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## BANUU: FINAL PROJECT MEETING @ UNIVERSITY OF BAGHDAD



**BANUU** - Designing new pathways for employability and entrepreneurship of Iraqi students in Archaeology and Cultural Heritage" project's "[Final Meeting](#)" was held in Baghdad on October 5th. Assoc. Prof. **Çiğdem Maner** attended the meeting and explained the contributions to the Work Packages Koç University was responsible for. H.E. **Naeem Abed Yasir**, *Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research of the Republic of Iraq*; **Moneer Hameed Tolephih Al-Qanbar**, *President of the University of Baghdad*; **Thomas Seiler**, *Ambassador of the European Union to Iraq*; **Maurizio Greganti**, *Ambassador of Italy to Iraq* and **Metin Esen**, *Political Officer, Embassy of the Republic of Türkiye in Baghdad* were amongst the prominent attendees of the meeting. Project Coordinator Nicolò Marchetti's presentation on the final results was followed by the Partners' roundtable on the achievements and Gabriele Giacosa's presentation titled: "*Internship and Entrepreneurial Activities as National Pathways to Enhance the Iraqi Students' Opportunities*".



## BANUU: ARCHAEOOMETRY TRAINING



Archaeometry, also known as archaeological science, is the use of knowledge and methods of natural sciences to answer archaeological questions. In general terms, it is a way of performing archaeological research utilizing the methodologies and techniques of physics, chemistry, biology and earth sciences. Dr. Emre Kuruçayırlı of Boğaziçi University gave this training at the University of Baghdad, the University of Kufa, the University of Mosul, and the University of Qadisiyah, as a guest of Assoc. Prof. Çiğdem Maner.



## DECIDE: KICK-OFF MEETING IN ISTANBUL



On October 27th - 28th, KU's new KA220-HED - Cooperation partnerships in higher education project titled: *"De-biasing in Higher Education for Improved Decisionmaking Skills"* kick-off meeting was held in Istanbul. National Training Center (the coordinator Bulgaria), Sofia University St. Kliment Ohridski (Bulgaria), and Artevelde Academy (Belgium), and KdG University of Applied Sciences and Arts (Belgium) are the project partners. Specific objectives are: to improve HE entry-level student orientation programmes and courses and build up confidence in rational decision-making related to student life; to provide sustainable and practical solutions to de-bias and improve decision-making in such domains of HE studies where decision-making is a critical function; to design, promote and sustain de-biased teaching practices, including assessment.

Prof. **Zeynep Cemalcı** of the College of Social Sciences and Humanities attended the meeting.



## MS-PCC PROJECT: TPM @ EDINBURGH



The Final Project Meeting occurred at the University of Edinburgh between 12 - 14 October. The partners discussed preparing a new KA220 - HED application to further this partnership. Dr. Matthew Harpster led the meeting as the coordinator and the participants were the Universities of Oldenburg (Germany) and Copenhagen (Denmark), the State Archaeology Department of Schleswig-Holstein (Germany), and the Ocean Decade Heritage Network (Denmark).

This Erasmus Mundus Design Measures project aims to establish a Joint Master's program combining principles of Maritime Cultural Heritage Management, Marine Spatial Planning, and Climate Change.



