

## The University of Cyprus hosted the YUFERING Annual Progress Meeting of the Young Universities for the Future of Europe (YUFE) Alliance

The University of Cyprus coordinates the YUFERING project funded by the European Union



*More than 30 YUFERING members and University of Cyprus R&I experts attending the YUFERING Welcoming Event*

Professor Irene-Anna Diakidoy.

The event, where the achievements of the first year of the project's operation were presented, was moderated by the Project Coordinators, Dr. Anastasia Constantinou and Dr. Marios Demetriades, and the Project Manager Ms Elena Christodoulou.

During the meeting a Speech on "Open Science in the new ERA" was offered by **Professor Dr. Eva Méndez from Universidad Carlos III de Madrid**, Chair of the EU Open Science Policy Platform (2018-20). Professor Méndez presented the



*Professor Dr. Eva Méndez in her keynote speech, highlighting the importance of Open Science for responding to social challenges such as the COVID-19 pandemic and the SDGs*

Members from the 10 Universities of the YUFE Alliance participated in the Annual Progress Meeting of the [YUFERING](#) (*YUFE Transforming Research and Innovation through Europe-wide Knowledge Transfer*) project, which took place on Monday 9th May and Tuesday 10 May 2022 at the University of Cyprus.

The Welcoming Event commenced with a welcoming speech and a presentation on Research and Innovation at the University of Cyprus by the **Vice-Rector for Academic Affairs**,



*The Vice-Rector for Academic Affairs of the University of Cyprus, Professor Irene-Anna Diakidoy presenting the Research and Innovation structures, achievements and research outputs*

context of Open Science and its place in the new European Research Area and the challenges for Open Science in Higher Education Institutions. She identified the main problems to practically implementing Open Science and ended her speech by saying that "Science is like a parachute... if it is not open, it will not help us".

The occasion also included five meetings focused on the working areas of the project, a Management Committee meeting to discuss strategic dimensions of the project, and a

discussion with representatives from the Knowledge Transfer Expert Network of the YUFE Alliance.

Lastly a joint meeting between the Advisory Board and the Management Committee of the Project took place. The Vice-Rectors and the Experts on Research & Innovation from the YUFE alliance Universities that comprise the Advisory Board learned more about the achievements of this project and the upcoming work.



*The Advisory Board and the Management Committee of the YUFERING project having their first hybrid meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup> of May 2022*

#### More about the YUFERING project:



The YUFERING project aims to develop the R&I strategies, policies, and methodologies of the YUFE European University and involves over 100 people. The project has been running since March 2021 and will be completed in February 2024. It receives total funding of €1.999.997,50 from the Horizon2020 programme of the European Commission.

### **More about the YUFE Alliance:**

The Young Universities for the Future of Europe (YUFE) Alliance is a major strategic partnership established between 10 young research-intensive universities. The YUFE Alliance, with its associate partners, aims to bring a radical change in European higher education by establishing itself as the leading model of a young, student-centred, non-elitist, open, and inclusive European University. A unique ecosystem linking universities to communities, YUFE will be based on cooperation between higher education institutions, the public, and private sector, and citizens across Europe.

### **The YUFERING partners involved in this project are:**

- University of Cyprus (Coordinator) - Cyprus
- Maastricht University - Netherlands
- Carlos III University of Madrid - Spain
- University of Antwerp - Belgium
- University of Bremen - Germany
- University of Eastern Finland – Finland
- University of Rijeka - Croatia
- University of Essex - United Kingdom
- University of Rome Tor Vergata – Italy
- Nicolaus Copernicus University in Toruń - Poland

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