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EELISA STRATEGIC AND OPERATIONAL BOARDS WILL GATHER IN ISTANBUL TO MAKE KEY DECISIONS FOR THE CONCLUSION OF PHASE 1 AND BEGINNING OF PHASE 2



- The Rectors, Vice-Rectors, Presidents and Directors of EELISA, as well as representatives of the EELISA Executive Board, EELISA InnoCORE, and Student Council members, will convene in Istanbul from 11 to 14 July 2023.
- This comprehensive meeting takes place just one week after receiving the <u>endorsement from the European Commission for the funding of EELISA</u> <u>2.0</u>, which will provide a significant boost to the planned agendas.

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Over 100 participants will collaborate intensively during this important gathering to ensure that EELISA achieves the goals set for Phase 1 and effectively transitions into the next phase.

The EELISA Governing Board's agenda encompasses a comprehensive debrief on the evaluation of EELISA 2.0, including valuable insights and feedback from EU experts. Additionally, the Board will focus on the approval and signing of key documents for the continuation of the partnership, such as the Alliance Framework Agreement.

Moreover, the Board members will engage in a review of the key figures and outcomes associated with the progress of EELISA. This assessment will shed light on the advancements and the status of portfolio projects within EELISA, such as EELISA Unfolds and EELISA InnoCORE. Thus, through strategic decision-making, critical document approvals, and in-depth project reviews, the Governing Board will lay the groundwork for a stronger and more impactful EELISA 2.0.

Meanwhile, the EELISA Student Council will convene to fine-tune their roles as representatives within their respective institutions. Recognizing the diverse nature of their tasks and exchanging best practices will be pivotal during this meeting. Additionally, they will also work on advancing the planning of the EELISA

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As an operational body, the EELISA Executive Board will focus on addressing immediate tasks and operational aspects with the objective of effectively implementing the future direction and priorities of EELISA.

The EELISA innoCORE team will engage in evaluating the current status of the project and determining the next steps as they enter the final year of implementation, (ending in May 2024). This meeting will be the prelude to another significant event: the **second EELISA InnoCORE Symposium**, which is also scheduled to also take place in Istanbul on 12th July 2023. This symposium follows the success of <u>its inaugural edition last year</u> (find more info at <u>www.eelisa.eu</u>).

This is the first time both the EELISA Governing and Executive Boards gather in Istanbul, a city renowned for its vibrant multicultural history. It presents a unique opportunity for its members to immerse themselves in the ideal setting, fostering an inspiring exchange of ideas and an exploration of the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead.

The event will be launched with the welcome speech of the Rector of Istanbul Technical University **Pr. Dr. Ismail Koyuncu**. In the words of **Prof. Dr. Lütfiye Durak Ata, Vice Rector at ITU**. "We are delighted to host the members of the EELISA Governing and Executive Boards, along with the participants of the 2nd InnoCORE Symposium, as we celebrate the 250th anniversary of Istanbul Technical University this year. We take pride in witnessing the growing establishment, vibrancy, and strength of EELISA as it transitions into its second phase."

This gathering will mark the last in-person meeting of the EELISA Governance bodies before the highly anticipated <u>1st EELISA International Conference</u>, which is the first public significant event hosted by the Alliance.

For further information:

• EELISA 2.0 Mission Statement

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• EELISA Governance and structure

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• Latest in-presence Governing Board meeting in Paris (France)

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- Latest Executive Board meeting in Winterthur (Switzerland)
- <u>1st EELISA InnoCORE Symposium</u> in Istanbul (Turkey)

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