Cooperation Upturn in a Diverse, Multi-Stakeholder European University Environment

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Abstract

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Extended Abstract

ATHENA consists of nine diverse but complementary universities, and requires a transparent and effective communication and operational tool to register and provide an overview of capabilities, ideas, and projects. The tool, called Shared Resources Directory (SRD), is a kind of current research information system (CRIS) extended to education and enabling inter-institutional dialogue to boost cooperation and exchange ideas. At the same time, SRD is not intended to support the business processes of the ATHENA, but rather cooperation at an academic level, including education, research, and innovation. However, SRD can easily be linked with the CRIS and business processes of each participating university, taking into account their specific requirements.

Five interconnected and highly initeractive modules modules support the SRD mission: (1) Partner profiles, (2) Capacities, (3) Joint Efforts (Research and Innovation, Joint and Double Degrees, and Mobility), (4) Pool of Ideas. Interactivity is also enhanced by the predefined clusters (Digitalisation for All, Health and Nutrition, Sustainable Production, Creative Industries) and the Sandbox.

The full presentation will demonstrate the use of SRD in the SRD operating environment, showing the most exposed functionalities and technical solutions. All of these support an upturn in the highly diverse, multi-stakeholder ATHENA European University.

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