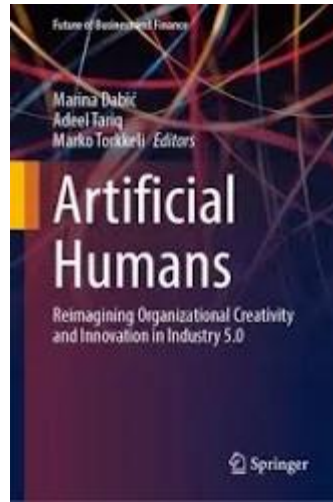






ArtIST



- **Project:** Art, Entrepreneurship, Innovation and Science (ArtIST)
 - **Funding Programme:** Erasmus+ KA3 – Forward Looking Projects
 - **Duration:** 2019–2023
 - **Coordinator:** Lappeenranta-Lahti University of Technology (LUT), Finland
 - **Project Reference:** 612898-EPP-1-2019-1-FI-EPPKA3-PI-FORWARD
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- To develop and test innovative STE(A)M educational approaches by integrating:
 - Arts
 - Entrepreneurship
 - Innovation
 - Science and Technology

Key Achievements



Developed interdisciplinary Master's-level learning modules



Established collaboration between universities, businesses, and creative sectors



Created innovative teaching methodologies and digital learning resources



Produced policy recommendations for future higher education development



Key Lesson: Innovation emerges at the intersection of disciplines, institutions, and stakeholders.



VOIS – Virtual Open Innovation Environment for SMEs

Erasmus+ Project Example: Building SME Innovation Capacity

Project: Virtual Open Innovation Environment for SMEs (VOIS)

Funding Programme: Erasmus+ KA2 – Strategic Partnership / VET Cooperation

Duration: 2022–2024

Coordinator: Assist GmbH (Germany)

LUT Role: Associated Partner and Open Innovation Expertise Contributor

Target Sector: Agro-food and Bioeconomy SMEs



VOIS – Key Achievements



Developed a **Virtual Open Innovation Environment** to support SME innovation and collaboration.



Enhanced **open innovation competencies** of SME managers and employees through practical training and tools.



Created a comprehensive **repository of innovation methods, best practices, and support services**.



Strengthened collaboration between **SMEs, universities, innovation experts, and business support organizations**.



Established a **scalable and transferable innovation ecosystem model** that can be replicated across sectors and regions.

Erasmus+ Capacity Building in Higher Education (CBHE) – Opportunities for Western Balkans

Supports alignment with EU education, innovation, and skills priorities.

Strengthens university–industry–government collaboration.

Enhances institutional capacity, employability, and regional competitiveness.

CBHE is not just about improving universities; it is about building stronger innovation, skills, and economic development ecosystems across the Western Balkans.

Priority Areas for Future Projects

- ◆ Green Transition & Circular Economy
- ◆ Smart Agriculture & Bioeconomy
- ◆ University–Industry Collaboration
- ◆ Skills for Industry 5.0 and Future Jobs

Erasmus+ Capacity Building in Vocational Education and Training (CB-VET) – Western Balkans

Improve	Improve the quality and relevance of VET programmes
Align	Align skills development with labour market needs
Strengthen	Strengthen cooperation between VET providers and businesses
Promote	Promote digital, green, and entrepreneurial skills
Increase	Increase employability and SME competitiveness

Modernization and transformation of Vocational Education and Training (VET) systems in the Western Balkans through stronger links between education, industry, and regional development.

Priority Areas

- ◆ Digital Skills, AI & Industry 5.0
- ◆ Green Transition & Circular Economy
- ◆ Smart Agriculture & Bioeconomy
- ◆ Entrepreneurship & SME Innovation
- ◆ Renewable Energy & Sustainability Skills
- ◆ Work-Based Learning & Apprenticeships

Center of Vocational Excellence

Develop	Develop skills for the green and digital transitions
Strengthen	Strengthen innovation and entrepreneurship ecosystems
Align	Align education with industry and labour market needs
Support	Support regional economic growth and competitiveness
Promote	Promote excellence in vocational education and training

Brings together **VET providers, universities, businesses, public authorities, and innovation actors** to create world-class skills ecosystems that drive innovation, competitiveness, and regional development.

Potential Areas



Circular Economy & Green
Manufacturing



Smart Agriculture &
Bioeconomy



Renewable Energy &
Sustainability

Projects Design

Select a Funding Opportunity

- Each group chooses **one Erasmus+ call**:
- Group 1: CBHE (Higher Education)
- Group 2: CB-VET (Vocational Education & Training)
- Group 3: CoVE / Alliances for Innovation

Develop a Project Concept (20 min)

- Discuss and define:
- **Challenge/Need** to be addressed
- **Project theme** (AI, Industry 5.0, Bioeconomy, Circular Economy, etc.)
- **Expected impact and Work Packages**
- **Potential partners**

Pitch Your Idea (5 min per group)

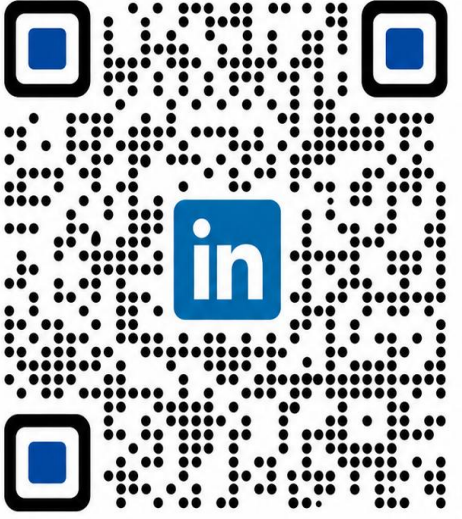
Project title

Main objective

Key activities and work packages

Expected outcomes

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Building Capacity

Better Future

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