI week themed "Build Together, Grow Together" took place at Saxion UAS. YOSHI, an extracurricular programme of the E<sup>3</sup>UDRES<sup>2</sup> alliance, uses collaborative online learning to empower students aiming to create their own business.

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### E<sup>3</sup>UDRES<sup>2</sup> Highlighted at High-Level Erasmus+ Conference in Brussels

E<sup>3</sup>UDRES<sup>2</sup> was represented at the high-level Erasmus+ conference in Brussels, where Prof. Karim Khakzar (Fulda UAS) showcased how the alliance advances challenge-based learning, hands-on innovation, and regional collaboration. EU representatives recognised the strong contribution of European University Alliances to future-ready learning ecosystems, praising their openness, innovation, and regional engagement.

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### E<sup>3</sup>UDRES<sup>2</sup> Recognised Through a New Excellence Award at UPT

The 2025 edition of the UPT Excellence Awards Gala included a new award category dedicated to E<sup>3</sup>UDRES<sup>2</sup>, recognising outstanding contributions to international cooperation and digital development within the Alliance.

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## Building Bridges Through Culture: USTP and Cherkasy Students Connect Across Borders

65 students from USTP and Cherkasy Business College (Ukraine) collaborated in the SHOCK – Share Your Culture project, creating videos about Austrian and Ukrainian traditions. Despite challenges, Professor Dawn Kremslehner-Haas delivered a guest lecture on “Building Cross-Cultural Competence” to the Ukrainian students.

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## Vera de Ruyter from Saxion UAS Shared Knowledge in Krakow: Innovation in Action

Recently, Vera de Ruyter, manager at Saxion Centre for Entrepreneurship (SCvO), and Annemarie Penders, project leader at SCvO, were at the heart of European collaboration during the fourth Innovation Vision Action Planning (IVAP) Workshop of the EIT Higher Education Initiative in Krakow, Poland.

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## Collaboration in Social Work: "Social ConnectEURs" Developed a Path for Future Cooperation

In the beginning of December, academic directors from social work programs across the E³UDRES² alliance gathered at USTP – University of Applied Sciences St. Pölten for a focused working meeting titled “The Social connectEURs.”

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## Connecting Europe by Shaping Regional Identities: E³UDRES² Hackathon United Students Across Three Hubs

Under the motto “Connecting Europe by Shaping Regional Identities”, the E³UDRES² Hackathon 2025 was hosted not only at one, but three locations across Europe at the same time. Students, regional businesses as well as Educational Entrepreneurs, the coaches guiding the student teams, collaborated intensely to work on solving regional challenges in a restricted timeframe.

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## E<sup>3</sup>UDRES<sup>2</sup> Awards during the International Week in St. Pölten

Last week, USTP – University of Applied Sciences St. Pölten hosted an inspiring International Week, bringing together partners, students, and innovators from across Europe. Highlights included interactive sessions, keynote speakers, and E<sup>3</sup>UDRES<sup>2</sup> award categories across multiple ceremonies. These recognitions celebrated creativity, diversity, and innovation within our network.

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## A €5000 scholarship fund awarded to the best ideas at the Innovation Co-creation Laboratory 2025

From 24 to 28 November, the Innovation Co-creation Laboratory (IKL) took place in Vidzeme, where students, researchers, and entrepreneurs worked on challenges defined by local businesses in the sustainable food and beverage technology sector. This year, eight companies from six municipalities of the Vidzeme region participated, presenting ten real business development challenges at the core of the program.

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## Business Modeling for a Sustainable Future – E<sup>3</sup>UDRES<sup>2</sup> COE Business

### Modeling Podcast

Business Modeling for a Sustainable Future is a podcast exploring how organizations transform their business models for sustainability and the circular economy. Featuring insights from the E<sup>3</sup>UDRES<sup>2</sup> Centre of Excellence community, it shares real experiences and ideas shaping smarter, climate-neutral regions. Tune in to discover where innovation meets sustainability!

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# E<sup>3</sup>UDRES<sup>2</sup> Voices

This interview series highlights people across the alliance—students, researchers, staff, and regional partners—who help shape E<sup>3</sup>UDRES<sup>2</sup>. Selected for the bi-monthly newsletter, these voices offer insights into the collaboration and ambitions driving the alliance forward. To view all the interviews, click [here](#).



## Marcel van Dongen

Marcel van Dongen, Applied Psychology student at Saxion and Chair of the E<sup>3</sup>UDRES<sup>2</sup> Student Board, actively represents student perspectives both at Saxion and across the alliance. Drawing on his experience in several participation bodies, he brings fresh insights to E<sup>3</sup>UDRES<sup>2</sup>. In this interview, he shares what drives him, why international collaboration matters, and how he hopes to strengthen student engagement within the alliance.

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## Alexandra

## Laschkolnig

Alexandra Laschkolnig, USTP staff member and researcher within the E<sup>3</sup>UDRES<sup>2</sup> Alliance, is pursuing a PhD alongside her professional and family responsibilities. Her research explores how European University alliances shape regional development, drawing on her background in sociology and long-standing experience in quality assurance. In this interview, she shares her motivations, the challenges of balancing multiple roles, and why academia remains her future path.

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## Irene Auffret

Irene Auffret, Senior Project Manager of E<sup>3</sup>UDRES<sup>2</sup>, plays a central role in guiding an alliance built on co-creation, openness, and shared European values. With her strong background in entrepreneurial education and bottom-up innovation, she works closely with students, staff, and regional partners to strengthen collaboration across the alliance. In this interview, Irene reflects on her role, her motivation, and how joint participation can shape the future of E<sup>3</sup>UDRES<sup>2</sup>.

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