

The Impact of Virtual Exchanges



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The Outline

- Why COILs/VEs?
- The Erasmus Virtual Exchange Project IMPACT
- The Impact of our actions
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Examples of VE (virtual exchange) & COIL (collaborative online international learning)



- Online courses
- Virtual field trips
- Online discussions, guest workshops
- Collaborative international projects
- Career Development
- Multidisciplinary

Our Case

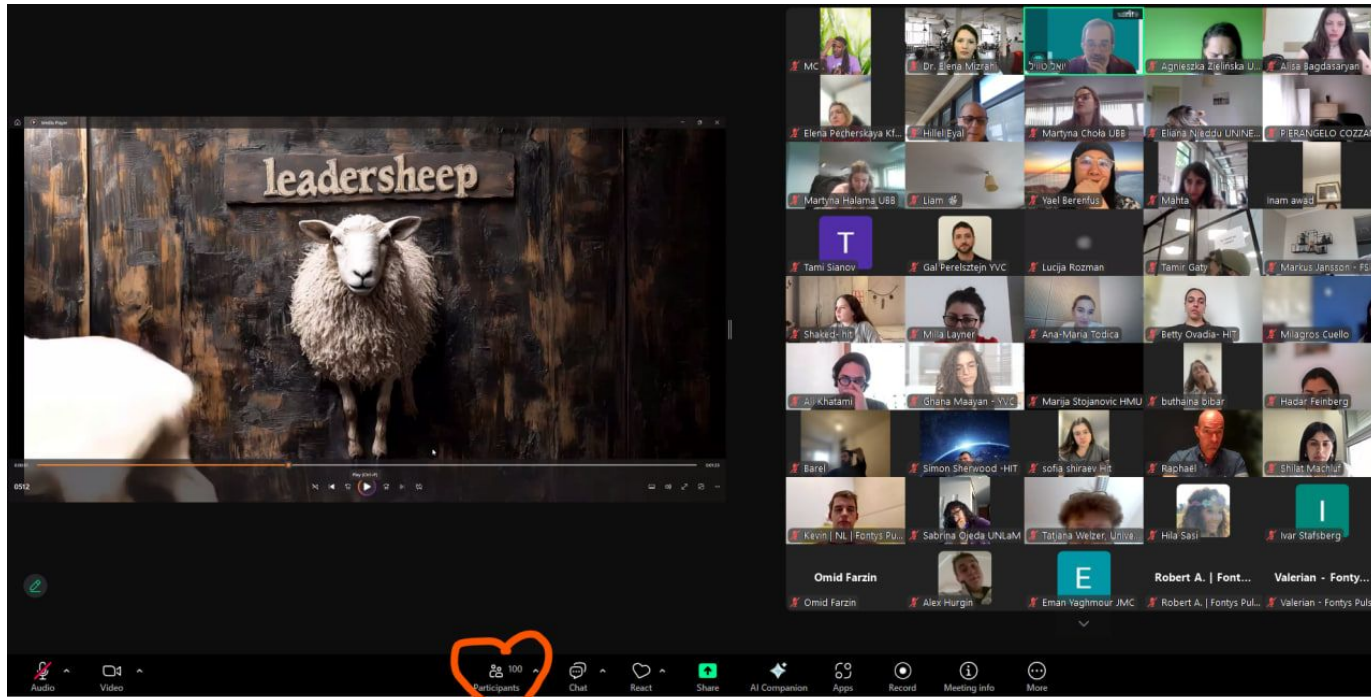


- a blend of Virtual Exchanges & COILs
- Virtual Exchange + face to face activities (BIPs = blended intensive programs)



Why Virtual Exchanges?

- **Experience Internationalization at Home!**



Why Virtual Exchanges?

For Students

- Practice **the use of English** as a foreign language
- Building **soft skills for employability**: collaboration, intercultural intelligence, emotional intelligence, time management, self-awareness & leadership
- **Learning** something different in a different way
- **Networking**



Why Virtual Exchanges?

Experience...

- A wide range of teaching strategies
- Digital skills and technology literacy
- Collaborate with anyone with minimum bureaucracy
- Micro-credentials (for your CV & LinkedIn)

Why Virtual Exchanges

For Institutions

- Promoting Internationalization values
- Building their Internationalization at Home curriculum; be more inclusive
- Building their digital infrastructure and introduce new ways of teaching and accreditation of courses
- Expanding their network and attracting new funds
- More staff and students' mobilities



