EULiST Jour Fixe

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Sitzungsraum Rektorat
Presentation EULiST setting in the upcoming months

EULiST comprises a diverse group spread across the whole continent. With IMT from France a strong partner entered the alliance. Although, the project is underfunded, future developments look promising as the participation in an European University alliance can open up possibilities for further funding. A remarkably good spirit is present, leading to activities even before funding was secured. The project runs for four years, however, it’s more about building an alliance. The key question is how we can implement a funded project in the alliance building process.

Another question is where we stand in relation to other universities. Every TU Wien member engaged in EULiST has peers at other universities. Building relationships will happen in many mostly online meetings. EULiST is not a bigger TU Wien. At the same time EULiST does not constitute a merger. Consequently, it is not about expanding TU Wien’s identity but creating a new one that exists next to TU Wien’s. Striking a balance between the diversity of identities and a corporate EULiST identity is needed. Herewith, personal encounters are important.

A joint project proposal by Bratislava, Brno and TU Wien which ultimately failed, nonetheless, serves as a good example. These three partners can be viewed as a core team within EULiST. It shows that not every partner has to be involved in every project. Coordination between partners is still needed but projects involving a subset of partner can brand their success onto the alliance. Further examples include L’Aquila’s and Athens’ joint summer school and Madrid’s and TU Wien’s effort to expand cooperation with Latin American partners. All these examples happen under EULiST branding.

These activities all beg the question how governance is ultimately designed. For the EULiST portal we need a corporate data exchange agreement. Consequently, which kind of legal entity EULiST is going to be is important. In this scope one needs to always think about what (legal) obstacles can arise during a project.

Within EULiST partner need to agree on a vocabulary. Furthermore, the language diversity can pose an entry point. Therefore, we aim to have a list of languages spoken within our TU Wien group which is, especially, important for visits.
We have to strike a balance between being focused on the project or the vision. It’s abstract and concrete at the same time. Within project proposals there’s always room for interpretation. One shouldn’t stick to close to the proposal text if it’s not necessary. It’s text that serves us as a guideline not us who serve the text.

Question: TU Wien is a long-time member of CESAER. Within the conference with have work packages with similar content to those in EULIST. Do we remain in CESAER? Shall we connect/implement them within EULIST.

Answer: EULIST has priority. If projects within CESAER overlap with EULIST it’s desirable to connect them. Generally, within European Universities the room for manoeuvring is greater than in larger groups like CESAER. The topic of how to deal with extra-EULIST cooperations has been discussed in EULIST management board meetings.

2 Walk around the table

Members of the project present themselves and their involvement in EULIST.

Christian Hellmich
Task group 5.3 EULIST beyond Europe
Institute of Mechanics of Materials and Structures – CEE
Was involved early in the first proposal phase. The bottom-up proposal creating didn’t work back then. He has close contacts with a colleague from IMT and is happy in his current role.

Anna Franzkowiak
Supporting task group 1.1 Sustainable Governance and Management
Center for Technology and Society CTS
Was involved in the first round proposal draft. Now in a smaller role at EULIST.

Herbert Kreuzeder
Task group 5.5 External Communication and Dissemination
Head of PR and Marketing
Longtime participant, now waiting for Task group content to communicate.

Anna Füßl
Task group 3.2 Innovative Teach and Learning Methodologies
Head of Process management in teaching development
No meetings so far in her task group.

Ioanna Gioroudi
Task Group 4.3 Early-Career Researchers Centre
Head of Doctoral School
Had E-Mail-Exchange to meet in her task group.

Markus Reismann
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Head of Data Management and Reporting
Newly involved.

Peter Purgatshofer
Task group 3.1, 3.2 and 3.3
Institute of Visual Computing and Human-Centered Technology – Informatics
Owing to his personal interest in three task groups. As soon as the new position at the institute has been filled, he will inquire whether the person has interest in involvement in one of the task groups.

Shabnam Tauböck
Lead in work package 3 Teaching & Learning
Head of Strategic Education Development Center
New lead of WP 3, taking over from Kurt Matyas. Christina Kroneder now more involved in task group 1.4
Gergely Rackoczi
Task group 2.1 Digital Campus Infrastructure
Head of Digital Teaching and Learning
Meetings in his task group have taken place, however, results have been rather blurry. He hopes for more concrete results in the coming weeks and months.

