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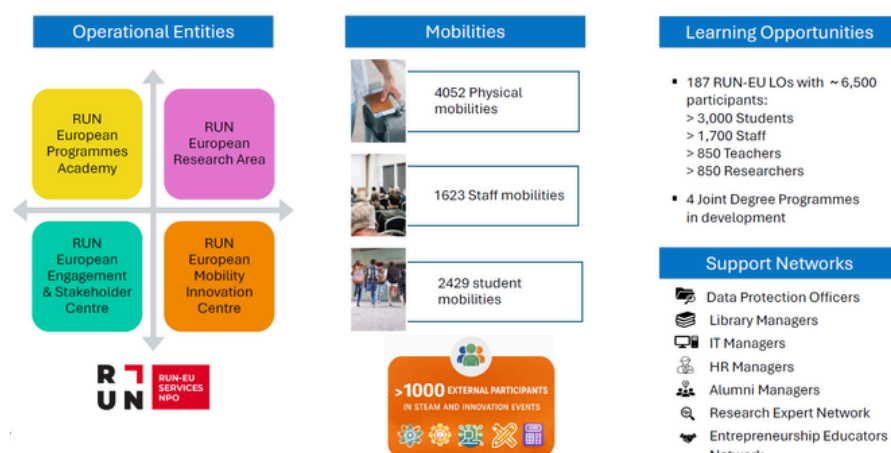
Welcome to the first edition of the TUS RUN-EU Newsletter. This publication showcases the breadth and depth of knowledge sharing, collaboration and innovation taking place across our university through its engagement with the RUN-EU Alliance.

Now comprising 10 partner institutions across 9 countries, RUN-EU reflects a shared commitment to European cooperation, sustainable development, innovation and the core values of the European Union.

Through collaborative education, research and regional engagement initiatives, the alliance seeks to equip students with the advanced skills and competencies needed to address the major green, digital and societal challenges of the 21st century.

TUS continues to play a leading role within the alliance and in addition to the original €14.4M budget, the RUN-EU partners have secured more than €8.6 million in additional funding to support research collaborations and initiatives.

Alliance Highlights:



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EDU HUB Initiatives

TUS EDUHUB Update

The academic year 2025/2026 has been the busiest year for TUS hosted short learning opportunities with 10 programmes taking place across our campuses including 1 short advanced programme (SAP) in AI, 6 blended intensive programmes (BIPs) in resilience in research, volunteering, whiskey, the female athlete, healthcare futures & Python engineering and 3 learner exchange programmes (LEX) in postgrad mentoring & cybersecurity. Well done to all the teams involved.

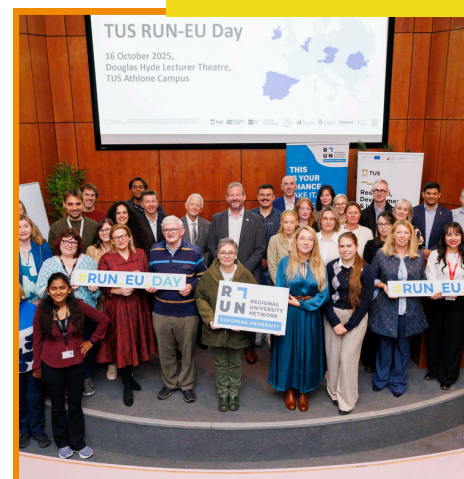


1st Inaugural RUN-EU Day

Students, staff, and stakeholders came together to celebrate the inaugural RUN-EU Day on our Athlone Campus in October '25. Events included panel discussions, information points, workshops, a photobooth and pub quiz promoting EU values and the importance of shared connectedness.

