



# TRN Newsletter

Connecting Teachers & Researchers Across Europe

EU4Dual is a European alliance of nine universities focused on dual higher education. Through close collaboration with educators, researchers and partners from the business sector, the alliance promotes a more connected and practice-based academic environment across Europe.

## EDITORIAL

As EU4Dual continues to grow, we're proud to see deeper collaboration among educators and researchers across Europe. Joint teaching initiatives and research partnerships are helping shape a more dynamic and practice-oriented academic environment. This issue brings highlights from several EU4DUAL work packages, reflecting our shared effort to strengthen dual higher education.

On behalf of the editorial team,

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### WP2 – Centre of Excellence on Dual Higher Education

(by Dr. Norberta Sági & Ursula Göz)

If you're a teacher or researcher working in dual higher education and you want to upskill, connect or contribute, the Centre of Excellence is here to support your work and help you grow within the EU4Dual community. Here's what it offers:

For teachers: Access to the Tutor Training Programme (TTP) – an online, modular course designed to support tutors and mentors in dual education settings. It comprises four modules:

- FDHE – Foundations of Dual Higher Education (DHBW)
- MSS – Mentorship & Student Support (FHJ)
- COOP – Collaboration of HEI & World of Work (MU)
- DCD – Dual Curriculum Design (MCAST)

Each module is certified (EQF level 6), practical and built for flexible online learning. A pilot starts in early 2026.

For researchers: Opportunities to contribute to and publish in two CE DHE Journals:

- EJ DHE – aimed at practitioners and stakeholders
- ESJ DHE – focused on scientific research in dual higher education

### WP4 – Dual MicroCredentials: A New Horizon for Educators

(by Lea Schmitt)

MicroCredentials (MCs) within EU4Dual are short, flexible courses designed in cooperation with universities and industry partners. They cover practical, up-to-date topics that respond to real needs in both education and the labour market. Here's how they can support your work as a teacher or researcher:

- Practical and focused: Each MC targets a specific topic or skill, developed with input from companies to keep content relevant and engaging.
- Collaborative teaching: Many MCs are jointly created and delivered by teams from multiple universities.
- Cross-sector exchange: MCs open space for discussion and cooperation between academic and industry experts.
- International reach: Designed to support international formats like COILs, BIPs and global study programmes.

For both teachers and researchers, MCs offer new ways to teach, contribute to course design and explore new partnerships. They are also a chance to stay connected to what's happening beyond your own institution, and to bring something valuable back to your students and colleagues.

### WP6 – iDual Teacher and Staff Mobility

(by Solja Ryhänen)

The iDual mobility programme offers EU4Dual staff the chance to visit a partner university and grow professionally within a dual education context. For teachers, focus is on teaching activities: sharing methods, tools and strategies across the network. For non-teaching staff, opportunities include job shadowing, staff weeks and other forms of professional exchange. Experiencing different education systems gives participants fresh perspectives they can bring back to their own institutions. The programme also helps develop language skills and builds confidence in international collaboration.

\*Mobility is open to all EU4Dual members. Details and support are available through your university's international office.



## SAVE THE DATE

### EU4Dual Annual Conference in Heilbronn (22–23 April 2026)

Join us for the EU4Dual Annual Conference, hosted by the Baden-Württemberg Cooperative State University (DHBW). Under the theme *Dual Innovation for a Healthier Tomorrow*, the event will explore the role of dual education in promoting sustainability and healthy living. Expect two days of inspiring keynotes and networking with educators, researchers, students and industry partners from across Europe. The conference will be held in Heilbronn, a city known for applied innovation and home to IPAI – an ideal setting for meaningful discussions on the future of dual education.

Scan and register for the conference!



## UPCOMING STAFF WEEK

SAVONIA UAS (Future-oriented Education)	17 – 19 Feb 2026
John von Neumann University (Future of Work)	23 – 27 Mar 2026
FH JOANNEUM (Green Business Transformation)	13 – 17 Apr 2026
FH JOANNEUM (Green Economy)	18 – 22 May 2026
Politécnico de Portalegre (various fields)	4 – 7 May 2026
DHBW Ravensburg (International Education in Times of Uncertainty)	4 – 7 May 2026

## GET INVOLVED

Interested in shaping the future of dual education? Join our thematic working groups, contribute to pilot activities or take part in upcoming events across the EU4Dual network. For more information, feel free to reach out to the contacts listed below:

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