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# EUPeace Handbook on Internationalising Teacher Education

Implementing EUPeace online content dedicated to internationalising teacher education and facilitating internships

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## EUPeace Handbook: Advancing 'School for All' Through Internationalising Teacher Education

The newly released *EUPeace Handbook on Internationalising Teacher Education* is a comprehensive guide designed to extend the EUPeace concept of "School for All" by integrating international perspectives into teacher education. Grounded in frameworks like the Council of Europe's RFCDC, it offers strategies, practical examples, and curriculum modules to help educators foster global competence and intercultural understanding.

Highlighting the benefits of internationalised teacher training—such as enhanced cultural awareness and improved educational outcomes—the handbook also addresses key challenges and calls for institutional support, technology use, and ongoing professional development. It is an essential resource for advancing peace, justice, and inclusive education across borders.

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# Education



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## Launching the European Track: EUPeace’s New Interdisciplinary Certificate for 2025/26

Launching in the 2025/26 academic year, the *European Track* is EUPeace’s new cross- and interdisciplinary certificate programme for students across its partner universities. Approved by the EUPeace Education Board, the pilot phase features over 150 diverse courses—including virtual, hybrid, and in-person options—delivered through the Virtual European Exchange Programme (VEEP) and Erasmus+ mobility. Covering a wide disciplinary range, from intercultural communication to environmental sustainability and social justice, the programme offers students the chance to earn certificates at three levels (6–18 ECTS). Course proposals for the autumn/winter semester 2025/26 are welcome until 16 June 2025.

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## Expanding Horizons: EUPeace Moves Forward with Joint Master's Programme Pilots in Humanities, STEM, and Security Studies

The EUPeace Alliance is actively advancing plans for joint Master's programmes, with two pilot degrees in development—one in the humanities and social sciences, and another in STEM—built upon the European Track, Research Hubs, and the Living Peace Lab. A recent online event detailed progress on a joint Master's in Security and Conflict Transformation, involving Marburg, Comillas, Çukurova, and Sarajevo universities. Additional initiatives include a Water Resources Management programme ("Water4All") and planned expert workshops in International Economics, Business, and AI. Opportunities for collaboration and seed funding via the EUPeace Fund's Fourth Call (deadline: 30 June 2025) are also available.

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## Research



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### Research Funding Spotlights for the EUPeace Newsletter!

EUPeace Research Hubs gather interdisciplinary experts around shared themes to foster collaboration and explore EU funding opportunities that can extend the Alliance's impact beyond its current project. Functioning like consortia, these hubs create an ideal setting for joint research and innovation efforts. To support this goal, a "Funding Spotlight" section has been launched on the EUPeace website, highlighting relevant funding calls and set to expand throughout 2025 with both national and international opportunities. One major funding source is the Horizon Europe Work Programme 2025, which allocates over €7.2 billion to support EU priorities such as sustainability, digitalisation, resilience, and democratic inclusion. Funding is divided into six thematic clusters—ranging from health and cultural inclusion to digital transformation, civil security, climate action, and sustainable agriculture. Specific calls and application details are already available online, with first calls opened

since mid-May. Details for **cluster-specific calls for the 2025 funding cycle** can now be found at: [Horizon Europe work programmes - European Commission](#).

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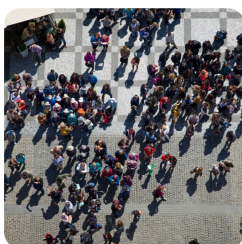
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### **EUPeace welcomes “Choose Europe for Science” Call by President Macron and President Von der Leyen, Driving Innovation Through Alliances**

EUPeace actively participated in the “Choose Europe for Science” event held on 5 May 2025 in Paris, being represented by Prof. Dr. Evelyn Korn and Prof. Zoran Tomić. The Alliance supports President Macron’s call to welcome international scientists, particularly young researchers, into a European space grounded in academic freedom. EUPeace aligns closely with the scientific priorities outlined by President Macron and President Von der Leyen—such as AI, climate, and health—which reflect the focus of its own Research Hubs. Committed to fostering peace through research, education, and societal outreach, EUPeace continues to champion academic freedom and support scholars facing restrictions. The Alliance will closely examine the announced initiatives and is already establishing connections with researchers who may be hosted at member universities. Building on prior support for displaced academics, EUPeace also engaged in discussions with EU leaders on the future of Alliances and reiterated the need for a long-term investment strategy for all missions of universities and Alliances

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## **Outreach**



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### **UNSA Hosts 2nd “Living Peace Lab” Workshop on Intersectional Discrimination, Advancing Peer Education for Violence Prevention**

On 22 April 2025, the University of Sarajevo’s Human Rights Center hosted the second workshop of the “Living Peace Lab: Developing Peer Education Initiatives” project, focusing on intersectional discrimination. Bringing together students from diverse study programmes, the workshop aimed to empower youth in addressing the roots of

violence through educational tools. In line with EUPeace Alliance principles, the initiative was developed in collaboration with NGO "Cure" and the Agency for Gender Equality of Bosnia and Herzegovina—both part of the soon-to-be-established Social Dialogue Group at UNSA. This event, the second in a planned five-part series, highlights the vital role of youth-centered, dialogue-based education in promoting social change and combating violence.

