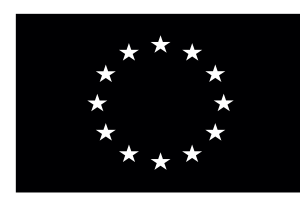


# EELISA COMMUNITIES

Turning the vision of a European University into long-lasting connections, cross-border collaboration, and real-world impact.

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## What are they?

EELISA Communities are mission-driven, multidisciplinary collaborative groups that bring together students, researchers, and staff from across all EELISA institutions. In partnership with problem owners, experts, private companies, public institutions, and grassroots organizations, these Communities co-create knowledge and innovative sustainable solutions to societal challenges through diverse perspectives and in alignment with the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). These Communities are not only transforming higher education, they are building new ways of learning, connecting and creating change together!

## Their impact in numbers

|                        |                                 |                      |                               |
|------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------|
| 76<br>Communities      | +7.000<br>Members               | + 500<br>Activities  | +1M€ euros<br>in seed funding |
| + 9.000<br>Credentials | +100 External<br>Problem-Owners | +2.000<br>Mobilities | 17<br>SDGs                    |

## An innovative recognition system: The EELISA Credential

Recognises participation in innovative and transformative EELISA Community experiences and contributions to solving societal challenges aligned with SDGs. Beyond professional and academic expertise, EELISA Credentials highlight competencies in creating positive real-world impact.



## Looking for answers to contemporary challenges

The relevance of their missions and the complexity of the challenges they address attract highly committed students, researchers, academics, and experts across Europe. They also serve as incubators for innovation and collaboration, fostering new partnerships that would be unlikely to emerge outside this multistakeholder ecosystem.



**Blockchain for Sustainability**  
SDG8. Decent Work and Economic Growth  
SDG9. Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure



**AI Health**  
SDG3. Good Health and Well-being · SDG4. Quality Education  
SDG5. Gender Equality · SDG9. Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure



**Art, Science and Society**  
SDG4. Quality Education · SDG5. Gender Equality  
SDG9. Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure · SDG10. Reduced Inequalities



**Sustainable Buildings, Cities and Communities**  
SDG9. Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure  
SDG11. Sustainable Cities and Communities



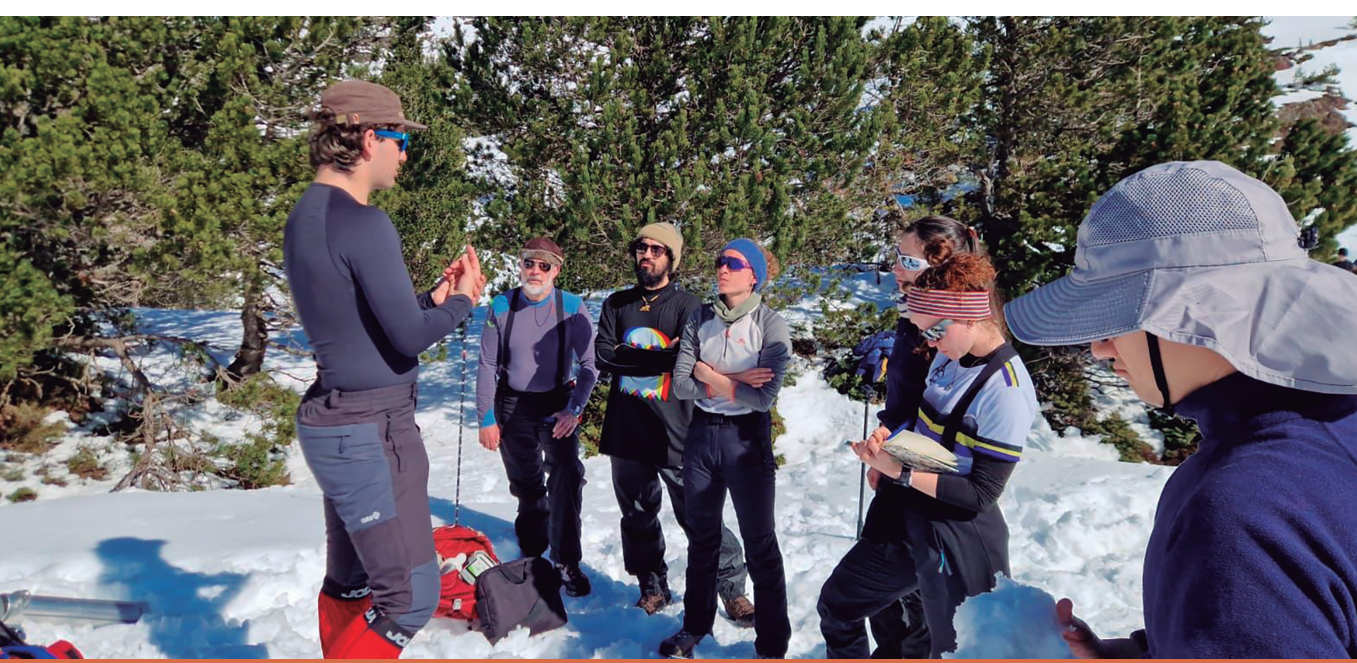
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## From hackathons to field research: impactful activities that become life-changing experiences

