

A Recap of Our Dynamic Activities in 2023

We believe that Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) hold the **key to unlocking the transformative potential of digital innovation**. Through **strategic DIVAPs (Digital Innovation Vision Action Plans)**, we empower HEIs to **equip students with vital digital skills, foster seamless collaboration with industry leaders, and nurture groundbreaking research with real-world impact**.



Our mission is to **empower future leaders** with digital skills and entrepreneurial mindset, **build bridges for collaboration** between HEIs and the industry, and **spark innovation-driven research** to close the gap between digital innovation and critical sectors like health and manufacturing.

Reflecting on the Busy Year of the DIN-ECO Project Here's a Comprehensive Overview of our 2023 Achievements and Impact

Find out more at din-eco.eu

Supported by



Funded by the
European Union



DIN-ECO Highlights at Innovent Forum

In February 2023, DIN-ECO showcased its success in Phase 1 at **Innovent Forum**, highlighting its work fostering digital innovation within universities. It also presented its **goals for Phase 2**, focusing on expanding partnerships and empowering institutions. The event facilitated crucial connections with potential partners like startups, research institutions, and investors, paving the way for future collaborations and amplifying the project's impact.

Learn more [here](#).

Building Future Impact: Reflection on Our Phase 1

DIN-ECO, championing digital innovation across Europe, wrapped up its **initial phase with substantial achievements**. Focusing on Higher Education Institutions (HEIs), **DIN-ECO empowered students with critical digital skills for innovation and entrepreneurship**. The project achieved this by establishing **dedicated support structures within HEIs and bolstering knowledge transfer processes**. This crucial bridge between academic research and practical application fostered the **translation of innovative ideas into impactful solutions for society**. Discover the achievements and challenges we faced [here](#).

Find out more at din-eco.eu

Supported by



Funded by the
European Union





DIN-ECO Prepared for Phase 2

After the success of phase 1, **DIN-ECO** entered **Phase 2** with the aim to **enhance education and foster entrepreneurship and innovation in Higher Education Institutions (HEIs)**. Our focus included **seminars** led by experts, **hackathons** on digital innovation, support for researchers, **mentoring** on digital innovation, **team building**, and a **digital expo** for networking.

Publicity events aimed to increase **project awareness and enhance collaboration with education boards and associations**. The development of a **sustainability plan** underscored innovation and entrepreneurship in HEIs. Phase 2 targeted **startups/scaleups, training and mentoring students and academic and non-academic staff and establishing partnerships**. Learn more [here](#).

