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## E<sup>3</sup>UDRES<sup>2</sup> Ent-r-e-novators Project shines a spotlight on Open Science and Education at International gathering.



In a significant stride toward fostering research and innovation in higher education, the Ent-r-e-novators project held its General Assembly from March 6-8, 2024, at the Politehnica University of Timisoara. This event marks a collaborative effort among the six original members of the E<sup>3</sup>UDRES<sup>2</sup> European University Alliance to bolster the capacities of partner institutions. The project is aimed at developing a cohesive research and innovation strategy that emphasizes entrepreneurship, innovation, and inclusive education, highlighting the collective commitment to enhancing academic ecosystems across Europe.

Funded by the European Commission through the Horizon Europe program, the Ent-r-e-novators project aligns with European priorities that underscore the significance of Open Science, Open Innovation, Open Education, and Open Resources.

The hybrid event held at the Politehnica University of Timisoara Conference Centre, in Romania, initiated with heartfelt welcomes from university management, followed by a series of enriching discussions on the implementation of work, which include the joint development of strategies associated with transformation modules and the execution of pilots to unlock potential excellence in research and innovation for smart and sustainable regions.

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A highlight of the event was the Open Science & Education Workshop on March 8th. This workshop underscored the collective effort needed to transition towards open science and education, highlighting the essential role of infrastructure, policies, and a supportive culture.

Noteworthy contributions from speakers like Karel Luijben, Vinciane Gaillard, and other esteemed experts, offered insights into the challenges and opportunities within open science and education. The workshop not only fostered a dialogue around these pivotal themes but also reflect about the groundwork for a more inclusive, transparent, and efficient research ecosystem.

Professor Luís Coelho, the Ent-r-e-novators project coordinator, shared his enthusiasm about the workshop's success, stating, "This workshop is of paramount importance for our university members, researchers, PhD students, and professors within the E<sup>3</sup>UDRES<sup>2</sup> alliance. It not only highlights the latest in Open Science but also reflects the significant research and analysis conducted in the first project year. It emphasized the importance of training our members in fair and ethical science principles and how they can drive innovation in their regions.

E<sup>3</sup>UDRES<sup>2</sup> Ent-r-e-novators is committed to scientific excellence and research integrity within its cross-disciplinary and cross-sectoral key R&I networks and promotes (future) R&I competences, skills, resources, methods, training, services and management for collaborative research and open innovation for smart and sustainable regions.

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