

# EULiST WELCOMES UNIVERSITY OF STUTTGART AS A PARTNER

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**The EULiST Alliance officially announces the expansion of its network with the inclusion of the University of Stuttgart (UST) as a new Cooperation Partner. This strategic move, ratified during the EULiST General Assembly in Finland, marks a significant milestone as the alliance prepares for the next phase of the European Universities initiative.**

The University of Stuttgart joins EULiST following a unanimous vote by all ten member universities. This partnership reinforces a shared commitment to bridging the gap between society and technology through joint educational programmes, cross-border research, and the advancement of Europe's green and digital transitions.

*“For EULiST, being a European University Alliance means bringing technology and society closer together by integrating STEM and the social sciences into one collaborative ecosystem. The University of Stuttgart, with its strong technical excellence and clear commitment to societal impact, is a natural partner to help us advance this mission,”* says **Ladislav Janicek, Chair of the EULiST Governing Board.**

*“With the University of Stuttgart joining the alliance, we are strengthening our ambition to shape the future of European higher education. Together, we can accelerate innovation and create lasting impact across Europe, ensuring that technological advances are closely aligned with the needs of society,”* says **Natia Gamkrelidze, EULiST Secretary General.**

## **A Proactive Step Toward the Future**

Having successfully laid a strong foundation through the close collaboration of its ten founding members, EULiST is now entering an ambitious phase of growth. The ceremonial signing of the cooperation agreement in Lappeenranta signifies the expansion of the alliance's profile, expertise, and collective capacity within the European higher education landscape.

As a Cooperation Partner, the University of Stuttgart will gradually integrate into the Alliance's ecosystem, projects, and governance structures, supporting further strategic development within the consortium.

## **World-Class Expertise**

The University of Stuttgart brings world-class expertise in engineering, natural sciences, and a strong focus on an interdisciplinary approach that perfectly aligns with and adds further depth to the EULiST mission. For UST, EULiST offers an important opportunity to deepen its European engagement, expand international collaboration networks, and contribute to shaping the future of higher education, research, and innovation.

**Prof. Peter Middendorf, Rector of the University of Stuttgart,** commented on the expansion: *“Joining EULiST marks an important milestone for the University of Stuttgart. The alliance's vision of bridging science, technology, and society resonates deeply with who we are, what we stand for, and our dedication to connecting students, researchers, and communities across Europe.*





*With valued ties already in place, we are committed to playing a full and lasting role in EULiST, not just for shaping what comes next, but for what we can build together over the long term.”*

### **About EULiST**

EULiST is a European university alliance that links society and technology through interdisciplinary education, research, and innovation. Comprising ten founding universities across Europe, EULiST builds trust in science, drives the green and digital transitions, and strengthens social cohesion.

**Website:** [EULiST European University Alliance](#)

### **About the University of Stuttgart**

The University of Stuttgart is one of the leading technically oriented universities in Germany with a strong vision to provide intelligent systems to benefit society. The University stands for exceptional, world-acclaimed research and first-class teaching in one of Europe’s most vibrant industrial areas.

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