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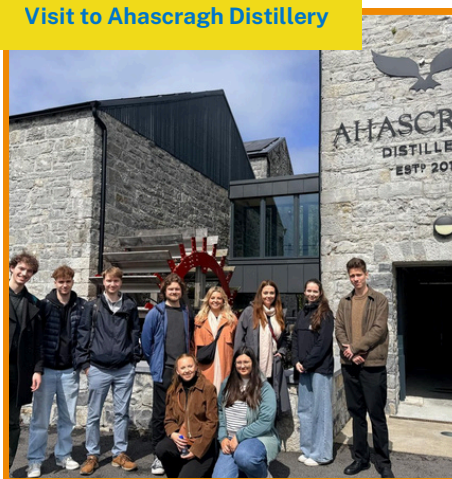
RUN-EU Day Attendees



Whiskey Business - BIP

In May, TUS hosted the "Whiskey Business: How Irish Whiskey Businesses are balancing profit, policy and planet" BIP in collaboration with partners from IPL & TUL. Expert talks from industry leaders, workshops on sustainability, finance, marketing, and tourism, and a visit to Ahascragh Distillery provided valuable real-world insights. The programme concluded with outstanding student presentations, showcasing creativity, knowledge, and the promising future of the industry.

Visit to Ahascragh Distillery



EPA Mission TUL & UGAL



Welcoming new RUN-EU Members - TUL & GUAL to Alliance

TUS representatives participated in EPA Onboarding, Institutional Visits and Quality Assurance meetings at new RUN-EU partner institutions, Technical University of Liberec (Czech Republic) and "Dunărea de Jos" University of Galați (Romania). The visits introduced the RUN-EU Pedagogical Framework, European Programmes Academy (EPA) and Joint Programmes, supporting the integration of new partners into the alliance, further strengthening collaboration, quality assurance processes and strategic development across the alliance partner network.

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Future Innovators Lab Team



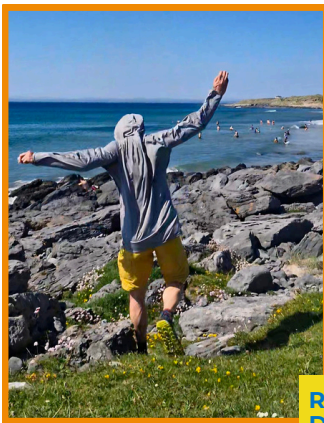
FILS Student engaging in hands on workshops and sessions



Future Innovators Lab (FILS) Workshops

TUS delivered a series of four European University of the Future Innovators Lab (FILS) workshops on the Moylish Campus welcoming local Transition Year students from Thomond Community College, Coláiste Mhichíl CBS Sexton Street, Coláiste Mhuire, Castletroy College, St. Clement's School, and schools across the region.

Led by Dr Noëlle O'Connor, together with PhD students Alex Yu, Claudia McNamara, Bradley Joubert, Beth Storey, and Reuben Kingdom, they facilitated an engaging, hands-on programme that introduced students to the interconnected fields of STEAM Through interactive activities, participants experienced first-hand the key elements of the FILS programme and developed innovative business ideas inspired by real-world challenges. Showcasing ongoing KA2 research projects, UPLIFT and FoodTuristic, providing students with valuable insights into how research and innovation can drive positive change and encouraging them to think creatively about their own future projects.



Resilience BIP Attendees Pictured During Workshop Sessions

Resilience - A Students Perspective



Doing research can be a lonely journey and one that requires resilience. The BIP Resilience and Personal Development Programme provides a space to reflect, build confidence and communication skills and offer opportunities to networking. A fantastic opportunity for TUS students.

Resilience & Personal Development in Research BIP

TUS, in partnership with UBU and Ipleiria, delivered the Resilience and Personal Development in Research programme (5 ECTS, Level 9), led by Catriona Murphy and Noëlle O'Connor.

The BIP empowered researchers through mindfulness, breathwork, reflection, and nature-based learning. This blended intensive experience strengthened research resilience, wellbeing and supportive peer connections.



