



Newsletter ENGAGE.EU

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Dear Colleagues, dear ENGAGE.EU Community,

We are delighted to present the first edition of our newsletter to you, and we are pleased about your interest in the activities of the European university ENGAGE.EU. We have reached a decisive moment: The first half of the first funding period is over, the interim report was presented to the EU and Professor Fetzer as the new ENGAGE.EU coordinator puts the wind in our sails to continue with the implementation. In the meantime, we have started to prepare the subsequent application for the next funding period of ENGAGE.EU. We asked Professor Fetzer about his motivation and plans.

“For me, ENGAGE.EU is a central pillar of the University of Mannheim’s internationalization strategy which we will keep reinforcing. Only with international research and teaching stretching beyond university borders can we face the major challenges confronting society today. That becomes increasingly important in science and also fosters empathy and respect between people and cultures. I am pleased to advance the ENGAGE.EU project together with a great team and to enable communication and collaboration between our staff and students and our European partner universities”.



On behalf of Professor Fetzer, we invite you to learn more about ENGAGE.EU. Happy reading!

Ursula Schlichter and Silvia Luber and the entire ENGAGE.EU team

ENGAGE.EU Alliance



Looking Back to the Board Meeting in Sofia: European University Grows

On 26 May, during the Sofia Conference at the University of National and World Economy (UNWE) two new partners, namely Hanken School of Economics of Finland and Ramon Llull University of Spain, officially joined the European university. [Read the full article](#)

ENGAGE.EU at UniMA



Change in Management: Prof. Thomas Fetzer Becomes ENGAGE.EU Coordinator

Ever since its founding in 2019, Prof. Dirk Simons was the coordinator of the European university ENGAGE.EU. Now, he has passed the baton on to Prof. Thomas Fetzer. [Read more](#)

Think Tank starts in September



The first think tank on digitalization was launched in Mannheim with a total of 16 participants from all ENGAGE.EU universities. In June, an initial online meeting was held for the participants to socialize and exchange ideas on the research projects. During the last week of September, the think tank takes place in Mannheim with renowned guest speakers from business and politics. Among them are Luka Mucic, CFO of SAP, and the French parliamentarian Marietta Karamanli (Nupes).

Learners



Online Exchange Initiative: Interview with Elena Sofia Silva, Tilburg University

Elena Sofia Silva, who studies Psychology at the University Tilburg, took courses at the ENGAGE.EU partner universities in Rome and Vienna and experienced what it means to study in an international environment. In the interview she talks about her learnings from the international exchange program. [Watch the video](#)



Summer School

In July 2022, the first ENGAGE.EU Summer School took place at Luiss University in Rome. The one-week program was developed by teachers from the partner universities and included seminars, workshops and team challenges. Students from different fields collaborated on the interdisciplinary issue of "Digitalization and Challenges for European Society". Six students from the University of Mannheim participated in the Summer School. [Read more](#)

Events

13.

Sept

ENGAGE.EU Roundtables: The Role of Volunteers in Society. [Read more](#)

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Lecture Series: Data Science in Action [Read more](#)

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Brown Bag Session: Joint Programme in Digital Transformation (Task 2.9) – Referent: Katrin Blitzke / Victoria Meil [Read more](#)

Sept

All events can be found in the event calendar on our [website](#).

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