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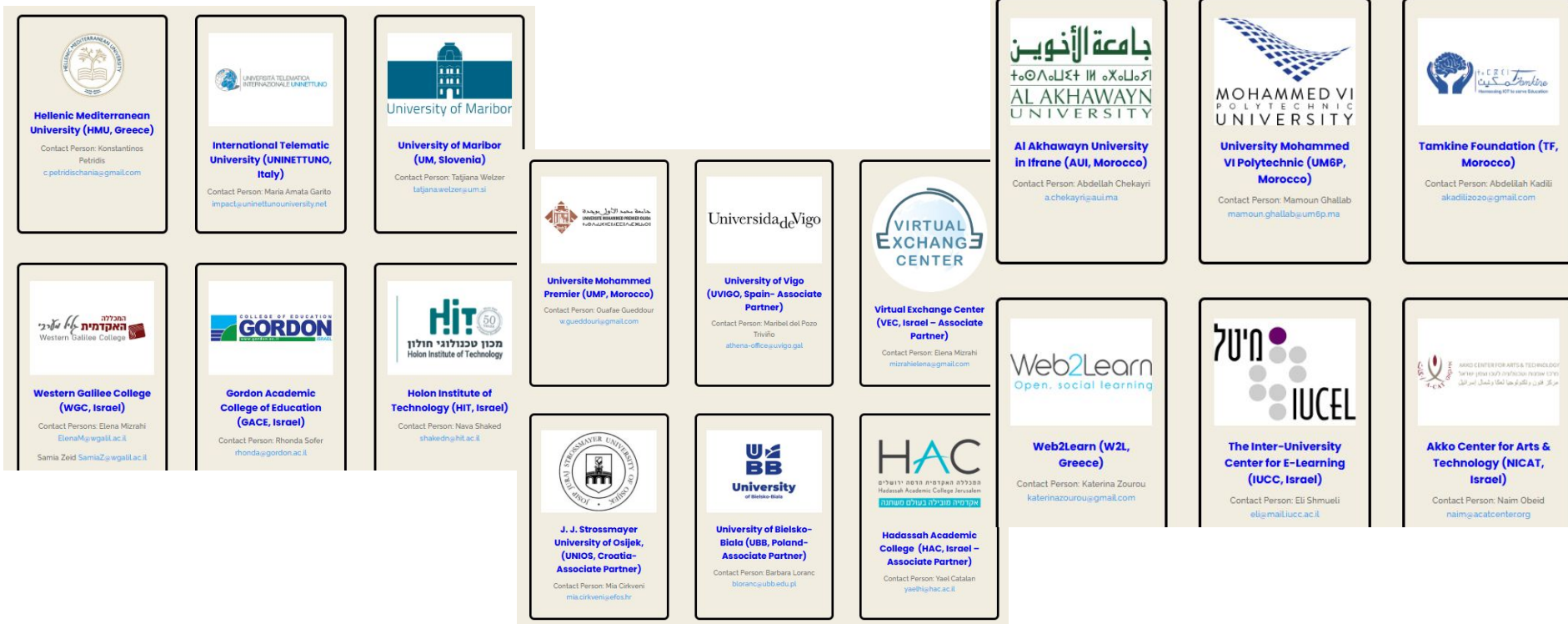
IMPACT (Inter-Mediterranean Peace And CollaboraTion) is a consortium of HEIs, organizations, youth associations, and technology companies from Europe, Israel, and Morocco. Through its actions, the project aims to foster intercultural dialogue and soft skills development. It will employ youth-friendly technologies and innovative pedagogies. Our work plan includes the design and piloting of the virtual exchanges through:

- Seminars and workshops for staff
- Organization of COILs for our students
- Organization for Debates for our students & staff
- Toolboxes that encourage the intercultural dialogue

Project's Partners

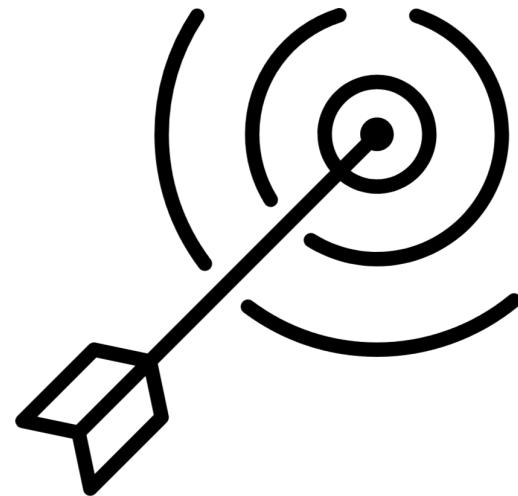
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| 1 | Hellenic Mediterranean University (HMU-Greece) | 8 | Gordon Academic College of Education (GACE – Israel) |
| 2 | University of Vigo (UNIGO- Spain- Associate Partner) | 9 | Web2Learn (W2L-Greece) |
| 3 | International Telematic University (UNINETTUNO – Italy) | 10 | Virtual Exchange Center (VEC – Israel – Associate Partner) |
| 4 | Universite Mohammed Premier (UMP – Morocco) | 11 | Western Galilee College (WGC-Israel) |
| 5 | University of Maribor (UM – Slovenia) | 12 | Akko Center for Arts & Technology NICAT – Israel) |
| 6 | Holon Institute of Technology (HIT-Israel) | 13 | University mohammed vi polytechnic (UM6P – Morocco) |
| 7 | Tamkine Foundation (TF – Morocco) | 14 | The Inter-University Center for E-Learning (IUCC – Israel) |
| | | 15 | Al Akhawayn University in Ifrane (AUI – Morocco) |