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Delegates - Hack Your Device



IoT CyberSecurity Group: BIP & SAP

Cybersecurity took centre stage in 2 RUN-EU programmes this year. In Leiria, students developed cybersecurity skills, tackled IoT challenges and experienced Portuguese culture through the BIP Hack Your Device programme. At HAMK, participants explored the Dark Side of Social Engineering, gaining practical cybersecurity knowledge, collaborating internationally and building lasting friendships while experiencing Finnish culture. [READ MORE - BIP](#) [SAP](#)

Mount Lucas Visit

Researchers at the TUS Software Research Institute are deploying an autonomous drone framework at the Mt Lucas testbed in Co. Offaly, evaluating 4G/5G connectivity and developing edge AI vision and UAV technologies. Led by Dr. Enda Fallon, Dr. Sidath Handurukande, Dr. Muftah Fraifer, and Aswathy Leelamony, in collaboration with Ericsson and Three Ireland, the project is advancing agri-tech solutions such as invasive elodea weed detection to support sustainable aquaculture and environmental monitoring.



Drones in flight: Autonomous UAV in flight over Mt Lucas, Co. Offaly.



Departing from Howest after the successful BIP 'Rethinking Fictional Futures' March 2026



RUN-EU Superweek: Joint Programme in Co-Creation for Regional Growth

Superweek - HAMK

TUS staff attended RUN-EU Super Week 2025 at HAMK, Finland, collaborating with 70 academics on real-life educational challenges and innovative pedagogical approaches. TUS continues leading a joint programme with HAMK and NHL Stenden, progressing plans for a RUN-EU Executive Master's in Co-Creation for Regional Growth for 2026/27

TUS Welcomes HR Professionals

In May, TUS welcomed HR colleagues from the RUN-EU alliance for a collaborative meeting on key HR priorities including People & Organisation, HR strategy, AI in recruitment, staff mobility and international onboarding. The group explored professional development, leadership and supporting staff working in international and cross-border environments across the alliance.

HR Professionals from RUN-EU during their visit to TUS



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Dreaming of a Green Christmas Attendees

Dreaming of a Green Christmas

Students explored sustainable food tourism in Bruges and Lille. Through site visits, expert talks, and project presentations, they applied sustainability principles while showcasing creativity, collaboration, and international perspectives.

Sports Data to Actionable Insights - BIP

TUS (Thurles) Sports Science students Louis Coughlan & Michael Fleming participated in the "Sports Data to Actionable Insights" BIP, at HOWEST (Belgium). Over five days, students explored sports data visualisation using Power BI to transform performance data into actionable insights. Next year's programme will take place at NHL Stenden.

Digital Marketing - Living Lab

4th year Digital Marketing Student, Shauna Keenan from the Athlone campus was chosen to travel with RUN-EU to the Polytechnic Institute of Cávado and Ave in Portugal, in January to present her work on her Live Digital Capstone Project with the Wild Irish Foragers as part of a Living Lab, to Food Eco-Culture Edu academics, thanks to Tony Johnston. [READ MORE](#)



Shauna Keenan Presenting During Living Lab Sessions

Sports Data BIP Attendees at Club Brugge



RUN-EU Open Press Books

The Research Office, in association with TUS Open Press, is delighted to announce the publication of a collection of abstracts from the RUN-EU Student Research Colloquium.

Published by TUS Open Press, this book offers a flavour of the diverse and dynamic research being carried out by research postgraduate students across the RUN-EU network. The event brought together students, researchers and academics to share ideas, showcase work and engage in interdisciplinary discussions.

TUS Open Press publishes original scholarly works by TUS staff and students. To learn contact OER Librarian, Maura Flynn, or access our TUS Open Press Guide. [READ MORE](#)

Smart Sustainable Tourism - EPA Mission

Hosted by TUS in June 2025, workshops explored the mission's significance for higher education and the skills students need for future challenges. Sessions also highlighted EDUHUB short learning opportunities and the RUN-EU pedagogical framework, engaging academics, stakeholders and policy influencers. [READ MORE](#)



Delegates - Smart Sustainable Tourism



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Student Exchange!



