

Strand 2

Conference Track: “Learning for Challenging Times”

E³UDRES² invites researchers, educators, practitioners, students, and regional stakeholders to contribute to the thematic conference strand of the Autumn Summit 2026 at Riga, Latvia on 19–20 October 2026.

This strand explores the Summit theme: “Learning for Challenging Times” with a strong focus on evidence based educational innovation, research on challenge-based learning, new collaborative formats, and existing good practices that connect higher education with the field of work.

What we are looking for?

We welcome contributions that are:

- Evidence-based
We seek contributions grounded in research, data, evaluation, or systematic reflection. This includes:
 - empirical studies, research on challenge based learning (CBL)
 - evaluations of living labs, hackathons, innovation hubs, or other CBL formats
 - studies on co creation between educators, learners, and stakeholders
 - insights into learning in times of societal, economic, or technological uncertainty

- Practice based and research supported
We especially encourage submissions that combine in one single presentation:
 - educators presenting a learning format
 - stakeholders reflecting on collaboration and impact
 - researchers providing evidence, analysis, or validation

This triad reflects the E³UDRES² mission: co creation between higher education and the field of work, supported by research.

- Innovative and interactive
We welcome bold ideas, new learning spaces, and experimental approaches.

- Good practices
We look for existing practices from our E³UDRES² partners dealing with learning. Is there any learning or educational practice which your institution is proud of? Perhaps nothing shockingly new but incredibly successful in your context?

Possible contribution themes

- Research results on challenge-based learning and its impact
- Evidence informed approaches to learning in uncertain or rapidly changing contexts
- New collaborative learning formats linking UAS and regional stakeholders
- Studies on learner resilience, motivation, and talent development
- Evaluations of co-creation processes in education
- Data driven insights into regional learning ecosystems
- Comparative studies of innovative learning formats across Europe
- Research supported “wild ideas” for the future of learning
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Who should join

- Researchers studying learning, collaboration, or regional impact
- Educators designing or testing innovative learning formats
- Stakeholders co creating with higher education
- Students involved in challenge based or international learning
- Future thinkers exploring what learning means in challenging times

If you want to share evidence, showcase research supported innovation, spark debate, or co create the future of learning, Strand 2 is your platform.

Formats

Select one of the following formats

- Classic presentation (20min + 10min discussion)
- Workshop with explicit room for interaction of the public (40min)
- Rapid fire session (only for the innovative ideas and the good practices – 10min each)
- poster session (with publication of abstracts)

How to join?

If you want to present anything, contact klaas.vansteenhuyse@eudres.eu with an abstract of max. 250 words. The deadline is 1 June 2026.