

This issue's highlights:

01 / DUALBA ROUNDTABLE

WP2 completed

The DUALBA roundtable hosted by UNYT on 23–24 March 2025 as part of WP 2 activities.

02 / INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE AT TCT

Dual Higher Education in Albania

TCT hosted the international conference "Strengthening Capacities for the Implementation of Dual Higher Education in Albania" on 30 March 2026.



03 / 3. DUALBA DISCUSSION FORUM

Advancing Dual Higher Education in Albania

UAMD hosted the DUALBA Discussion Forum 2026 on 4–5 June 2026.

04 / DISSEMINATION OF DUALBA

Academic exchanges as springboard for dissemination

DUALBA disseminated in Patra, Greece and Iasi, Romania.

DUALBA Roundtable marks completion of Work Package 2

23-24 MARCH 2026 / UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK TIRANA, ALBANIA



The University of New York Tirana hosted the DUALBA Roundtable on 23-24 March 2025, concluding Work Package 2 of the Erasmus+ DUALBA Project. This phase involved analysing best practices in dual higher education from EU member states and associated countries, examining over fifteen programmes to identify successful models for Albania. International study visits to Austria, Spain, and Serbia facilitated stakeholder dialogue and knowledge exchange. The event, featuring discussions led by Assoc. Prof. Ilir Kalemaj and Prof. Dr. Nertila Gjini, represents a key step toward developing Albania's first dual education model, co-funded by the European Union.

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PARTICIPANTS

EU, WB, and Albanian HEIs and other project partners' representatives, HEI representatives, policymakers, industry partners.

2-DAY EVENT

Of intensive sessions with interesting presentations on dual education and its future implementation in Albanian HE.

Implementing Dual Higher Education in Albania

30 MARCH 2026 / TIRANA COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY, ALBANIA



Tirana College of Technology hosted the international conference "Strengthening Capacities for the Implementation of Dual Higher Education in Albania" on 30 March 2026. The event facilitated dialogue on advancing dual higher education and enhancing collaboration between academia and the labour market. The hybrid format allowed for broad participation, emphasising the importance of practical learning opportunities aligned with market needs. The conference underscored DUALBA partners' commitment to developing sustainable dual education models and enhancing institutional capacities, contributing to a more responsive higher education system in Albania.

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PARTICIPANTS

Representatives from 18 partner institutions including universities, educational organisations, and industry leaders.

1-DAY EVENT

Key themes included innovative work-based learning, skills development, and graduate employability.

DUALBA Discussion Forum 2026: Advancing Dual Higher Education in Albania

4-5 JUNE 2026 / ALEKSANDËR MOISIU UNIVERSITY OF DURRËS, ALBANIA



The Aleksandër Moisiu University of Durrës hosted the DUALBA Discussion Forum 2026 on June 4–5, 2026, engaging academic leaders and stakeholders within the Erasmus+ DUALBA Project. The forum focused on the development of a dual higher education model in Albania, aiming to enhance cooperation between universities and the labor market. The forum featured the presentation of the DUALBA Dual Higher Education Model, detailing principles, cooperation mechanisms, quality assurance, and the involvement of employers and mentors. Discussions addressed challenges and opportunities in dual education, fostering sustainable partnerships to equip graduates with necessary practical skills.

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PARTICIPANTS

Representatives from 18 partner institutions, UAMD management, higher education experts, and external stakeholders.

2-DAY EVENT

Key outcomes included experience exchanges, enhanced university-industry cooperation, and increased awareness of dual education's benefits.

DUALBA during academic exchanges

22-27 JUNE 2026 / UNIVERSITY OF PATRAS, GREECE



Prof. Assoc. Eliona Lici and PhD Artemida Luçaj participated in an academic exchange visit to the University of Patras, Greece, from June 22 to 27, 2026, as part of the Erasmus+ DUALBA Project. They presented the project's objectives and outcomes, focusing on enhancing dual higher education in Albania, promoting work-based learning, and improving university-business cooperation to boost graduate employability through innovative educational methods.

22-26 JUNE 2026 / "ALEXANDRU IOAN CUZA" UNIVERSITY OF IASI, ROMANIA

DUALBA, presented by UV staff during the 9th International Staff Training Week at Alexandru Ioan Cuza University, focused on enhancing dual education systems in Albania through the Erasmus+ KA2 Strand 3 programme. The event included discussions on curriculum and legal frameworks, with the University of Banja Luka highlighting their progress in master's level dual education in sports. Variations in adoption were noted among Austrian universities, as some embraced dual frameworks while others resisted, emphasizing the need for continued dialogue to improve dual education and create employment-aligned pathways in Central and Eastern Europe.



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