

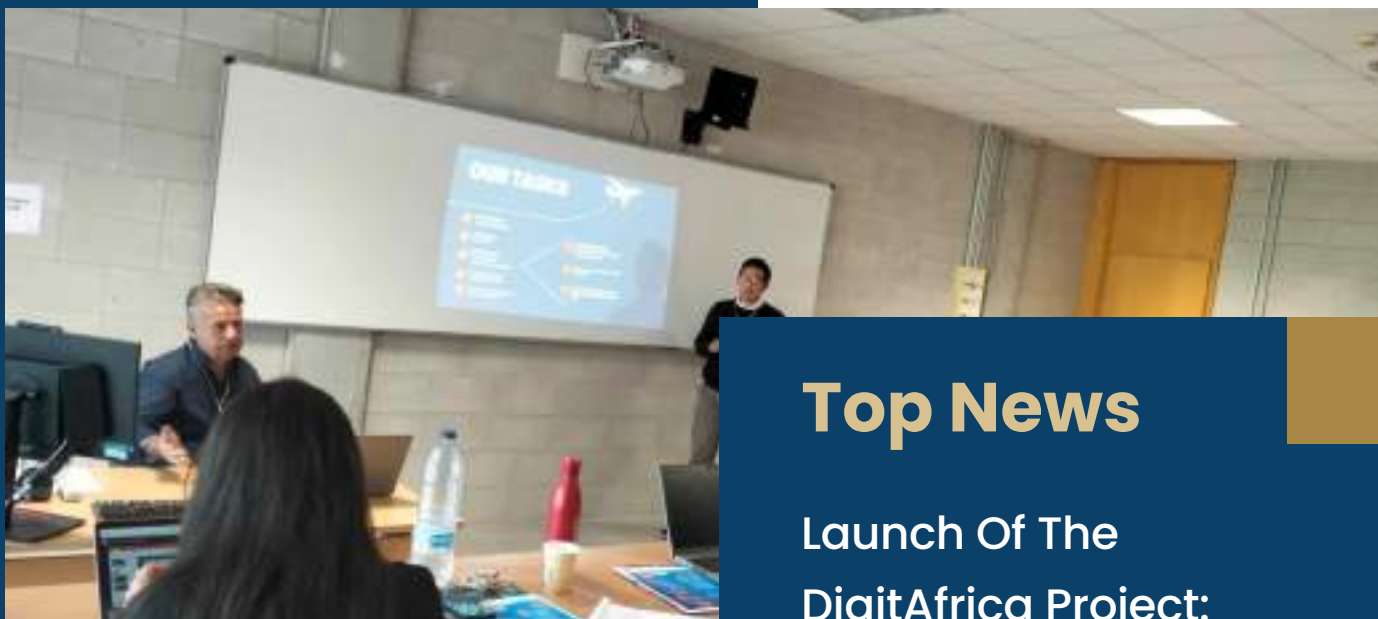
DIGITAFRICA NEWSLETTER

**FOSTERING DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION
IN AFRICA BY BUILDING DIGITAL
CAPABILITY FOR ALL**

ERASMUS-EDU-2022-CBHE-STRAND-2
PROJECT 101083183-DIGITAFRICA



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Launch Of The
DigitAfrica Project:

Kick-Off Meeting
17–19 October 2023
Palma De Mallorca, Spain

Our Project's Activities in 2023

This project, funded by the Erasmus+ program of the European Union, aims to reduce the digital divide in African higher education institutions by proposing a strategic framework and digital centers to support the digitization of teaching practices and research. It is internationally coordinated by the University of Tunis El Manar.

The Kick-Off Meeting of the DigitAfrica Project was held from 17 to 19 October 2023 in the University of the Balearic Islands, Palma de Mallorca–Spain.



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Kick-Off Meeting Program



OCTOBER, 17-19, 2023



UNIVERSITY OF BALEARIC ISLANDS
Palma de Mallorca

Inside The Issues

The kick-off of the DigItAfrica project took place from October 17 to 19, 2023, at the University of the Balearic Islands in Spain. The event saw the participation of 29 representatives from all partner universities, with 21 attending in person and 9 joining online, including a representative from the European Commission (the Project Officer).

