

EU4Dual – The European Dual Studies University

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Welcome to EU4Dual - the European Dual Studies University

We're an alliance of nine higher education institutions working together with businesses in Europe.

Our unique approach combines academic learning with hands-on experience through dual education. Students alternate between studying and working, giving them practical skills alongside academic knowledge.

We're here to make dual education a success story across Europe!

Successful Accreditation of our 2nd European Joint Master: Green Economy and Sustainable Future

We are proud to announce that EU4Dual has been awarded with a positive accreditation decision for our "Joint Master's in Green Economy and Sustainable Future" by the Unibasq-Agency for Quality of the Basque University System which has conducted the external review following the European Approach for Quality Assurance of Joint Programmes.

The aim of the Joint Master's in Green Economy and Sustainable Future is to provide students with holistic knowledge and skills to steer organisations toward sustainable choices. The programme is characterised by a multidisciplinary sustainability approach and a strong international focus, including two mobility opportunities for all students. Industry partners play a significant role, acting not only as dual partners by hosting students for work placements, but also by contributing to the design of the master's programme and by providing qualified lecturers.

This joint programme is designed to prepare future sustainability managers with a focus in: Essentials of Green Economy and Sustainable Future (Finland and Austria), Advanced and applied studies (Spain and Croatia), and Research Methods and Thesis (all universities). The Master is a 90 ECTS master programme spread over 18 months.

Partner Universities:

- FH JOANNEUM, Graz, Austria (FHJ)
- Savonia University of Applied Sciences (Savonia) – Finland
- PAR University of Applied Sciences (PAR) - Croatia
- Mondragon University (MU) – Spain



The Partnership

Austria: FH JOANNEUM -University of Applied Sciences, Graz

Germany: Duale Hochschule Baden-Württemberg, Stuttgart

Finland: Savonia University of Applied Sciences, Kuopio

Croatia: PAR University College, Rijeka

Spain: Mondragon University, Mondragón

France: ESTIA Institute of Technology, Bidart

Poland: Koszalin University of Technology, Koszalin

Hungary: John von Neumann University, Kecskemét

Malta: College of Arts, Science and Technolgy, Malta



European Universities are transnational alliances that will become the universities of the future, promoting European values and identity, and revolutionising the quality and competitiveness of European Higher Education.

Sustainable Production in Practice: 1st Microcredential Course on “Sustainable Production Engineering” launched at FH JOANNEUM

From February 23–26, 2026, FH JOANNEUM hosted its first EU4Dual Microcredential in the field of sustainable production. EU4Dual Microcredentials are characterized by 25% of the course content being delivered through practical training at a company as a second learning environment, and by the inclusion of at least one other EU4Dual partner through a guest lecture. Prof. Emmanuel Duc from ESTIA University enriched the start of the module with a guest lecture on “Sustainability Through and With Robotics”—offering fascinating insights into how automation technologies can promote resource efficiency and circular economy in production. Dr. Markus Brillinger laid the theoretical foundation in his introductory lecture, focusing on sustainability in the core processes of production engineering.

In the practical part, held at industry partner AVL's Battery Innovation Center (BIC) and supervised by DI Martin Weinzerl, students tackled the sustainable production of battery packs for e-mobility. Through two use cases, they analyzed specific challenges and developed innovative solution concepts.

The Microcredential Course will be offered annually in February at FH JOANNEUM.

More information: [Microcredential Sustainable Production Engineering - FH JOANNEUM](#)



Our Students at the AVL Headquarters working on their practical use case.



Announcement: 2nd INDUSTRY FORUM “Regional Impact“ in Kapfenberg

Save-the-Date for the 2nd EU4Dual Industry Forum on May 7th, 2026 at 5pm in Kapfenberg

Regional competitiveness increasingly depends on the availability of skilled talent, strong university–industry collaboration, and the alignment of education and research with regional development strategies. Dual studies universities play a key role in addressing skills needs while supporting innovation and socio-economic growth at regional level.

In the next edition of our INDUSTRY FORUM we are happy to present our latest initiatives that we have co-implemented with the regional government of the city of Kapfenberg as well as with locally based companies. In a panel discussion with various stakeholders we want to explore how university-industry collaboration can create a sustainable regional impact based on the example of Austria's second largest industry region.



Please find a detailed summary of the past industry forum on dual education here: [Industry Forum on pioneering dual education- FH JOANNEUM](#)

If you would like to attend the next INDUSTRY FORUM or are interested to participate in our survey on shaping the future of dual education please contact us at eu4dual@fh-joaanneum.at or scan the code.

The format is aimed at HR managers and decision-makers from regionally based and internationally active companies.

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Important Dates and Events in 2026

- **2nd Industry Forum on pioneering dual education:** May 7th, 5pm, Kapfenberg
- **EU4Dual Annual Conference:** April 22-23, Heilbronn, Germany
- **Forum on Vocational Excellence 2026:** Sep 7-10th, Graz
- **October 2026:** Start [European Joint Master in Digital and Sustainable Manufacturing Engineering](#)
- **October 2026:** Start EU4Dual Microcredential: Product Lifecycle Management

Coming in 2027: *European Joint Master in Green Economy and Sustainable Future*



“Producing expertise and experts is our way to support the sustainable and responsible development of society, industry, and businesses.”