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TUS students Windy Jia Hui Chong, Tanishkaa Thakur and Irene Johny, from the MSc in Pharmaceutical and Chemical Analysis programme, who conducted their research projects in the summer of 2025 on the Emmen campus of NHL Stenden University of Applied Sciences in the Netherlands, one of the RUN-EU partners. The students carried out their research in the Polymer Science area and worked within the Circular Plastics Research Group.

TUS RUN-EU Staff Council

The Staff Council of RUN-EU meet every year to engage in strategy workshops to guide our future activities and to vote in a new committee. Brian Murphy and Louise Murray represent TUS on the RUN-EU Staff Council.

**RUN-EU Staff Council
Pictured During
General Assembly
2025**



Hydrogen Energy Innovation Research Group

Established in 2025 under the leadership of Dr Amit Haldar, advances research in hydrogen energy and environmental sustainability while providing opportunities for collaboration, knowledge exchange, and research engagement with partners across the RUN-EU alliance.



**Hydrogen
Energy
Innovation**

Learning to Give BIP

TUS welcomed 24 students from five RUN-EU partner universities for its first cross-campus, cross-faculty Erasmus+ Blended Intensive Programme. Across Limerick and Athlone, students completed 26 hours of volunteering with community organisations, culminating in presentations and Volunteer Ireland certification during National Volunteering Week and International Volunteer Year 2026.

BIP - Learning to Give: Volunteering, Community Engagement, and Social Responsibility in Action



Students Diving into a DigiCo Quantum

Students from TUS Athlone visited PXL University in Belgium as part of an Erasmus BIP focused on Emerging Music Technologies. Students got firsthand experience with DigiCo, Allen and Heath and Soundcraft consoles, as well as insightful lectures from Erik Loots (Anastacia), Olivier Gerrard (Simple Minds) and Thomas Coene (Brutus).



Mixing Masterclass with Erik Loots

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Innovations Meets Regions

RUN-EU Innovation Meets Regions: Circular Society Event 2026, hosted by NHL Stenden in Leeuwarden, the Netherlands, included the Student Research Colloquium. During the event, a poster entitled 'Educating for Sustainability: Integrating Green Taxation into Higher Education', was presented by PhD student Sílvia Coutinho Santos supervised by Dr Shane O'Sullivan.



Culture Carers - Dance Workshop

Culture Cares BIP

Taking place in NHL Stenden, the programme empowered students to explore how the arts can improve health, well-being, community resilience, and social inclusion. Through interdisciplinary collaboration among professional artists, healthcare/well-being practitioners and RUN-EU academics, students gained hands-on experience designing and presenting creative interventions to industry professionals and educators in dance, visual and dynamic arts, music, and spoken word.



IMR - Student Research Colloquium, 2026

AI Themed BIP's

This series of AI-themed BIPs has evolved through collaboration between TUS, NHL Stenden, HAMK, University of Burgos and HOWEST University of Applied Sciences. The next BIP in this series will be held in TUS Moylish in March 2027 which will focus on leveraging AI tools for business solutions in the circular economy. Previous BIPs have centred on scenario analysis and decision-making; ethical use of AI and futures thinking.

International Week - Howest

HOWEST University recently hosted an International Week for Social Sciences in Bruges, Belgium. a highly engaging and enriching opportunity to connect with colleagues from across Europe and internationally, including participants from Canada and Uganda and many RunEU partners. It offered valuable insight into current developments in teaching, research, and professional practice, while also showcasing innovative approaches across the social sciences.

Delegates - International Week



Patricia Quigley with Year 1 Students in HAMK & Howest



Delegates - Celebrating Diversity SAP

Celebrating Diversity - Innovations for Inclusivity & Equality in Higher Education. SAP

Valerie Noonan and Dr. Brian Murphy, were involved as Co-Leads in the Short Advanced Programme (SAP) on Celebrating Diversity - Innovations for Inclusivity and Equality in Higher Education in Spring 2026. The SAP was jointly coordinated by NHL Stenden, TUS, HAMK, IPCA, UBU and FHV. Four students from TUS attended the face-to-face week of the SAP in NHL Stenden in April 2026.