Kick-Off Meeting Program

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Tuesday

- 09:00-09:15 Welcome and arrival
- 09:15-10:15 General presentation of the partners
- 10:15-10:30 Project presentation by UTM
Nesrine ZOGHLAMI & Maria HERNANDEZ
- 10:30-11:00 Coffee break
- 11:00-13:00 General rules of the CBHE Program, Project officer EACEA
Carla GUILIETTI
- 13:00-14:00 Lunch
- 14:00-16:00 WP1 and WP6 Presentations & Discussion,
Carlos JUIZ GARCÍA & Hanene BOUSSI

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Wednesday

- 09:00-10:30 Project Management Plan & Quality Plan
Halima MAHJOUBI & Monia NAJJAR
- 10:30-11:00 Coffee break
- 11:00-13:00 WP2 presentation and progress discussion,
Bernadette KIARIE
- 13:00-14:00 Lunch
- 14:00-16:00 WP3 and WP5 presentations & discussion,
Hery Lisy Tiana & Kassim KABA

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Thursday

- 09:00-10:30 WP4 presentation & Discussion, Maria HERNANDEZ & Dalenda LARIFI
- 10:30-11:00 Coffee break
- 11:00-13:00 Final comments about events planning and financial management,
Nesrine ZOGHLAMI & Maria HERNANDEZ
- Closing /Photos





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JANUARY–JUNE 2024



Study visit at the Université Côte d'Azur

A study visit was organized in Université Côte d'Azur, Nice, France, from the 29th of January to the 1st of February 2024.

After extensive reflections and tailored preparations for a training program on digitalization, experts from Université Côte d'Azur were able to host and train delegations from Guinea, Kenya, Madagascar, and Tunisia at their facilities during the week of January 29, 2024.

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● STUDY VISIT: Université Côte d'Azur

On the agenda of this enriching study visit, representatives and digitalization and IT experts from the African institutions attended and participated in over 20 hours of training and practical activities aimed at presenting the challenges of institutional digital transformation, its application, and the steps involved in developing digital transition strategies for various institutional sectors."



Online workshops with facilitators on digital culture organized by Université Côte d'Azur as part of WP2.

DATES:

19 AND 24 APRIL 2024: ENGLISH SESSIONS,
22 AND 25 APRIL 2024: FRENCH SESSIONS.

SESSIONS' TOPICS:

Introduction workshop on digital culture,
Restitution work by participants.

PARTICIPATION:

A total of 100 participants of a diverse range of profiles representing the 8 African partners.



Top News

- STUDY VISIT ON DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION FOR PARTNER AFRICAN UNIVERSITIES AT THE UNIVERSITÉ CÔTE D'AZUR
- ONLINE WORKSHOPS WITH FACILITATORS ON DIGITAL CULTURE ORGANIZED BY UNIVERSITÉ CÔTE D'AZUR AS PART OF WP2.
- PREPARATION OF FOLLOW-UP MEETINGS WITH THE FACILITATORS

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Who are Digital facilitators?

A group of every African partner composed of 8 members at least from different backgrounds: academic staffs, private sector employers and staff, students and civil society. They will be involved in courses/training content creation, courses and training testing, and they will help promoting digital transformation within their institution and outside thanks to cascade trainings: role of digital ambassadors.

Training objectives

- To explain the context of the DigitAfrica project;
- To provide the knowledge and information to promote a digital transformation culture within their institutions;
- To motivate the participants to actively take the role of digital Facilitators

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PROMOTION OF DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION THROUGH THE “CONNECTING HEIS, EMPOWERING LEARNERS” CAMPAIGN WORKSHOPS

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The aim of this task is to engage different actors from HEIs in the implementation of the Digital Transformation journey. European partners conducted several workshops on three (03) different topics: education; internationalization; and socialization and employability.

- Education: 02 workshops with at least 32 participants each (8 per HEI). For academic staff and administrative staff (instructional designers).
- Internationalization: 01 workshop with at least 24 participants (3 per HEI). For staff in charge of internationalization sector.
- Socialization and employability: 01 workshop with at least 24 participants (3 per HEI). For academic and administrative staff, students, private sector.