Find out more at din-eco.eu

Supported by

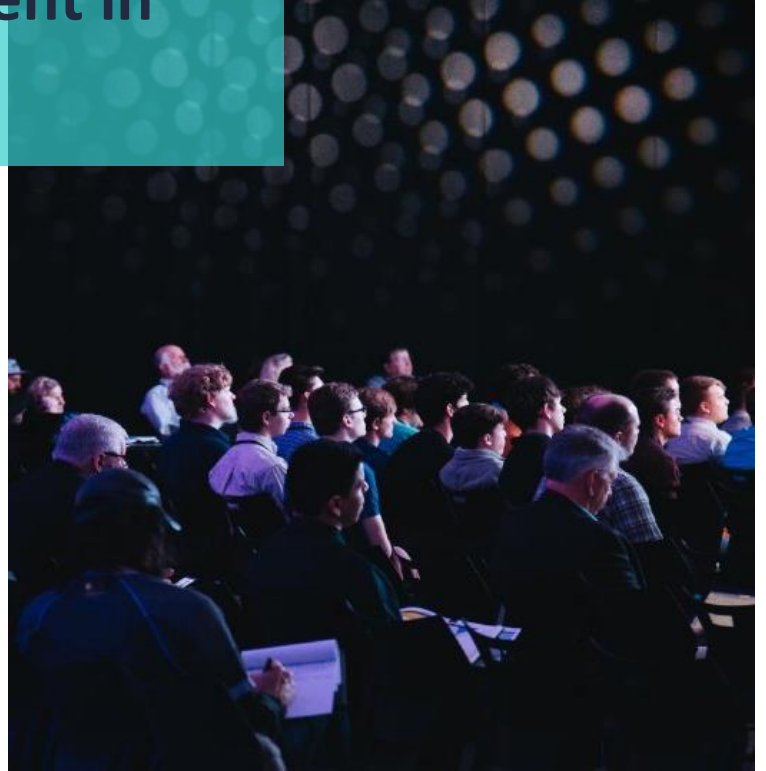


Funded by the
European Union



Navigating the Startup Journey: DIN-ECO's Insightful Event in Nis, Serbia

DIN-ECO proudly hosted the event "DIN-ECO Project: From an Innovative Idea to a Startup" on June 9, 2023, at the University of Nis, Serbia. Supported by the HEI Initiative programme of the European Institute of Innovation & Technology (EIT), the project aims to enhance digital innovation and entrepreneurial capacity in universities.



The event featured **expert presentations** guiding attendees through the **startup journey**, with **real-world examples from supported projects**. The insightful sessions covered **technology development, innovation opportunities in Serbia, and support programs**. The online participation option allowed broader access to valuable entrepreneurial insights.

You can learn more about the event "*From an Innovative Idea to a Startup*" [here](#).

Find out more at din-eco.eu

Supported by



Funded by the
European Union



DIN-ECO's Participation in EIT's 2023 IVAP Workshop

DIN-ECO made a significant impact at the "**Innovation Vision Action Plan (IVAP) Workshop 2023**," part of the **HEI Programme by EIT**, held in Prague from **May 31 to June 1**, 2023. The workshop, fostering collaboration among funded projects, EIT executives, and stakeholders, aimed to **strengthen Action Plans aligning with the EU's Innovation Vision**. DIN-ECO, led by Ionian University and **Professor Adamantia Pateli**, had three representatives, including the Rector of the University of Niš, **Professor Dragan Antic** and **Thomas Chalatsis** from A.B. iED. Explore the details of our involvement and contributions [here](#).

Strategic Milestones During the 3rd DIN-ECO Consortium Meeting

In June 2023, DIN-ECO achieved significant milestones at its **3rd consortium meeting** hosted at the **Faculty of Mechanical Engineering, University of Nis**.

The meeting began with a warm welcome and project progress overview, emphasising the withdrawal of the **University of Parma** and the active pursuit of new partnerships. Reallocation of tasks, project management updates, and discussions on student support offices, technology transfer, collaboration with EIT KICs, and education/training initiatives followed. Explore the detailed meeting highlights [here](#).

Find out more at din-eco.eu

Supported by



Funded by the
European Union





Transforming Ideas into Thriving Startups at DIN-ECO's Impactful Public Event

DIN-ECO, in collaboration with the **University of Nis**, achieved a significant milestone on **June 9, 2023**, with its highly anticipated event, "**From an Innovative Idea to a Startup.**" Supported by the prestigious HEI Initiative programme of EIT, the event provided a unique platform for aspiring entrepreneurs to explore the realms of startups, innovation, and technology.

Attendees experienced captivating **presentations**, insightful **startup pitches**, and meaningful **networking opportunities**, leaving inspired and equipped for their entrepreneurial journeys.

Relive the success and discover more about the event [here](#).

Find out more at din-eco.eu

Supported by



Funded by the
European Union





SGGW's Dynamic Workshop Series in Collaboration with DIN-ECO

In the pursuit of advancing knowledge and fostering essential competencies for the future, our esteemed partners at **Warsaw University of Life Sciences (SGGW)** conducted a series of impactful **workshops** during the summer semester. Aligned with the EIT Digital and DIN-ECO project, these events, held from **May 26th to June 12th**, aimed to enlighten students on critical skills and stimulate active discussions.



Workshops such as "**Creativity: The Competence of the Future**" and "**Blue Ocean Strategy (BOS)**" provided valuable insights into creativity and innovative corporate development. Additionally, sessions on "**Knowledge Management**," "**The use of digital technologies and artificial intelligence in agriculture**," and online training on "**Intellectual Property Protection**" offered in-depth explorations into various subjects. These workshops attracted active participation from local students and garnered interest from international attendees, contributing to lively discussions and enriching the learning experience.

