

# 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!*

## 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: Mondragón 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 Technology, Malta



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## EU4Dual Annual Conference (22-23 April 2026): Shaping a Healthier tomorrow

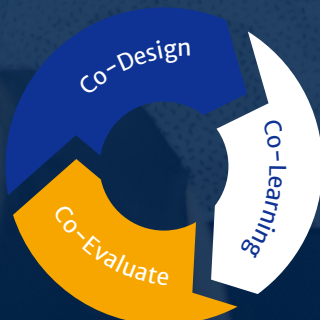


The EU4Dual Annual Conference brought together more than 400 participants from 16 countries in Heilbronn, Germany. Hosted by the Baden-Württemberg Cooperative State University (DHBW) under the slogan “Dual Innovation for a Healthier Tomorrow” students, academics, industry representatives and external stakeholders met to review ongoing initiatives and discuss future priorities of dual education. In our dedicated industry track several activities were offered such as a match-making event between academia and industry, discussions on the co-design of dual educational products between industry and academia and a workshop on how to bring the industrial research agenda to dual PhD program development. The programme also featured keynote speeches from companies such as SAP, Mercedes and Accenture, who shared perspectives on skills development, lifelong learning and the evolving relationship between education and the world of work.

 **YouTube** [Watch the conference recap](#)

## New EU4Dual Microcredential open for application

### PRODUCT LIFECYCLE MANAGEMENT



### MICROCREDENTIALS

**4 MACRO IMPACT**



- ✓ At least 20% practical training
- ✓ Online or hybrid learning formats
- ✓ Industry as a second learning environment



- ✓ Target groups: students, employees and external participants
- ✓ Suitable for part-time professional development
- ✓ International focus



- ✓ Benefits: targeted professional development for employees, needs-based competence building and tailored qualification
- ✓ Needs-driven content developed jointly



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Practice  
20-25%

Online  
60%

On-site  
15-20%



Product Lifecycle  
Management

## "A Master's for the future of European industry"

### New Company Partners for our First Dual Master Programme "Digital and Sustainable Manufacturing Engineering"

We are happy to welcome four new partner companies for our European Dual Master Program "[Digital and Sustainable Manufacturing Engineering](#)".



The goal of our partnership is to combine academic excellence with industrial practice and to provide students with a high-quality applied practical education obtained directly in an industrial environment. Thanks to this partnership our international students will be able to conduct their work experience which is part of the curriculum in one of these companies. We thank you for your cooperation!



If you are looking for internationally skilled students for a Master Thesis in your company please contact us at

[eu4dual@fh-joanneum.at](mailto:eu4dual@fh-joanneum.at)



## REAL TALENT REAL IMPACT FROM DAY ONE

CO-DESIGN A EUROPEAN DEGREE WITH A GLOBAL MINDSET



Co-creating **talents & solutions** for industry challenges

- Shape the future engineer with international skills
- Offer real work experiences
- Bring industrial reality into the classroom

### Business impact

- ✓ Talent attraction
- ✓ Increase competitiveness
- ✓ Visibility & Reputation
- ✓ International Skills & Network



### BUILD YOUR FUTURE TEAM



Smart production

Optimize & innovate your processes.



Smart Manufacturing Simulation

Build sustainable solutions.



Additive Manufacturing

Data-driven decisions for competitiveness.



Robotics for Manufacturing

Turns business needs into a clear tech roadmap

READY TO COLLABORATE?  
Access to **industry-ready**  
international talent



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Master in **Digital & Sustainable Manufacturing Engineering**



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# INDUSTRY NEWSLETTER

## 2<sup>nd</sup> INDUSTRY FORUM

### “Regional Impact“ in Kapfenberg

*Securing a supply of skilled workers is increasingly becoming a key competitive factor for industrial companies.*

Regions where universities, industry and public sector bodies work closely together and tailor educational programmes to the needs of industry are particularly successful. Dual study programmes are an important contribution to this development as they provide practical training for a skilled workforce whilst also promoting innovation and regional growth.

As part of our second EU4Dual Industry Forum which took place on 7 May 2026 at the Pankl Academy, we joined forces with the municipality of Kapfenberg and regional companies to present current initiatives and discuss with key stakeholders how targeted cooperation between universities and industry can provide sustainable impetus for Austria's second-largest industrial region. Participants included HR managers and decision-makers from regionally based and internationally active companies.

Read the detailed summary of the past industry forum on dual education here:



[Industry Forum on pioneering dual education – FH JOANNEUM](#)

### Important Dates and Events in 2026

- Employment Fair Future Engineers: October 22<sup>nd</sup>, FH JOANNEUM Graz
- Forum on Vocational Excellence 2026: Sep 7–10<sup>th</sup>, Graz
- NEW Dual Microcredential: Product Lifecycle Management: October 5<sup>th</sup>, Graz/online

Preview 2027: [European Joint Master in Green Economy and Sustainable Future](#)

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



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