

Call for abstract to EU4Dual Annual Conference 2026

Dual Innovation for a Healthier Tomorrow

We warmly invite researchers, practitioners, and experts from diverse disciplines to submit abstracts for presentation at the 3rd EU4Dual Annual Conference that will be held on 22 – 23 April 2026 in Heilbronn, Germany. The event aims to foster cross-disciplinary dialogue and showcase innovative research that contributes to all EU4Dual grand challenges – Future of Work, Green Economy, Healthy Living and Dual Higher Education.

We encourage interdisciplinary abstracts that address real-world challenges and opportunities for collaboration between researchers, industry partners, and policymakers. Abstracts can be research findings, early research proposals, case studies etc. We are inviting both oral presentations and poster presentations to the conference.

We welcome contributions from:

- Academic researchers
- Industry professionals
- Doctoral and postgraduate students
- Policy makers and public sector experts
- NGOs and community organizations

We welcome submissions related to, but not limited to, the following topics:

1. Dual Higher Education

1.1. Emerging Directions for Dual Study Programs in Health Sciences, Prevention, and Nutrition

We invite abstracts presenting innovative concepts and best practices in the design, implementation, and evaluation of dual study programmes within the fields of health sciences, prevention, and nutrition. Submissions may address topics such as interdisciplinary approaches to health education, integration of theoretical and practical training in paramedical and allied health studies, strategies for promoting healthy lifestyles and preventive healthcare, curriculum innovation aligned with labour market needs.

1.2. Best Practices in Dual Academisation of Health Professions (VET)

This theme invites abstracts that present innovative developments, strategies, and experiences in the academisation of health professions transitioning from vocational education and training (VET) to higher education contexts. Contributions may explore successful models of dual study implementation, collaboration between educational institutions and healthcare providers, curriculum alignment with professional standards, competency-based training approaches.

1.3. Opportunities and Determinants for Improving Mental Health in Dual Students and Learners

Submissions are sought that showcase interdisciplinary approaches to supporting the mental health and wellbeing of learners in work-integrated study programs. Topics may include workload management, resilience, self-care, and the influence of digital technologies and social media, as well as institutional strategies and evidence-based interventions. This theme will also be addressed within our pre-conference Future Lab Seminar.

1.4. Advancing Holistic and Healthy Solutions for Self-determined Learning Pathways in Dual Higher Education

Abstracts are welcome highlighting innovative collaborations between academia and the world of work that empower learners to design individualised learning pathways. Contributions may focus on fostering inclusivity, promoting wellbeing, and supporting holistic personal development within dual higher education contexts.

1.5. Higher Education and the World of Work Hand in Hand: Enhancing Graduate Employability, Mental Health, and Wellbeing through Best Practices

We invite scholarly contributions that examine the interrelation between soft skills and transversal competencies, with particular attention to their role in fostering mental health, wellbeing, and resilience in both educational and World of Work settings. Submissions may explore innovative pedagogical strategies for developing these competencies, frameworks for their assessment, and their contribution to personal and social flourishing.

2. GC1: Future of work

2.1. AI-Driven Innovations for Healthier Workplaces

Exploring how artificial intelligence, automation, and human-machine collaboration can enhance safety, well-being, and productivity in evolving work environments.

2.2. Health, Education, and Social Impact in the Future of Work

Investigating dual education, lifelong learning, and community partnerships as catalysts for resilient, inclusive, and sustainable workplaces.

2.3. Ethics, Technology, and Human-Centric Work Design

Addressing the ethical, societal, and technological challenges of integrating AI and innovation into workplaces that prioritize human health and well-being.

3. Green economy

3.1. Green economy and sustainable energy for a pollution-free and healthier tomorrow

This theme invites contributions that explore innovative strategies and technologies driving the transition towards a green economy and sustainable energy systems, with the goal of creating a pollution-free and healthier future.

3.2. Climate change, health and welfare

This theme seeks compelling abstracts that illuminate the interconnected impacts of climate change on health and welfare, encouraging interdisciplinary collaboration between researchers and industry partners.

3.3. Innovations and technologies in One Health promotion

This theme highlights cutting-edge innovations and technologies advancing the integrated One Health approach, addressing the complex interconnections between human, animal, and environmental health.

3.4. Climate resilience and risk management

We invite abstracts that address innovative strategies and technologies for strengthening climate resilience and managing risks across diverse sectors. Contributions should showcase interdisciplinary collaboration focusing on solutions such as predictive modelling, adaptive infrastructure, and proactive policy frameworks.

3.5. The development of new technologies and solutions that help in adapting to climate change

This theme invites abstracts presenting pioneering technologies and solutions designed to enhance climate adaptation across sectors, from predictive analytics and resilient infrastructure to community-driven interventions.

4. GC3: Healthy living

4.1. Innovative approaches to promote physical and mental health, prevent chronic diseases, and enhance the treatment of chronic conditions.

We invite abstracts showcasing innovative, evidence-based strategies for promoting physical and mental health, preventing chronic diseases, and advancing the treatment of long-term conditions.

4.2. Digital health technologies, including AI assisted health care innovations

This theme invites abstracts showcasing the latest advancements in digital health technologies—including AI-assisted healthcare innovations—that are revolutionising prevention, diagnosis, and treatment across the health care sector, including environmental health.

4.3. Social Determinants, inclusive societies, and the aging population: Shaping a healthier and more equitable future

We invite abstracts that explore innovative, interdisciplinary approaches to addressing the social determinants of health, fostering inclusive societies, and supporting the ageing population.

4.4. Advancing innovative solutions for climate change and health

This theme invites abstracts that spotlight groundbreaking interdisciplinary collaborations advancing innovative solutions at the intersection of climate change and health.

Abstract Guidelines:

- Abstract proposal length: Max 300 words (main text)
- Language: English
- Format Include title, author(s), affiliation(s), keywords and the main text.
- Mention: whether your proposal is intended for **oral presentation or poster presentation**. Please note that both types require same type of abstract submission.
- Main text should contain the following elements:
 - 1) Background / Context: Briefly introduce the problem or topic, and explain why it matters or what gap it addresses.
 - 2) Objective / Purpose: State the aim of your research or project (what question are you trying to answer?)
 - 3) Methods / Approach / Case: Describe how the study was conducted or explain the case. Include techniques, data sources, or frameworks used.
 - 4) Results / Findings: Summarize key outcomes or discoveries.
 - 5) Conclusion / Implications: What do the results mean? Practical implications? Highlight the significance, impact, or future directions.
- **Submission Deadline: 27.1.2026**
- **Notification of Acceptance: 13.2.2026**
- Please submit your abstract via [platform](#). Detailed instructions and templates are available at the [platform](#).