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Newsletter

UPDATES FROM EU IN ACTION: EU VALUES, IN PRACTICE

About the project

EU in Action (European Union values in action: Empowering university students for social impact) is a two-year Erasmus+ Cooperation Partnership in higher education, running from 1 September 2026 to 31 August 2028. Its aim is to help university students understand and apply the core values of the European Union, so that they take an active part in democratic life.

Instead of lectures alone, the project uses simulations, gamification and blended learning. Students, educators and partner institutions help design the activities, and the project will deliver three results:

- **A Digital Learning Academy** with online modules, curricula, resources for educators and tools to assess learning about EU values.
- **A Simulations Lab** with role-playing scenarios in which students apply EU values to real-world challenges.
- **A blended learning experience** that connects both, through collaborative student projects across universities.

Our objectives

1 Understand EU values

Deepen understanding of EU values through gamified and experiential learning.

2 Engage in democracy

Strengthen collaboration, critical thinking and ethical reasoning, so that students take an active part in democratic processes.

3 Advance teaching

Bring blended learning, gamification and simulations into everyday higher education practice.

4 Raise awareness

Connect EU values, structures and relevance to today's challenges, through materials that students help to create.

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The consortium

Complementary expertise in higher education and educational technology

EUR — Erasmus University Rotterdam

The Netherlands

- Project coordinator
- Leads the Simulations Lab
- Co-leads the blended learning experience

CA — Istituto Universitario Carolina Albasio

Italy

- Leads the Digital Learning Academy
- Co-leads quality assurance

BUU — Bursa Uludağ University

Türkiye

- Co-leads the Digital Learning Academy
- Leads student feedback during pilot testing

HOU — Hellenic Open University

Greece

- Leads the blended learning experience
- Supports facilitation and assessment of the simulations

META — Meta-Skills

The Netherlands

- Co-leads the Simulations Lab
- Develops the virtual simulation environment

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EU in Action starts in Rotterdam

Four universities and one company met for two days to begin building the project together

On 2 and 3 November 2026, the partners of EU in Action met at Erasmus University Rotterdam for the project's first in-person meeting.

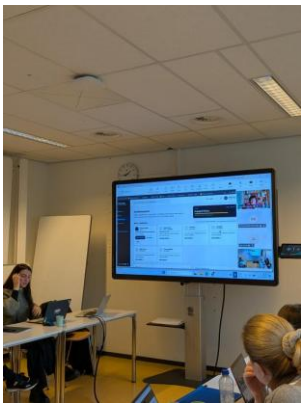
Over two days, the consortium agreed how it will work together and began planning the three main results of the project.

The partners also shared coffee, lunch and desserts together, in a warm and collegial atmosphere.



What the kick-off included







- **Welcome and introductions:** each partner introduced its team and shared what it hopes to achieve through the collaboration.
- **Working together:** an overview of the project and its objectives, and the agreements on how the consortium will work, including feedback on the project management handbook.
- **The three project results:** the work package leaders presented the Digital Learning Academy, the Simulations Lab and the blended learning experience, and the partners gave comments. Wybren Bosma, co-founder and CEO of Meta-Skills, also demonstrated how AI role-play can be used within the project.
- **Approval of the main co-created documents:** the Project Management Plan; Quality, Evaluation and Achievement Indicators; Sustainability and Project Footprint Strategy; Methodology for the co-creation process; and the Dissemination and Communication Plan.

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What comes next

Two steps for the Digital Learning Academy (WP2)

1 Co-creation of 7 micro-learning modules

One introductory module and one for each of the six core EU values

- 01 Introduction
- 02 Human dignity
- 03 Equality
- 04 Democracy
- 05 Freedom
- 06 Rule of law
- 07 Human rights

Partners and students help design each module, so the content stays relevant.

2 Peer review

Carried out in the context of the Digital Learning Academy work package

The partners review the modules as part of WP2, before they go to students.

Follow EU in Action on LinkedIn for updates as the modules take shape.

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Reach out

For questions, feedback, ideas or contributions, email us at: vlachopoulos@rsm.nl and we will be in touch.

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