Explore the dynamic workshop series and gain insights into future skills [here](#).

Find out more at din-eco.eu

Supported by



Funded by the
European Union



University of Bologna and DIN-ECO Forge Digital Innovation Alliance

In September, DIN-ECO was delighted to announce a new fruitful collaboration with **Alma Mater Studiorum – Università di Bologna**, which marked a significant milestone for digital innovation. The University of Bologna, founded in 1088, contributed to DIN-ECO's past initiatives, particularly in **"Mentoring actions on digital innovation and transformation."**

This collaboration established a robust mentorship network, leveraging a digital platform for efficient knowledge sharing. A specialized **train-the-trainers mentoring program** was implemented, welcoming seasoned entrepreneurs as mentors.

This past partnership seamlessly harmonized tradition and innovation, advancing the cause of digital innovation in academia. Explore the details of this exciting collaboration [here](#).

DIN-ECO Leaves Its Mark at InnoHealth Forum 2023

DIN-ECO actively participated in the inaugural **InnoHealth Forum** on **September 22-23, 2023**, hosted at **JOIST Innovation Park in Larissa**. The event, organized by JOIST and the European Digital Innovation Hub – Health Hub, convened digital health leaders and innovators. As a key player in the digital health landscape, DIN-ECO showcased its achievements, milestones, and future plans during the two-day forum. Explore more about DIN-ECO's impactful participation [here](#).

Find out more at din-eco.eu

Supported by



Funded by the
European Union





DIN-ECO Empowers Entrepreneurs Through Seminars in 2023

In a remarkable initiative, DIN-ECO launched a series of dynamic **online seminars**, spanning **every Friday from November 3rd to December 1st, 2023**.

Tailored for **students** and **scientific professionals**, these two-hour sessions aimed to equip participants with essential tools and insights for a successful entrepreneurial journey.

The comprehensive schedule covered diverse topics, including **communication skills, design thinking, business idea generation, project design, and technology transfer**. Participants attending a minimum of three seminars received a certificate of attendance. The registration was open, welcoming all aspiring entrepreneurs to embark on this transformative learning experience.

Explore our past seminars and their impact [here](#).

Find out more at din-eco.eu

Supported by



Funded by the
European Union



Announcing DIN-ECO's 2nd Innovation Competition

DIN-ECO announced on **November 8, 2023** its **2nd Innovation Competition**, a dynamic platform that harnessed the inventive prowess of students from **Denmark, Greece, Italy, Poland, Serbia, and Turkey**. In a captivating sequence of events, visionary minds submitted innovative business ideas, underwent rigorous evaluations, and participated in a transformative Hackathon.



The competition structured around **Digital Technologies, Digital Health, and Digital Manufacturing**, empowered students to refine their entrepreneurial skills. Expert mentoring, vibrant pitches, and engaging discussions unfolded, leaving an indelible mark on the digital innovation landscape.

You can see the announcement of DIN-ECO's 2nd Innovation Competition Call [here](#).

Find out more at din-eco.eu

Pioneering Ideas Shine at the 2nd DIN-ECO Hackathon

The **2nd DIN-ECO Hackathon**, held on **December 19, 2023**. Organized by **Found.ation** in collaboration with **Fondazione Fenice** and **all partners**, the event showcased **11 teams from diverse countries**. Students passionately pitched innovative ideas under the themes of **Digital Technologies, Digital Health, and Digital Manufacturing**.



The key innovation of the **2nd DIN-ECO Hackathon** was the engagement of **businesses**, providing **case studies for students to match proposed solutions**.

Out of the 11 participating teams, the following projects were distinguished:

Digital Technologies: Intermover (**1st**), The Online Bespoke Creations Platform (**2nd**), Smart Vision (**3rd**)

Digital Health: Roxarm (**1st**), Anti-atrophy Knee Orthosis (**2nd**)

Digital manufacturing: Mirror the Future (**1st**)

[Discover more](#) about this dynamic convergence of talent and innovation!

Find out more at din-eco.eu

Supported by



Funded by the
European Union