Some of our Partners:



IMPACT's main objectives:

- Develop intercultural communication through online people-to-people interactions building on digital technologies.
- Foster soft and digital skills development.



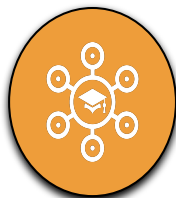
Target Groups



Students & youths



Teachers



Higher Educational Institutions



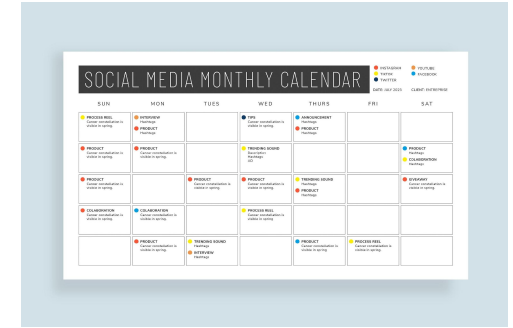
The IMPACT Approach



Brainstorming
among us



Co-Design the
Curriculum



Agree on the
Schedule



Many Lectures and Co-Teaching



Assessment & Course Evaluation



Accreditation

Students' Debates



Student Debates

AI in Education

**19th of December
@1300 - 1530 CET**










WELCOME TO

Global Spring Fair & Spring University

Four Student Debates on the use of AI and on Interculturality in International Conflicts

Date: Wednesday, April 16, 2025

🕒 Time: (GMT+1)

9:00 - 11:00 AM | Debate #1: AI in Education

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM | Debate #2: AI & Fine Arts

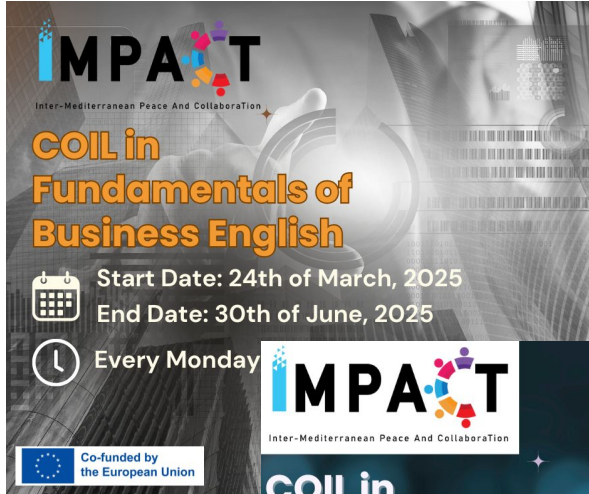
2:00 - 4:00 PM | Debate #3: AI & Cryptocurrencies

4:00 - 6:00 PM | Debate #4: Interculturality in Global Conflicts

🌐 Format: Online (Virtual Event)




COILs for Students – Joint Modules



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COIL in Fundamentals of Business English

Start Date: 24th of March, 2025
End Date: 30th of June, 2025

Every Monday

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COIL in Soft and Digital Skills

Start Date: 22/10/2024
End Date: 21/02/2025



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COIL in Leadership

Start Date: 3rd of March 2025
May 2025

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COIL in Research Skills for AI era

Start Date: 16/10/2024
End Date: 5/03/2025

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AI innovation in digital communication

APRIL 2 - JULY 9 | WEDNESDAY
15:00-17:00 CET | 9:00-11:00 NY USA TIME

REGISTER NOW & IMPROVE YOUR:

- Presentation skills for online events
- Application and use of AI tools
- Project Management skills
- Intercultural Communication

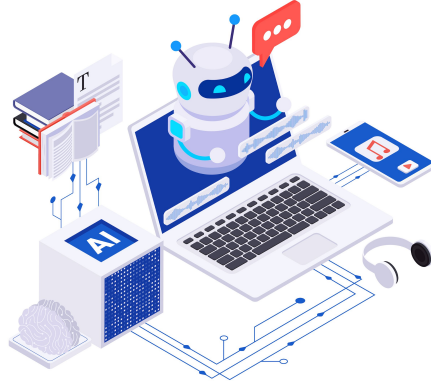
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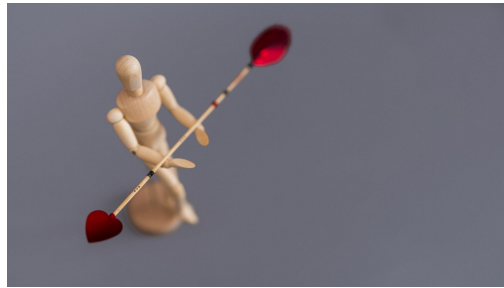
Digital Literacy



