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STARS EU meets in Tenerife

The next STARS EU ALLIANCE Project Meeting will be held at the University of La Laguna (ULL) on November 25 and 26, 2025.

This meeting will bring together around 180 people from the nine partner universities in Tenerife (Canary Islands, Spain).

The venue will be the Faculty of Engineering and Technology (ESIT) and will feature plenary sessions, thematic workshops, meetings of the different working groups and networking spaces aimed at coordinating strategies and advancing in the projects and objectives of the alliance.

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Science united across Europe: and across our alliance!

During this year's European Researchers' Night, the STARS EU alliance celebrated how research drives change for our shared future.

We're proud to showcase our new video highlighting the alliance's research that is contributing to our three priority areas:

- Green Transition
- Digital Transformation
- Social Value & Wellbeing



Upcoming STARS Talk

Curious about the opportunities within the STARS EU alliance?

During this STARS Talk, Dr. Martin Holi from Hochschule Bremen - City University of Applied Sciences will provide best practices for engaging with STARS EU activities as well as tips for how to create opportunities for regional and international collaboration with the public and private sector.

Dr. Holi will also give tips for faculty, researchers, and students.

Date: October 21

Time: 13.00 - 14:00 (CET)

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Finding a BIP now easier than ever

Finding a Blended Intensive Programme (BIP) to participate in within STARS EU has never been easier. The BIP section on our website has been updated and now allows you to sort BIP's based on target group, category and host university.

Interested? Check it out by clicking the link below.

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Upcoming BIP in mobile programming

The BIP "Mobile Programming and Technologies" will be organized by Marie and Louis Pasteur University and Cracow University of Technology, and will start on October 14.

The BIP will provide students with basic knowledge of popular mobile platforms (Android and iOS) and an introduction to programming simple applications for these platforms. Students will learn the main principles of the serverless paradigm and mobile cloud environments, as well as examples of the use of mobile applications in augmented reality.

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Launch of FutureLab 2026

The second edition of FutureLab will take place 2026 at Marie and Louis Pasteur University (UMLP) in France.

The aim is to address real-world challenges related to the energy transition through collaborative student work. With an interdisciplinary approach and a service-learning methodology, students will take part in one of three projects focused on transforming the university environment.

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Students develop games for the cultural sector

Students from several European countries have jointly developed innovative game concepts for Bremen's cultural sector. The 30 or so students worked in interdisciplinary teams at Hochschule Bremen (HSB) - City University of Applied Sciences on projects supported by regional partners from the fields of culture and art.

The winning team developed a smartphone game that allows users to discover and interactively experience art in public spaces.

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Creating an intercultural pavilion

How can common, unifying campus spaces be created in STARS EU? An international group of students from the School of Architecture at Hochschule Bremen - City University of Applied Sciences and the Integrated Design programme at the Hochschule für Künste Bremen (HfK) have developed ideas for this in their cooperation project 'Interspace'.

Examples include an intercultural pavilion as a meeting place, a mobile research laboratory and a transnational STARS EU festival.

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RESEARCH



Strengthening research ties within STARS EU

More than 40 researchers from STARS EU gathered at University West in Trollhättan, Sweden to participate in a research workshop. The goal was to strengthen and develop research collaboration within the alliance.

Participants listened to presentations of research themes and subjects, shared experiences and discussed potential future collaborations within STARS EU.

[Read more](#) about the workshop through the eyes of researchers from Hochschule Bremen - City University of Applied Sciences.



STARS-Health begins journey to reduce health inequalities

The STARS-Health Project, part of the STARS EU framework, recently presented its roadmap to guide older adults in the use of digital health management services, thereby contributing more effectively to reducing health inequalities among the senior population.

Led by Hanze University of Applied Sciences, together with the University of La Laguna, University West, Silesian University of Opava and the Polytechnic Institute of Bragança, STARS-Health officially began its journey with a workshop held in Groningen, The Netherlands.

The event also included an online launch, joined by patient organisations, healthcare professionals, educators and researchers.

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Seed Grant for Research

Up to €3000 for research
project prep



Need funding to prepare a research application?

Do you have an idea for a research project and would like funding to prepare an application?
Then consider applying for the STARS EU Seed Grant!

The second Seed Grant of the STARS EU Alliance seeks to facilitate the preparation of competitive research proposals for European programs. Its objective is to promote collaborative research and innovation projects among the alliance's nine partner universities.

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AROUND THE STARS GALAXY



Cracow University of Technology celebrates 80th anniversary

The STARS EU Commission held its annual meeting as part of the celebrations marking the 80th anniversary of Cracow University of Technology (CUT), one of the alliance's nine partners.

The meeting brought together rectors and members of the partner universities, as well as researchers and academic leaders from other European higher education institutions, united by a common purpose: to strengthen international cooperation and to define the roadmap for the future of the alliance.

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Increased visibility for STARS EU at the University of La Laguna

STARS EU gives a new step in its visibility campaign at the University of La Laguna in order to bring the opportunities it offers to students, teaching staff and research staff from the different centres.

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UPCOMING EVENTS AND CONFERENCES

Curriculum Lab to host two workshops

Getting Started with Joint Programmes: Key Steps and Considerations

Explore how Joint Programmes can strengthen international collaboration and open new opportunities for both students and faculty. This workshop offers teaching staff and programme directors a clear roadmap through the development and implementation process—from concept and partner selection to formal approval.

You will also gain insights into support services and resources within the STARS EU alliance. Interactive elements provide space to discuss your own questions and challenges. Secure your place now and take the next step toward shaping a successful Joint Programme!

Date: October 23 from 14:00 - 15:30 CET

The workshop registration is now open. [Register here >>](#)

Designing a Blended Intensive Programme (BIP)

Discover how to design and implement an Erasmus+ Blended Intensive Programme (BIP) in our compact, practice-oriented workshop. Together, we will explore didactic strategies, administrative

essentials, and ways to embed BIPs meaningfully into existing curricula. From defining learning objectives and structuring blended mobility to managing budgets, partners, and student expectations, the workshop covers all key aspects.

Furthermore, the workshop is aiming to be as hands on as possible - a great opportunity for you to get feedback on your ideas. Don't miss this chance to turn ideas into action—register now to secure your spot!

Date: November 06 from 14:00 - 16:00 CET

The workshop registration is now open. [Register here >>](#)

IPB hosts conference on artistic research

The 1st International Conference on Artistic Research and Design Methodologies will be held at the Polytechnic Institute of Bragança (IPB) on December 4-5.

The conference is envisioned as a space for critical reflection and transdisciplinary exchange, focusing on research practices in art and design while extending to disciplines such as architecture; curatorship and exhibition practices; literature and creative writing, among others.

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