Beate Guba
Co-lead task group 2.3 Knowledge Hub: Library
Head of Library
Involved since the first proposal phase. So far services and infrastructure of libraries have been compared. Funding for harmonising services is needed. Another topic has been infrastructure for open access publishing. Furthermore, she shares the citizen science agenda with Charlotte Reiff.

Charlotte Reif
Task group 3.4 Life-Long Learning Practices
Head of Networking and Innovation
Newly involved

Stephanie Madsen
Task group 4.3 Early-Career Researchers Centre
HR Development
Shares task group with Heidi Pichler. Was in a different task group previously.

Christina Kroneder
Task group 1.4 Quality Assessment
University’s Development and Quality Management
Sees potential in the project. However, so far there has been no activity within her task group.

Julia Kohl
Task group 2.5 Academic Support Centre
International Office
Has been part of EULiST since the beginning. She had already a few meetings in her task group.

Chris Schubert
Task group 2.3 Knowledge Hub: Library
Head of Media Management and Library IT

Alexandra Negoescu
Task group 4.4 Research to Business Scheme
Innovation Incubation Center

Wolfgang Spreicer
Task group 2.1 Digital Campus Infrastructure
Head of Campus Software Development
Joint Development is a topic in his task group. He had contact with a colleague from Brno about job postings.

Christoph Brunner
Task group 2.5 Academic Support Centre
Head of Student Support
Involved since the first proposal phase. He likes his current role. He had experience in the summer in Erasmus+ with other non-EULiST partner.

Barbara Sanchez
Co-lead task group 4.2 Synergies and R&I Infrastructure
Head Center for Research Data Management
LUT visited this summer. They can present their institution well. We can maybe learn form them in communication one’s vision. Furthermore, a lot is done nationally in Finland that is done on university level in Austria. An example is an introductory course in research data management. LUT also implemented jour fixes of this kind some time ago and invites partners to these meetings.
Peter Karg
None
Head Research and Transfer Support
Involved in the first proposal but not in the second one. Several people from his unit are going to be involved.

Gregor Fischer
Chair Student Board
International Office
Involved in EULiST as a student representative in the student board. Experienced how important the assembly in Athens was for the student board. Together with Paolo he is involved in a coordinating role at TU Wien.

Tanja Sovic
Task groups 4.1 and 4.4
Head Patent and License Management
Had a meeting with Greek partners before the proposal was approved. Several colleagues are involved in her task groups.

Peter Puschner
None
Faculty of Informatics
Sits in for Gerti Kappel. First time attending.

Birgit Hofreiter
Task group 5.2 Innovation Hubs and Joint Living Labs in EULiST regions
Head of Innovation Incubation Center

Jens Schneider
Task group 2.4 Sustainable Campus Initiative
Rector
Sees a good opportunity with full commitment. He experienced a family spirit in Athens and hopes that this project leads to closer feeling within TU Wien. Sees EULiST more than just than a project.

Paolo Budroni
Lead task group 5.4 Science Communication Training
EOSC and International Liaison Office
Welcomes the commitment from TU Wien’s and partners’ rectorates. In his task group the forming of EOSC reference points and creation of a glossary for science communication are topics. The latter is in close collaboration with LUH where a journalist is participating.

3 General statements

- Please check in the SharePoint people directory whether one is in task groups one desires. Oneself can make changes if necessary.
- Should activities which we see as strong suit one can simply use EULiST as platform for exchange.
- The general procedure of calling meeting and starting activities is that EULiST management calls upon work package leads to meet. Then work package leaders invite task leads and co-leads to define processes. Finally, the task leaders contact task group members to meet and organise. Should task leads not have initiated contact one can contact them oneself. If it doesn’t work, one can contact Paolo.
- We are building up COLAB as a platform to share materials internally.
4 Upcoming events

- 13th and 14th September 2023: Hannover delegation visits TU Wien
- 26th September 2023: Panel discussion including Jens Schneider, Elmar Pichl (ministry for teaching, science and research), and rectors from URJC and IMT.
- 16th to 20th October 2023: EULiST staff week in Bratislava. Leads and co-leads are asked to participate at least for a day.
- Monthly TU Wien Jour Fixes
- Regular EULiST cafes to discuss topics currently arising or planned.