

## PRESS RELEASE

### **ParisTech is proud to contribute via 3 members to the success of the European University Alliance EELISA in the 2<sup>nd</sup> call of the European Commission**

**Paris, 10 July 2020 - The European Commission published on July 9 the results of the second call for its new flagship initiative within Erasmus+: European Universities consortia. The European Engineering Learning Innovation & Science Alliance (EELISA), which gathers eight technology universities and graduate engineering schools and two comprehensive universities from seven European countries, representing more than 170,000 students, is among the 24 projects selected including 164 higher education institutions.**

Universidad Politécnica de Madrid (Spain) as coordinator, Budapesti Műszaki és Gazdaságtudományi Egyetem (Hungary), Universitatea Politehnica din București (Romania), İstanbul Teknik Üniversitesi (Turkey), Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg (Germany) – and in France École des Ponts ParisTech and University PSL with Chimie ParisTech – PSL and MINES ParisTech - PSL – joined their forces to create EELISA, together with the European Network for Accreditation of Engineering Education (ENAE) as an associate partner. The consortium was launched on January 28-29, 2019 during the rectors' meeting in Madrid and extended to Italian partners on January 20, 2020 in Erlangen.

After a twenty-year relationship within the ATHENS network, the EELISA partners intend to show how they help to bring their students and staff to collaborate closer on a European Engineering Degree. They will also share their experience in education linked to industry and research, plus tackling societal challenges Green, Smart and Resilient Cities and Industry for the future. ENAE brings a unique experience in European cooperation in the sector.

EELISA will encourage and support mobility for engineering students as well as academic and administrative staff. Initially focussing on the master level, the partners will then develop their cooperation at bachelor and PhD levels.

EELISA will empower its students' citizenship participation and improve their employability, aligning the universities' strategy with United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, and in doing so contribute to solve societal challenges. EELISA will be a consolidator for the progress of European Union values in general, and a major role model for higher education institutions in all sectors within the European Higher Education Area and beyond.

Diversity will be a key driver for EELISA. It will first support social inclusion by supporting the implementation of part-time study (apprenticeship) in engineering curricula all over Europe. Then, it will commit to gender balance as a prominent European goal, but also specifically in STEM careers. Activities will be developed on the different campuses to enable all students develop their capacities and competences to build an inclusive EELISA campus.

EELISA partners are eager to deepen their cooperation within the European Higher Education Area and the European Research Area and acknowledge the trust of the European Commission for this important recognition and the 5 million € funding that is granted to selected candidates.

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