Digital Innovation Hub for cloud based services



WELCOME TO DIHUB!

We are delighted to present Newsletter#1 of the project DIHUB – Digital Innovation Hub for Cloud Based Services. This ERASMUS+ project is an alliance of Education and Training Institutions, Companies and umbrella organisations of five EU countries working together to boost collaboration between students and companies for innovations development through cloud-based and artificial intelligence based projects.

DIHUB partners from Finland, Bulgaria Croatia, Estonia and Portugal are setting up a European-wide cluster of interconnected nodes using the latest cloud computing technologies for innovations development.

THE FIRST STEPS OF DIHUB:

DIHUB partners met in Helsinki in December 2019 to kick off the project. We were also taken by surprise by the pandemic and the purpose of our project became even more relevant, given the focus on digital collaboration.

Since the beginning of 2020, DIHUB partners have been discussing the concept of the Hub and preparing pilots where students are trained on cloud technologies and Artificial Intelligence, after which they develop projects with companies to address their needs.

FINLAND: THE PILOT COURSE ON CLOUD FOUNDATIONS WAS A SUCCESS

As part of the first DIHUB pilot in Finland, the course in Haaga-Helia's DIHUB Study Path begun on June 1st and lasted the whole summer. The topic was Cloud Foundations and it was delivered jointly with the AWS Academy using blended learning. The course was a success and generated much interest from students.

Haaga-Helia is already about to launch the 2nd study path by the end of October!

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CROATIA: COVID19 AND THE URGE TO GO DIGITAL

The world we knew has changed completely in recent months. Croatia is undergoing a strong digital transformation with the increasing use of cloud-based services. The definition of "going to work" has changed with a huge part of the population working from home.

Find out how digital transformation in Croatia is helping to overcome COVID19 impacts.

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ESTONIA: PREPARATION AND LAUNCH OF PILOT

In Estonia, preparations for the DIHUB pilot have been effective, despite the challenges brought by the pandemic. Between March and May, Estonian partners worked together to define the structure and implementation of the pilot. Many companies showed interest towards the DIHUB concept and are ready to collaborate with students who participate in DIHUB training program.

In September, Estonian partners launched the first training period about Cloud Computing and presented the piloting plans.



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PORTUGAL: COMPANIES ARE WILLING TO TAKE MORE BENEFIT FROM CLOUD **TECHNOLOGIES**

Portuguese partners of DIHUB carried out a survey Portuguese companies to understand whether they know and use cloud based services and artificial intelligence. Company representatives were also asked if they plan to use such technologies in the future and if they were willing to collaborate with DIHUB to address technological challenges. Find out how companies reacted to DIHUB'S invitation.



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CROATIA: PROJECT-BASED LEARNING - ADDRESSING COMPANIES' NEEDS

Led by the Croatian partner Algebra University College, the first pilot implementation of DIHUB was business-centered and student-centered. The precondition was to start with real business-cases and match the needs of the business sector with the support offered by the education sector. One example of the success approach is the WeSpeak application

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BULGARIA: COMPANIES INTERESTED IN **CLOUD BASED SERVICES AND AI**

The survey held by the Bulgarian-Romanian Chamber of Commerce and Industry among SMEs in Bulgaria shows that more than 75% of respondents are interested in working with digital innovation hubs to get assistance on using cloud based services and business intelligence applications.

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