

TOWARDS A JOINT EUROPEAN DEGREE: PERSPECTIVES FROM ACROSS THE ECIU ALLIANCE

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Venue: *International Cooperation Centre, Lodz University of Technology*
(36 Zwirki St., building A-16, Prof. Jan Krysiński Auditorium)

Day 1

08:30 - 09:00 - Registration and coffee break

09:00 - 09:15 - Official opening of the conference and welcome addresses

09:15 - 09:45 - Keynote speech (Dr. Dorota Piotrowska, TUL professor)

09:45 - 10:30 - Joint Educational Opportunities Across ECIU: Results of TUL's Study

This session will present the results of a TUL-led study exploring joint educational opportunities across the ECIU Alliance, including joint and double degree programmes, flexible learning pathways, and other forms of educational collaboration. Drawing on over 30 interviews with representatives of ECIU member institutions and survey results, the session will highlight key findings on existing practices, opportunities, challenges, and perspectives relevant to the future of joint education in the context of the European Degree initiative.

10:30 - 11:00 - Coffee break

11:00 - 12:00 - Strategic Perspectives on Joint Educational Initiatives

Bringing together senior staff members representing selected ECIU member institutions and alliance's central office staff, the panel will explore how different institutions approach the development of joint educational initiatives, including joint and double degree programmes. Panellists will reflect on institutional priorities, strategic considerations, and the conditions needed to support sustainable collaboration in the evolving European higher education landscape.

12:00 - 13:00 - Joint and Double Degrees in Practice: Lightning Talks and Discussion.

This session will showcase practical experiences with developing and coordinating joint and double degree programmes at ECIU member institutions. Organised as a series of short lightning talks followed by a discussion, it will bring together speakers involved in specific programmes and institutional support structures to share insights into programme design, coordination, implementation challenges, and lessons learned.

13:00 - 14:00 - Lunch break

14:00 - 16:00 - Beyond Joint Degrees: Examples of Alternative Forms of Educational Collaboration

Dedicated to flexible learning pathways and other forms of innovative educational offer available across the ECIU alliance, this session will take the form of short, practice-oriented presentations. Representatives of selected ECIU member institutions will share insights from projects they have been involved in, highlighting alternative approaches to educational collaboration beyond joint degrees and the European Degree.

Part of this session will cover the insights from the #edu4sdgs Erasmus+ Project. Participants will learn how micro-credentials, interdisciplinary learning opportunities, and cross-sector collaboration can contribute to more flexible, student-centred, and impact-oriented education, while supporting key priorities of the European Higher Education Area and the Joint European Degree Label initiative.

16:00 – 16:10 - Summary of Day I

Day 2

09:00 – 09:20 Coffee break and informal networking

09:20 - 09:30 Opening of Day II

09.30 - 10.30 European Label for micro-credentials. Presentation of the concept and discussion.

This session will introduce the concept of the European Label for Micro-credentials and explore its potential relevance for flexible and innovative educational offers within European University alliances. The presentation and discussion will provide space to reflect on possible applications, opportunities, and challenges related to recognising smaller learning experiences across institutions.

10.30 - 11.15 Operational guide for the Joint European Degree Label

This session will focus on practical and operational aspects related to the Joint European Degree Label, offering an overview of key steps, requirements, and considerations for institutions interested in its implementation. It will provide a basis for discussing possible challenges, support needs, and approaches to translating the concept into institutional and alliance-level practice.

11:15 - 11:45 Coffee break

11:45 – 13:00 Panel Discussion: Joint Degrees Across European University Alliances

This panel discussion will bring together representatives of other European University alliances with experience in developing joint degree initiatives. Panellists will share perspectives on alliance-level approaches, institutional cooperation models, implementation challenges, and lessons learned from introducing joint educational programmes, while also reflecting on the implications of the European Degree initiative for European University alliances.

13:00 - 13:15 Summary and closing

13:15 - 14:00 Lunch and networking