

SDRI Website Project Factsheet Template

ACE - Alliance for Community and Engagement in European Higher Education

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Brief Overview/Project Summary

The ACE project (Alliance for Community and Engagement in European Higher Education) is an Erasmus+ initiative that aims to transform the role of Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) in community engagement across Europe. The project addresses the increasing need for universities to become more active and play a more strategic role in social engagement and development, particularly in areas of inclusion, sustainability, and social cohesion (community strength.) It has become evident that HEI's are increasingly being called upon to contribute to social engagement. ACE brings together six European partners to build a peer-learning alliance that will work together to develop practical tools, and support university staff to engage more effectively with their communities.

Project Aim(s) & Objective(s)

The ACE project is designed help HEI staff overcome barriers to engagement such as lack of incentives, dissemination challenges, and limited outreach skills. The projects main objectives are to:

- Raise awareness and knowledge of effective community engagement among at least 550 key actors in higher education
- Improve quality and impact of engagement practices, reaching 5,000+ individuals
- Enhance collaboration between universities and communities
- Build practical skills for engagement among academics and stakeholders, including students and community organisations

Project Outputs

ACE will deliver:

- Forward thinking, evidence-based European University Community Engagement Guide to support HEIs in shaping strategic engagement practices.
- A European network of HEI staff, connected through a web-based platform featuring engagement success stories and match-making tools for university-community partnerships.
- An ACE toolkit including a University-Community Partnership Pathway, practical instruments and best practices examples from across Europe.
- A training programme that will include hackathon-like trainings and a replicable training guide/material to support future capacity building efforts.

Project Partner Organisations

Include website links if available:

European E-Learning Institute (EUEI) -DENMARK [Home - European E-Learning Institute](#)

Lodz University of Technology (Politechnika Łódzka) -POLAND [Politechnika Łódzka](#)

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Further Information (Project website, social media channels, .pdf links)

Project Website: <https://acecommunity.eu/>

Project LinkedIn:

<https://www.linkedin.com/company/ace-alliance-for-community-engagement-in-european-higher-education/>

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