Workshop 1: Digitalization applied to internationalisation

18/02/2025

An online workshop on "Digitalization Applied to Internationalisation," conducted under Work Package 3 of the DIGITAfrica project, took place on February 18, 2025. The event gathered all project partners and aimed to explore how digital tools and strategies can support and enhance the internationalisation of higher education institutions. Participants engaged in insightful discussions and shared experiences on implementing digital solutions to foster global academic collaboration and mobility.

Workshop 2: Digitalization applied to Education

19 & 20/02/2025

An online workshop on "Digitalization Applied to Education," organized under Workpackage 3 of the DIGITAfrica project, was held on February 19 and 20, 2025. The event brought together all project partners. It focused on the integration of digital technologies in educational practices, aiming to enhance teaching, learning, and institutional digital transformation. It provided a dynamic platform for sharing experiences, tools, and methodologies to support the digital evolution of education systems across participating institutions.

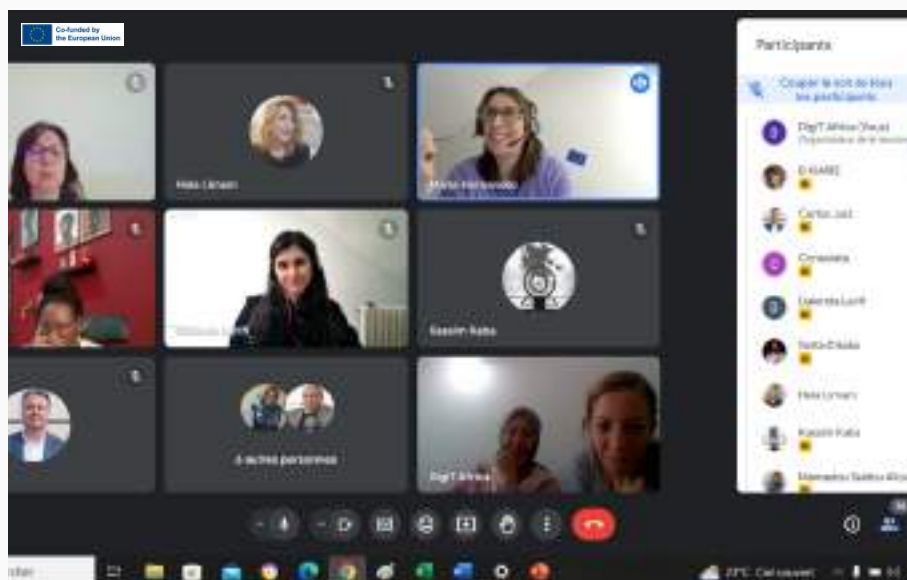




Workshop 3: Socialization and Employability

20/02/2025

An online workshop on "Socialization and Employability," part of Work Package 3 of the DIGITAfrica project, was held on February 20, 2025. The session brought together all project partners and focused on enhancing understanding and strategies related to youth social integration and employability in the digital era. It provided a collaborative platform for exchanging ideas, sharing best practices, and strengthening synergies among partners working across different regions.



Mid-term Consortium Meeting in UCA

January 16th – 17th, 2025,

The mid-term consortium meeting of the DigitAfrica project was held at the University of Côte d'Azur on January 16–17, 2025, with the participation of all project partners: Université Tunis el Manar, Université Côte d'Azur, Universitat de les Illes Balears, Université de Gabès, Université Kofi Annan de Guinée, Université Mercure International, Strathmore University, University of Antananarivo, The Technical University of Kenya, and Université de Mahajanga. The event featured key presentations, including the opening speech by the President of UTM and a general project overview. The first day focused on project review by work packages and discussions with WP coordinators. The second day was dedicated to planning upcoming workshops and digital summits, followed by thematic workshops for each work package and concluding with recommendations and next steps.

Study Visit in UIB

SEPTEMBER 23 – 26TH, 2024,

From September 23rd to 26th, 2024, the partners participated in an insightful study visit at the University of the Balearic Islands in Palma de Mallorca, Spain. The program was meticulously organized, beginning with a welcome reception and agenda overview. Over the course of the visit, the partners delved into various aspects of the university's operations, with significant time dedicated to exploring their Digital Campus initiatives and the Audiovisual Resources Service. A key focus was also placed on Digital Soft Skills sessions, offering valuable insights into their pedagogical approaches.



