

Dear CIVIS community and friends,

In this edition of the CIVIS Newsletter, we share an exciting mix of updates showing that our Alliance is now active in so many areas of university life. Firstly we say thanks to Tübingen for hosting such a wonderful CIVIS Days. You can still catch up on the livestreams of our public sessions. We then share news about courses, research activities, policy recommendations, governance bodies and citizen science activities. The picture that emerges is of an Alliance reaching real maturity and bringing added value across all pillars of the university mission.

Have a wonderful summer and enjoy any holidays. We'll be back with another edition in September, looking ahead to a new academic year.

Bonne lecture, καλή ανάγνωση, lectură plăcută, buena lectura, buona lettura, trevlig läsning, viel Spaß beim Lesen, and happy reading!

CIVIS Days 2023

The CIVIS Days are the biggest event in our calendar, gathering the CIVIS community, partners and policy experts for a busy programme of internal workshops and public sessions. Each year a different CIVIS member university takes up the challenge of hosting, and for 2023 it was Tübingen's turn to welcome the Alliance. The three-day event, held under the banner "sustainably connected universities", was a great success for German hospitality and the future of our Alliance.

[Check out the summary and rewatch the livestreams](#)

**Students and academics celebrate
the richness of European music as**

the CIVIS Symphonic Orchestra bewitches Madrid

Universidad Autónoma de Madrid (UAM) hosted the second edition of the European CIVIS Symphonic Orchestra Academy. More than 60 students from various orchestras or music ensembles based at six different CIVIS member universities played at a triumphant concert at the Auditorio Nacional!

[Read more and watch the video](#)

CIVIS Education Council meets in person for the first time

On 22 June 2023, the Education Council met in person for the first time at the Université libre de Bruxelles (ULB) in Brussels, Belgium. All member universities were represented, making this an important step in the development of this vital consultative body. The Vice-Rector of the University of Tübingen, Karin Amos, chaired this session.

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RIS4CIVIS Briefing Notes offer recommendations to R&I leaders

The RIS4CIVIS project is now in its final phase, where dissemination is the key word! In a new set of Briefing Notes, several of the RIS4CIVIS Module now set out their recommendations, advocating to decisionmakers with specific guidelines based on their experience and key findings. Their recommendations will surely be of interest for experts and policymakers in the field of research management.

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CIVIS ACTIVITIES

The second edition of the European Student Assembly 2023 through the eyes of CIVIS students

The CIVIS student community was present at the second edition of the European Student Assembly (ESA), which took place at the European Parliament in Strasbourg from 31 May to 2 June 2023. During the assembly, 230 students from 40 European University Alliances gathered to exchange ideas and collaborate on shaping the future of Europe!

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Virtual reality coins in Tübingen - An academic's view of a CIVIS BIP

On 22 to 26 May 2023, students from various CIVIS universities travelled to Tübingen, Germany for the physical part of our Blended Intensive Programme (BIP) "The heritage of money and coinage: a cross-cultural perspective." The organisers of the course accepted to be interviewed to help academics and students understand what a BIP really is.

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CIVIS3i: A successful first training for postdoc fellows while selection of the second cohort moves ahead!

Our CIVIS3i project funds post-doctoral fellowships, supporting fascinating primary research while training excellent early-career researchers. We have just finished a very successful collective training on transferable skills for our first cohort of postdocs fellows. Meanwhile, the second selection process is now down to 32 candidates

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Birds on our campuses: biodiversity initiative creates new opportunities for citizen science

Falling populations of common birds are a major biodiversity issue, with a loss of more than 30% of their numbers in recent years. The project "Birds on our campuses", a new initiative coordinated from Aix-Marseille Université, is trying to assess the situation. The initiative is a great example of CIVIS collaboration in citizen science.

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