## DISINFO ACADEMY: TPM IN ISTANBUL

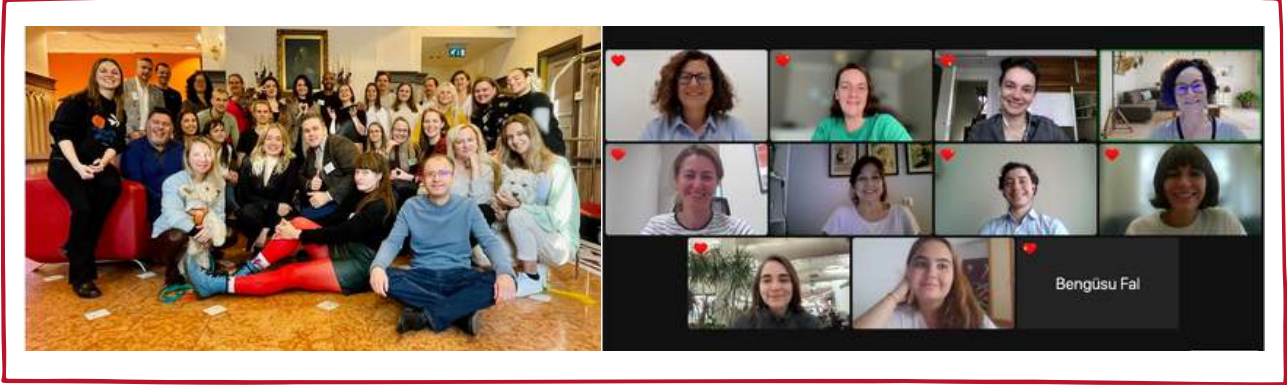


*The Disinfo Academy project team had their TPM in Istanbul in October 30th and 31st. National Training Center (the coordinator Bulgaria), Sofia University St. Kliment Ohridski (Bulgaria), and University of Sarajevo (Bosnia-Herzegovina), and Asociatia Eurocomunicare (Romania) are the project partners.*

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## "PODCASTING FOR SOCIAL IMPACT" TRAINING CAMP WAS CO-HOSTED BY KUSIF



The "Podcasting-Based Social Impact Learning Environment" project is co-financed by the European Union Erasmus+ Program and is carried out between 2021 - 2024. This project is led by Stories for Impact (Estonia), in partnership with Koç University Social Impact Forum, Geri Norai (Lithuania), and the Latvian Social Entrepreneurship Association (Latvia). The project aims to inspire and strengthen the capacity of young professionals and youth on issues related to social and environmental impact through podcasts and accompanying reference materials.

The project aims to inspire and strengthen the capacity of young professionals and youth on issues related to social and environmental impact through podcasts and accompanying reference materials. Within the scope of the project, podcasts focused on social impact, 2 training camps were held in Estonia and Latvia, a guide will be developed in which the steps of producing podcasts focused on social impact will be developed and networking activities will be carried out.

On **30 October – 2 November**, participants from Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania participated in person in the **4-day hybrid training camp in Riga** while 12 participants from Türkiye participated online. In this 4-day training, they learned how to develop "podcasts" as a tool to create social impact and increase their existing impact.

This learning environment, where participants with different experiences and interests came together, created a great platform for exchanging knowledge and developing new collaborations.

You can follow the "[About Impact](#)" podcast account, where new episodes are shared regularly and hosted by KUSIF, and you can access all episodes here.