Emotional Intelligence & Empathy



AI Tools and Machine Learning



Adaptability & Resilience



Critical Thinking & Problem Solving





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The Manual

COIL in Research Skills Development

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> **Announcement Board**

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> **Why Soft Skills in Research?**

> **How to prepare and deliver an oral presentation**

> **Build Your Resilience Skills**

> **Build your collaboration Skills**

> **How to make a literature review**

> **How to make a Poster**

> **How to Write a Story**

> **How to read a Scientific Journal**

> **How to write a scientific article- Session 1**

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DAYS | 14 > 19
octobre
2024

ERASMUS DAYS 2024
DIGITAL INTERNATIONALIZATION
(ONLINE)

14th – 18th of October
2024

TOPICS

- VIRTUAL EXCHANGES
- BLENDED INTENSIVE PROGRAMS
- PRESENTATION OF VIRTUAL EXCHANGES & BIPS
- ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION ON THE IMPACT OF VIRTUAL EXCHANGES



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The IMPACT SEMINARS

Training the Teachers

AI COFFEE BREAK

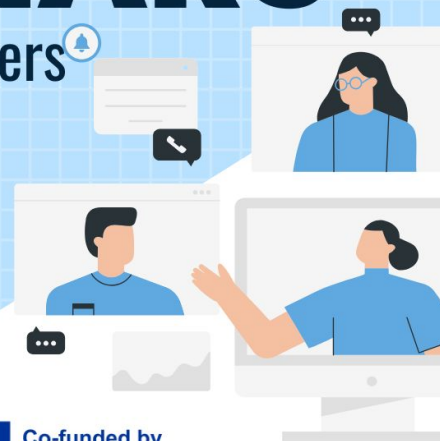


DATE
08.01.2025



TIME
AT 1000 CET

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AI 101 - THE EVOLUTION & RESOLUTION



Seminar for students



1st of April / 8th of April / 29th of April,
@16:00 - 18:00 hrs (local time)
in SCRUM Classroom

Department of Electronic Engineering, Chania

Speaker: Nava Shaked



Virtual Exchanges and Blended Intensive Programs: Pathways for Individual and Institutional Development

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15:30 - 16:15

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Topic: “How to Organize COIL: Why, Opportunities and Challenges”

This online presentation explores the Collaborative Online International Learning (COIL) model as a strategic tool for advancing internationalization at home. Participants will be introduced to COIL's rationale, pedagogical benefits, and alignment with global learning outcomes. The session will outline key steps for organizing a successful COIL project, while addressing common challenges such as intercultural communication, curriculum alignment, and institutional support. Practical insights and case examples will be shared to highlight COIL's opportunities for students and faculty.



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International Virtual Exchange Conference 2025

Dear Konstantinos Petridis

We are very pleased to inform you that your proposal to present at the 2025 International Virtual Exchange Conference has been accepted.

Congratulations! Please share the news with your co-presenters.

Here are the details :

Title : The Impact of VE/COILs on Personal and Institutional Development

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The Impact of our actions



- More than 2500 registrations in our COILs
- More than 1180 students & staff registered in our LMS platform
- The introduction of a hybrid approach with BIPs – as a new pedagogy
- The introduction of micro-credentials, open digital badges and blockchain technology

The Impact of our actions



Students' feedback

- Improvement of soft skills (4/5)
- The quality of learning material (4.3/5)
- Overall experience (4.4/5)
- Participate again (4.1 / 5)



Professional Development

For Students

- Improvement of digital and AI literacy
- Improvement in use of English as a foreign language
- Development of key soft skills: collaboration, cultural intelligence, creativity, problem solving, critical thinking

Professional Development

For Staff

- Improvement of digital literacy
- Improvement in use of English as a foreign language
- Expanding the collaboration network and attracting new funds
- Expose to the use of modern assessment & inclusive tools as Micro-credentials
- Enhancement of teaching skills

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Our Vision



- To build the IMPACT Alumni Students
- To **measure** the students' soft skills development
- The **recognition of students' virtual exchange** engagement / virtual mobility
- The creation of a **center of faculty excellence and the adaption of COILs** as part of the standard training for any teacher
- The development of a COIL/BIP **for Career Development** in collaboration with market stakeholders



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