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### **Scaling Up Erasmus+ and Easing Mobility for a Stronger Democratic Europe**

On 29 April 2025, Marburg University hosted a panel titled “Shaping the Future of Democracy through Science” as part of the Europe Weeks in Germany, bringing together political leaders, university representatives, and students to discuss the vital role of universities and European University Alliances in defending academic freedom and fostering democracy. Participants emphasised the importance of structural support for Alliances, greater funding—including a call to double the Erasmus+ budget—and removing barriers to student mobility. They underlined that mobility should not only be expanded but also intentionally designed to support democratic engagement. EUPeace’s initiatives, such as its Mobility Platform and student support systems, were highlighted as best practices. The event concluded with a call for Alliances to act as transformative spaces that strengthen European values and societal resilience.

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## **Alliance**



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### **Your Voice Matters: Participate in the EUPeace Mid-Term Evaluation Survey**

The EUPeace Alliance invites students and staff to participate in a brief, anonymous survey as part of its mid-term evaluation. Taking approximately 10 minutes, this survey aims to assess the impact and effectiveness of the alliance's activities, guiding future improvements. All responses are confidential and crucial to shaping EUPeace's ongoing initiatives.

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## EUPeace Senate Elects New Leadership and Adopts Rules of Procedure

At its recent meeting in Adana, the EUPeace Senate elected a new leadership team and finalised its Rules of Procedure, establishing a formal operational framework. Elisabeth Schulte (Marburg University) was appointed Chair, with Marijan Tustonja (University of Mostar) and Henning Tauche (Justus-Liebig-University Gießen) as Co-Chairs. Representing diverse groups across the Alliance—students, researchers, faculty, and administration—the Senate plays a key role in shaping and assessing EUPeace activities. Its meetings are open to all members, with the next session scheduled for 4 July at 10:30 am online.

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## Stakeholder



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### Celebrating Europe Day: EUPeace Advancing Schuman's Vision of Unity Through Cooperation and Solidarity

On Europe Day, we celebrate the beginning of a journey toward unity, peace, and cooperation across the European continent. Europe is not built in a day or by following a single blueprint. At EUPeace, we believe in Schuman's vision—building unity through real, tangible cooperation that fosters solidarity across borders. That's exactly what we work toward every day. With 9 partner universities across Europe, our mission is to empower students and researchers to shape a peaceful, just, and inclusive future for all.

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### Summer School on European Affairs 2025: EU Enlargement Policy Amid Eastern Neighbourhood Instability

The *Summer School on European Affairs 2025*, hosted by Universidad Pontificia Comillas in collaboration with Marburg University and the University of West Bohemia in

Pilsen, offers an intensive week-long programme focused on the EU's Enlargement Policy amid Eastern Neighbourhood instability. Bringing together students, practitioners, and experts from across Europe, the course explores the EU's evolving relationships with its neighbours in the context of current geopolitical shifts. Featuring sessions with EU officials, policy practitioners, and scholars—as well as field visits to key institutions in Madrid—the programme fosters critical dialogue, networking, and deeper understanding of EU foreign policy at a pivotal time for the continent.

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### **10th Rectors' Forum: SUM and UNSA Engage in Regional Academic Dialogue**

The University of Montenegro hosted the Tenth Rectors' Forum of Southeast Europe and the Western Balkans, alongside the ULYSSEUS International Networking Conference, on 7–8 April 2025. Bringing together 34 universities from nine countries, the Forum focused on key higher education topics such as the European degree, quality assurance, and regional collaboration through European university alliances. Prof. Dr. Sanja Bijakšić (University of Mostar) and Prof. Dr. Tarik Zaimović (University of Sarajevo) represented their institutions—both members of the EUPeace Alliance—highlighting the role of inter-university cooperation in advancing educational innovation, sustainable governance, and inclusive societal development across the Western Balkans.

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### **Have Your Say in Europe's Largest Mobility Survey: Contribute to ESNsurvey 2025!**

The 2025 edition of the ESNsurvey, Europe's largest student-led research project on international mobility, is now open until 31 July 2025. Organised by the Erasmus Student Network (ESN), the survey gathers insights from mobile, non-mobile, and recently graduated students to help shape and improve programmes like Erasmus+. This year's theme, "The Future of International Student Mobility," focuses on flexible learning, teaching experiences abroad, and the development of skills for employment. Launched in 2005, the ESNsurvey has



become a key tool for influencing European education policies. Participants also have the chance to win prizes, including Interrail passes, hotel stays, and travel vouchers.

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## Save-the-date

### Upcoming EUPeace events:

- **EUPeace Teaching Staff Academy** - 2nd Training Week, 8-10 July 2025, Madrid, Spain
- **Students' Peace Declaration**, 15-17 September, Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina
- **EUPeace Autumn Meetings & EUPeace Conference**, 22-24 September 2025, Pilsen, Czechia
- **2nd EUPeace Teacher Education Post-Summer School (hybrid)**, 25-26 September 2025, Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina & online
- **EUPeace 1st Student Campus Festival**, 20-24 October 2025, Limoges, France
- **2nd EUPeace Teaching Europe Conference**, 9-10 December 2025, Limoges, France

Details are being constantly updated on our website - if you have any questions, please contact the Coordination Office and/or your local EUPeace teams.

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### ***EUPeace is the European University for Peace, Justice, and Inclusive Societies***

*Our mission is to provide tomorrow's citizens with the skills, knowledge, and experience to cultivate Peace, Justice, and Inclusive Societies. We explicitly address all sciences and fields, from the humanities and social sciences to the natural and life sciences as well as engineering, and are inspired by the rebuilt bridge of*



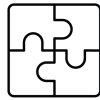
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Mostar – the symbol in our logo – as  
a testament to how dialogue can  
overcome conflict.



**198.000+**

students



**190+**

faculties &  
institutes



**1.870+**

study  
programmes



**15.300+**

researchers



**850+**

research  
groups

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