

## Alliance Ulysseus : Partners' meeting in Innsbruck

The members of the Alliance met at MCI, The Entrepreneurial School® in Austria on October 19, 20 and 21 to discuss the status of the project, review strengths and weaknesses and discuss next steps. A working meeting was held on the COMPASS project with the aim of developing a strategy and a concrete action plan in order to position Ulysseus as a model of institutional transformation in research and innovation.



Mobility was also one of the main topics of discussion on the agenda. To date, Ulysseus operational teams have worked on the development of mobility programs, including the Green Deal program for climate protection, the Welcome Programme and the implementation of the European student card. The alliance also develops Ulysseus international cooperation and promotional programs - including targeted collaboration with strategic international partners. Ulysseus's objective is to be strongly open to the international scene and to offer regular mobility, in person and virtual, with automatic recognition of credits and massive use of the European student card, to make Ulysseus a model of good practice and an attractive and competitive European university.

## Launch of Digital Soft Skills questionnaires



The [Ulysseus European University](#), of which our university is a member, implements the Digital Soft Skills (D2S) project. This project aims to adapt pedagogies and improve the digital skills of teachers and students.

As part of this project, we are launching two questionnaires:

- [the first questionnaire](#) aims to assess the needs of university professors in terms of transversal skills and to validate the framework of transversal skills that we have developed.
- [the second questionnaire](#) aims to determine which are the priority transversal skills in the eyes of the students and to validate the transversal skills framework that we have developed.

## MOVIDIS: 3rd Virtual Mobility (from February to June 2022) call for applications launched

The call for applications for the last semester of the 2021-2022 academic year within the MOVIDIS project is now open.

Students from all the universities partners of the MOVIDIS project, Seville (US), Madrid (UCM), Bielefeld (FHM) Turin, Genova, and Nice (UCA), will have a last opportunity to virtually participate in economics and language courses chosen from the offer the MOVIDIS project: marketing, financial market analysis, or global economics are part of this offer, as well as Spanish, French or Italian.

Get ready to apply for the 3rd and final MOVIDIS virtual mobility!! Seize this last chance!

The deadline to register for the third and final MOVIDIS virtual mobility is 1st December 2021.

Check the website for more information : <https://www.movidis.eu/>

## NEMEDUSSA project: Second training session for our African partners

In the framework of the European project NEMEDUSSA, Université Côte d'Azur organized a second training session dedicated to molecular tools in nematology, from the 11th to 22nd October 2021, aimed at our partner colleagues from sub-Saharan Africa.

The training was provided by the INRAe team and coordinated by Dr Pierre Abad. Several key topics were covered during this training which combined theoretical knowledge and practical laboratory work in the field of molecular identification techniques of nematodes.

The participants of this training are four teacher-researchers from partner universities in South Africa (North West University and Stellenbosch University) and Nigeria (Ahmadu Bello University).

More information on the project: [nemedussa.ugent.be](http://nemedussa.ugent.be)

Photo: the four teacher-researchers with the director of ISA



## In brief

Visual throughback time: Our Erasmus's got talent soirée!

First prize



Second prize



Third prize



« A big THANK YOU to all our students for participating in this evening. Your presence made this event a success. The atmosphere was festive and warm. We could not have hoped for a better evening than the one we've experienced. Thank you again for your generosity and for this beautiful Erasmus family that we are forming together. See you soon»

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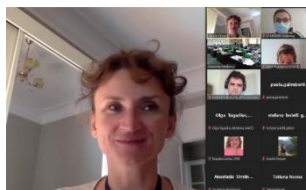
## MINERVA International workshop on Open Science, 7 – 8 October 2021

The international workshop on Open Science in the framework of MINERVA project welcomed the Armenian, Moldavian, Italian, Slovenian and French partners at Yerevan State University during two days in Armenia.

The main focus was led to Open Science related challenges. Firstly, the workshop's participants analysed the roadmap for Open Science policies on the institutional and national policies. And secondly, they discussed the perspectives for normative framework improvement in Armenia and Moldova.

Université Côte d'Azur was presented by Dr Natalia Timus, a head of continuous professional development of University. Natalia shared her precious expertise on the field of Open Educational Resources.

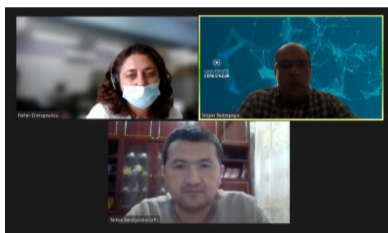
MINERVA (Strengthening research management and open science capacities of HEIs in Moldova and Armenia) is a 3-year project (2019-2022) funded by the Erasmus+ programme, through the scheme of Capacity Building in the Field of Higher Education.



## Our project TRIGGER is progressing at full steam!

The TRIGGER project aims to improve the employability conditions of graduates in Central Asia by supporting the higher education institutions of our partners in Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan and Tajikistan through innovative educational approaches and entrepreneurship.

This project, which started in January 2021, is progressing very well. Université Côte d'Azur is in charge of the first part to identify the needs of the higher education institutions of our partners for future challenges. Professor Srdjan Redzepagic is the pedagogical manager of this project on behalf of our university. During these months, various online consultations took place with each partner establishment to develop a very detailed and concise overview and to identify the main areas of intervention. This work will provide the basis for the pursuit of future activities and achieve the objectives of our project.



In particular, these consultations focused on eight areas:

- Leadership and Governance;
- Organizational capacity;
- Entrepreneurship teaching and learning;
- Preparing and supporting entrepreneurs;
- Digital transformation;
- Knowledge exchange and collaboration;
- Internationalization;
- Measuring impact.

These reports will soon be available on the project website: <http://www.trigger-project.com/site/index>

TRIGGER is a project funded by Erasmus +, Capacity Building in the Field of Higher Education.

Photo: Meeting with Toraihyrov University in Kazakhstan



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## The International Open Access Week 2021 with the OPTIMA project: 25 – 29 October 2021

The 14<sup>th</sup> International Open Access Week, a worldwide event, is an opportunity for open access advocates raise the awareness of communities about the potential benefits of Open Access and to inspire larger public to make an Open Access a new common norm in scholarship and research activities.

25 – 29 October 2021 the OPTIMA team has been mobilized for a week of multiplication events such as series of webinars, a consultation with Open Science experts and communication with representatives of Ukrainian displaced universities including Vasyl Stus DonNU, a successful displaced university, actively developing its educational and research capacity in the new Ukrainian city of Vinnytsia.

Université Côte d'Azur, one of the project's partners, has taken an active part in the OA Week. Sothea Rath Seang, Junior Researcher in Economics of UCA and Eurodoc Open Science Ambassador, shed light on the French National Plan for Open Science and on the activities which structure research data and make it available through OA. And last but not least, Seang elucidated how to be a part of a sustainable European and international OS dynamic.

OPTIMA (Open Practices, Transparency and Integrity for Modern Academia) is a 3-year project (2021-2024) funded by the Erasmus+ programme, through the scheme of Capacity Building in the Field of Higher Education.

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