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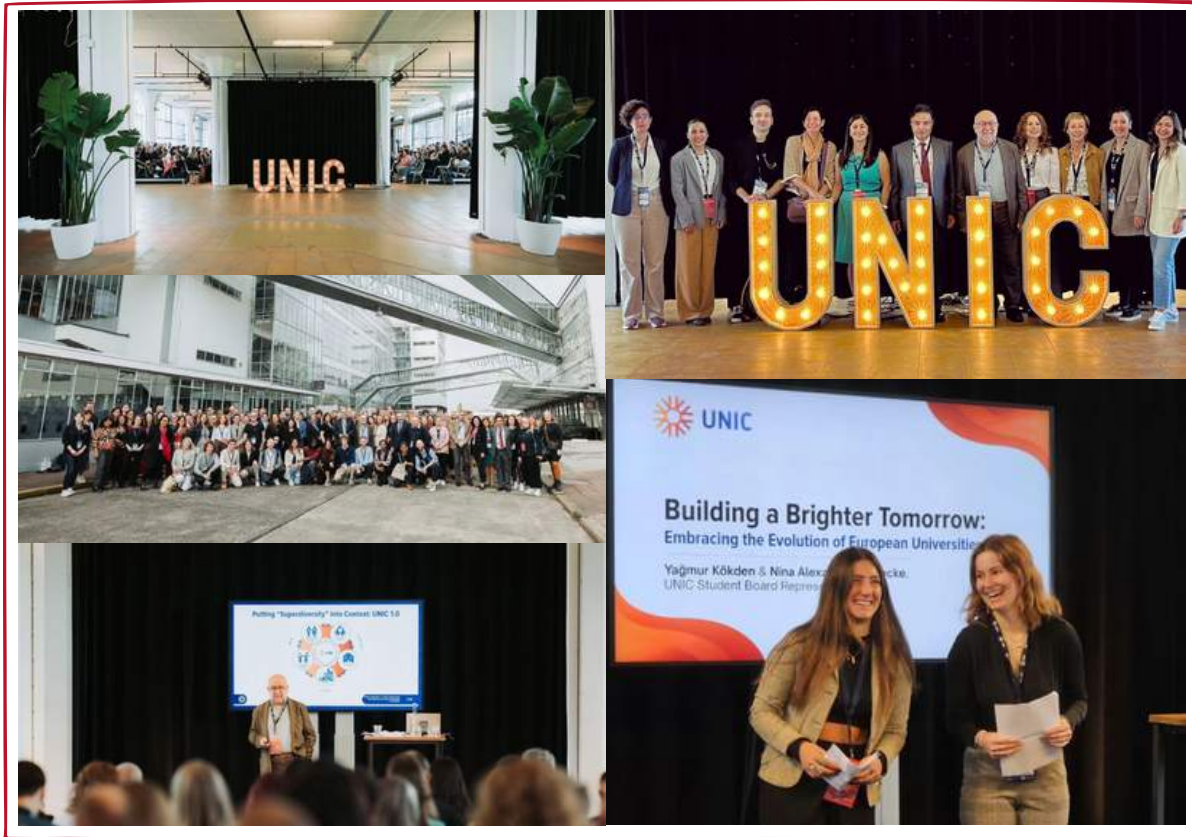
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*An alliance of ten universities educating through teaching, research*  
*and community engagement, towards inclusive societies*

### **CELEBRATING 3 YEARS TOGETHER:**

### **2023 UNIC CONFERENCE IN ROTTERDAM**

The UNIC Conference held between 25-26 September, 2023 in Rotterdam brought together members of the UNIC alliance to celebrate the achievements of UNIC's first phase, and look ahead to the future of the European University of Cities in the Post-Industrial Transition.

The Conference organized by the UNIC team at Erasmus University Rotterdam and brought together students, academics, project management teams through different sessions, workshops, discussions and social events.



The Conference was also served as bridge to the Project's second phase, UNIC 2.0. The Alliance members shared their perspectives about the future of UNIC alongside discussions to wrap up the initial three years.





**ERASMUS MUNDUS JOINT MASTERS:  
REDESIGNING THE POST-INDUSTRIAL CITY (REPIC)**

UNIC is calling future urban thinkers who are curious and interested in how we can revitalise post-industrial cities!

RePIC is a joint European Master in Science (MSc) developed by 8 world-class universities within the scope of UNIC. A comprehensive 2-year study programme with 120 ECTS, fully delivered in English and with tailored mandatory mobility between the participating university campuses.



RePIC's vision is to develop a new network of the urban thinkers of tomorrow with the capacity to contribute to future-oriented, avant-garde thinking that contributes to the revitalization of post-industrial cities.

RePIC aims to create an educational experience that recognizes and responds critically to issues of cities in different forms and stages of post-industrial transition as well as to equip the next generation of specialists with the 21st-century skills and knowledge needed to address the challenges and opportunities of cities in transition and superdiverse societies.

For more information about the programs, please visit: [ABOUT THE RePIC MASTER'S](#)

## Collaborate with Us!

We're always open to new project ideas and partnerships. If you're a KU affiliate with an idea for a project, please reach out to us at [oyozzer@ku.edu.tr](mailto:oyozzer@ku.edu.tr).

If you're interested in becoming a project partner with KU, please fill out the [project partner form](#).



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