DIGITAFRICA: University summits to accelerate digital transformation in Africa

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Universities, Industries and Tomorrow's Society

Organized by: University of Tunis el Mar & University of Games
13-15 May, 2025

Summit on Digital Transformation of Education and Innovation (STEIN 2025)

Organized by: Koffi Annan University & Mercure International University
8-9 April, 2025

Digital Transformation Summit

Organized by: Strathmore University & Technical University
14th March 2025

Digital Transformation & Innovation Summit

Organized by: University of Mahajanga
12-14th February 2025

Digitalization Summit

Organized by: University of Antananarivo
31th January 2025

Institutional digitalization summits of the Digitfrica Project

Within the framework of workpackage 5 of the DIGITAfrica project, each partner university is expected to organize a summit dedicated to digitalization. These summits are designed to highlight institutional efforts and achievements in the field of digital transformation, while fostering dialogue on the challenges and opportunities of digitalization in higher education. They also aim to strengthen collaboration among stakeholders by involving academic staff, students, administrative personnel, and external partners, thereby supporting the overall objectives of the DIGITAfrica project in promoting innovation and digital capacity building across partner institutions.

MENAFRICA Digital Summit of UTM & UNIVGB "Tunisia"

The Digitalization Summit was held at the University of Tunis El Manar and University of Gabes from May 13 to 15, 2025. The Digitalization Summit aims to assess the current state of digital transformation across various sectors, share best practices, and propose concrete actions for an inclusive digital transition.

This event provided a platform for collaboration between ministries, universities and private players to identify innovative solutions and strengthen economic and social competitiveness through digitalisation.





Summit on Digital Transformation of Education and Innovation of UKAG & UMI "Guinea" (STEIN 2025)

The Summit on Digital Transformation of Education and Innovation (STEIN 2025), organized jointly by Koffi Annan University and Mercure International University, took place on April 8–9, 2025. This important event brought together academics, researchers, policymakers, and industry experts to explore the evolving landscape of digital education and innovation. The summit provided a platform for sharing best practices, presenting research findings, and discussing strategies to enhance digital capabilities in higher education institutions. It also fostered collaboration among stakeholders committed to advancing digital transformation across Africa and beyond.



Digital Transformation Summit of SU & TUK "KENYA"

The Digital Transformation Summit, organized by Strathmore University in collaboration with the Technical University, was held on March 14, 2025. The event brought together participants from academia, industry, and public institutions to discuss the impact and future of digital transformation in higher education. Through keynote speeches, panel discussions, and interactive sessions, the summit highlighted innovative approaches, shared institutional experiences, and explored collaborative strategies to enhance digital readiness and resilience. It served as a valuable platform for strengthening partnerships and promoting digital innovation within the framework of the DIGITAfrica project.



Digital Transformation & Innovation Summit of UMG "MADAGASCAR"

The Digital Transformation & Innovation Summit, organized by the University of Mahajanga, was held from February 12 to 14, 2025. This three-day event gathered educators, researchers, digital experts, and institutional leaders to explore the role of digital technologies in transforming higher education and driving innovation. The summit featured insightful presentations, interactive workshops, and collaborative discussions focused on enhancing digital infrastructure, developing digital competencies, and promoting innovative practices within academic institutions. As part of the DIGITAfrica project, the summit contributed to strengthening regional cooperation and advancing the digital transformation agenda in higher education.

Digitalization Summit of UA "MADAGASCAR"

The Digitalization Summit, organized by the University of Antananarivo, was held on January 31, 2025. This event brought together academic staff, students, digital experts, and institutional leaders to discuss the integration of digital technologies in higher education. The summit focused on key topics such as e-learning, digital governance, and innovation in teaching and research. It provided a platform for sharing experiences, best practices, and strategic approaches to support digital transformation. As part of the DIGITAfrica project, the summit contributed to enhancing the university's digital capabilities and fostering collaboration among regional and international partners.