In survey feedback collected after their participation, both participants and organizers of EELISA Communities' initiatives describe them as transformative experiences that have shaped their educational, academic, and professional journeys.



*Tech for elderly people, 3-day intensive seminar by the EELISA Community Egalitarian Societies: Opportunities for Everyone.*



*The Melting Cryosphere: Research on the Frozen Waters of the Globe by EELISA water in an era of change Community.*



*Think Tank on Sustainable Buildings by EELISA Sustainable Buildings, Cities and Communities and the European Space Agency.*



*URBAN ROOTS: Collaborative Learning and Action for Food, Community, and Solidarity by Circular EELISA Community.*

## Lived experiences that narrate the EELISA story

EELISA Communities also serve as essential hubs of impactful storytelling, continuously shaping the EELISA narrative through personal perspectives and shared knowledge. By writing in-depth articles about their experiences, participating in the EELISA podcast series, sharing their journeys through social media in real time, and co-creating dissemination materials, EELISA Community participants become active ambassadors of EELISA's mission and values, inspiring new members to engage and contribute to the alliance.



**Ana Horta**

PhD student at Universidad Politécnica de Madrid and coordinator of the EELISA Community "Re-shape Next Generation Academia".



*It's always nice to collaborate, design and implement fulfilling activities but for us, the main keyword has always been IMPACT.*

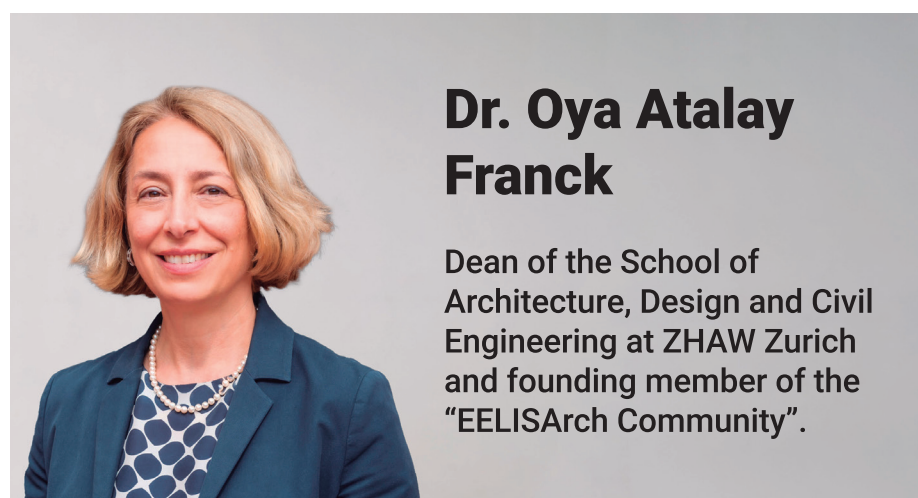


**Alexandru Valentin Avram**

Engineering Physics student at the National University of Science and Technology POLITEHNICA Bucharest.



*Participating in GENIUS has been a defining experience in my academic journey. It helped me grow technically and personally, boosted my communication skills in English, and offered me an insight into European academic diversity.*



**Dr. Oya Atalay Franck**

Dean of the School of Architecture, Design and Civil Engineering at ZHAW Zurich and founding member of the "EELISArch Community".



*In a world shaped by multiple crises and increasing uncertainty, EELISArch emphasises core values of the community: to question, to resist, and to invent.*

### ABOUT EELISA

The European Engineering Learning Innovation and Science Alliance (EELISA) is a consortium of ten higher education institutions (graduate engineering schools, technical and full-spectrum universities) from eight different countries in Europe with the common ambition of defining and implementing a common model of European engineer rooted in society and of bridging engineering, sciences and humanities for inclusive, sustainable and digital societies. EELISA's acronym pays tribute to women engineers through the memory of Elisa Leonida Zamfirescu (1887-1973), one of the first women to obtain an engineering degree in the world.

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