



**Newsletter 4: 24 March 2023**

**Quality Standards in Teaching  
ECTN Standing Committee**

**Announcements**

**Quality Standards in Teaching Panel Discussion**

At the upcoming ECTN annual meeting and general assembly, we will host a panel session to discuss emerging topics in higher education: How to maintain high quality and relevant higher education which equip students with the knowledge and transversal skills required to succeed after graduation? What should lecturer do with technological developments that seem to disrupt the education system? How to foster innovation in higher education? How to develop student-centred curricula jointly delivered across inter-university campuses? How to facilitate cooperation between students, academics and external partners to work in inter-disciplinary teams to tackle the biggest issues facing Europe today? Join us and share your experience, your ideas and needs for the transition to the universities of the future!



**Teaching with technology**

Are you a higher education teacher interested in expanding your teaching methods and reaching a wider audience? Join the microMOOC [MicroMOOCs with Open edX](#) course! This course gives an introduction to creating online courses using the Open edX platform. Open edX is a powerful open-source platform that allows to create and deliver engaging online courses to learners around the world. In this course, you will learn the basics of course creation. You will learn how to structure your course, create engaging content, design assessments, and use the Open edX platform to deliver your course.

**The ECTN Image of Chemistry Talks**

Prof. Lucjan Chmielarz, Prof. Michał Woźniakiewicz, and Dr. Bartosz Trzewik invite you to participate in the first inaugural lecture of the series ECTN Image of Chemistry Talks. The lecture Quantum dots in light conversion and sensing will be given by Prof. Yuriy Khalavka (Yuriy Fedkovych Chernivtsi National University, Ukraine). The lecture will take place in on-line form on March 29, 2023 at 6.00-7:00 pm (Central European Summer Time). To take part in the lecture, it is necessary to register using the following link: <https://forms.office.com/e/yVM1PeUueh>.

**Introducing the STEM-CPD Ambassadors**

At the last STEM-CPD@EUni Summer School (University of Naples Federico II, from 2-7 October 2022), 15 lecturers from 7 countries became CPD Ambassadors who are committed to professional development in teaching and learning at their own institutions. They each developed their own use case, which aims to support fellow lecturers in improving the quality of education. In this newsletter, we present Tina Skalar and her STEM-CPD use case.



**Who are you?**

Dr. Tina Skalar, Assistant Professor at the University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Chemistry and Chemical Technology

**How does the User Case that you have created at the Summer School help you and your fellow lecturers now at your university?**

I chose the topic of [my user case](#), *Organizing an industrial process tour in live*, because I saw that this type of teaching is more experiential for students and would be more likely to be chosen by professors if they had a roadmap to help them organise the entire event. The content ranges from organisational issues to active student participation and assessment of the event. My colleagues were pleasantly surprised by the content because I had raised a topic that would bring innovative learning approaches to the way we study. During the discussion and also during the two field trips to two different plants, I received new suggestions for improvement from their side as well. At the same time, the evaluation with my colleagues helped me to do my own brainstorming where new ideas emerged.

**Would you recommend others to attend the STEM-CPD@EUni Summer school?**

Of course, yes. Because doing a user case means a structured brainstorming of ideas on a specific topic.

**Conferences**

[10th European Variety in University Chemistry Education](#), 28-30 June, Tartu, Estonia.

[Online Higher Education Quality: Design, Technology, Leadership](#), 28-30 June, Wrocław, Poland.

[Digital remote education - from the COVID-19 Pandemic to Best Practice for the Future](#), 12-13 September, Krakow, Poland.

[Digital Universities Europe](#), 23-25 October 2023, Barcelona, Spain.

**Links of interest**

[Towards equity and inclusion in higher education in Europe](#)

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