

# Forum on the Future of Dual Higher Education

## EU4Dual Knowledge Exchange Seminar

**15-16 October 2026**

Mondragon Unibertsitatea - AS Fabrik campus, Bilbao, Basque Country (Spain) | Hybrid

Mondragon Unibertsitatea and EU4Dual Alliance invite researchers, practitioners, policymakers and industry partners to participate in the **EU4Dual Knowledge Exchange Seminar on Dual Higher Education**, which will take place in a **hybrid format** on **15-16 October 2026** in Bilbao.

The seminar aims to create an international space for dialogue and exchange on current developments, challenges and future perspectives in **Dual Higher Education (DHE)**.

As higher education institutions increasingly seek to strengthen connections between academic learning and professional practice, Dual Higher Education has become a growing field of innovation, research and policy development across Europe. Questions related to quality assurance, governance, employability, pedagogical innovation, mentoring, internationalisation and university–industry collaboration are becoming central to the future of higher education systems.

### Topics of Interest

We welcome contributions addressing, but not limited to, the following themes:

- Dual Higher Education models and practices
- Work-Integrated Learning (WIL) and workplace learning
- University–industry collaboration
- Pedagogical innovation
- Skills, employability and student experience
- Governance, policy and quality assurance
- Internationalisation and mobility
- Digitalisation and emerging challenges in Dual Higher Education
- Organisational transformation and future trends
- Mentoring and tutoring

### Types of Contributions

We welcome research presentations, practice cases, institutional experiences, project initiatives or policy perspectives.

## **Submission Guidelines**

Authors are invited to submit an abstract of a **maximum of 300 words**, including:

- Title
- Author(s) and affiliation(s)
- Type of contribution
- Abstract
- Keywords

All submissions will undergo a review process coordinated by the Scientific Committee.

Submissions should be sent to: **knowledgeexchange@mondragon.edu**

## **Important Dates**

- Abstract submission deadline: **30 June 2026**
- Notification of acceptance: **20 July 2026**
- Knowledge Exchange Seminar: **15-16 October 2026**

## **Seminar format**

The seminar will be organised in a hybrid format, allowing both onsite and online participation.

Abstracts must be submitted in English. Oral presentations are expected to last approximately 15 minutes, followed by 5 minutes for discussion. At least one author of each accepted contribution must register for the seminar.

Accepted contributions will be included in the seminar programme. Authors of accepted contributions will also have the opportunity to submit a full paper to the *European Scientific Journal of Dual Higher Education*.

We look forward to welcoming you to Bilbao for a collaborative discussion on the future of Dual Higher Education.