



News from the Brussels Office

News from Coventry University's Brussels Office, May 2019

This newsletter provides an overview of recent and upcoming activities in the Brussels Office and highlights opportunities for engagement with European stakeholders and policy makers.

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Recent developments

BEACONING Showcase: Gamified and Pervasive Learning



1 - The EU BEACONING team, 17 May

On 17 May the Brussels Office held a half-day workshop to showcase the EU-funded H2020 [BEACONING](#) project, hosted by Dr Sylvester Arnab, Professor in Games Science at Coventry University's Disruptive Multimedia Learning Lab (DMML).

This Coventry-led project has produced an authoring tool for game-based learning that allows educators to create their own gamified lesson plans, enhancing the teaching and learning experience and making use of physical spaces and locations. The event, which attracted nearly 30 participants, included an introduction to the EU Framework for Innovation in Learning by a representative of DG EAC, European Commission, and finished with a networking lunch with a demonstration of the different solutions available through the BEACONING platform.

EBN visit to Coventry

On 9 May (Europe Day!) Javier Echarri, CEO, and Clarelisa Camilleri, Senior Project Leader, from the European Business and Innovation Centre Network ([EBN](#)) had an excellent trip to Coventry, where they discussed strategic engagement with the University at European and global level. During their visit they met with John Latham and other members of the senior management team, as well as members of the Enterprise and Innovation team, CU Enterprise, CU Social Enterprise, the International Centre for Transformational Entrepreneurship and the Institute for Advanced Manufacturing and Engineering.

Topic covered during the meetings included Coventry's engagement in EBN's thematic Special Interest Groups ([SIGs](#)), in particular their Space Group, as well as opportunities for training, consultancy and projects. They also discussed international cooperation in South East Asia, Africa, the Middle East and Latin America.

Job vacancy

We are recruiting a new Enterprise and Innovation Development Manager for the Brussels Office. Interviews are planned for 11 and 12 July in Brussels and details on the position are available from this [link](#). For further information please contact Gregg Jones.

Destination: Brussels



Since our last newsletter the Brussels Office has welcomed the following staff from Coventry University:

- Sylvester Arnab, Jackie Calderwood and Jayne Beaufoy from the Disruptive Media Learning Lab (DMLL), who hosted a BEACONING Showcase in the Brussels Office on 17 May (see first article)
- Barbara Smith and Yannis Vermpis from the Centre for Agroecology, Water and Resilience (CAWR), who hosted an H2020 project meeting in the Brussels Office on 22 May
- Steve Galliford, Dean of Postgraduate Studies, who visited the office on 23 May to discuss post-graduate placement opportunities

Upcoming events in Brussels

European Development Days, 18-19 June



Coventry University's Centre for Trust, Peace and Social Relations (CTPSR) has been selected to participate in this year's prestigious European Development Days (#EDD19), taking place in Brussels

from 18 to 19 June. This annual event brings together over 8,000 policy makers and experts in the development field from all around the world. Professor Heaven Crawley will moderate a lab debate on the CTPSR-led UKRI GCRF South-South Migration, Inequality and Development Hub, with speakers from the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development (UNRISD), the OECD and the University of Ghana. More details about the session can be found [here](#). CTPSR will also have an exhibition stand at #EDD19, where they will showcase the GCRF South-South Migration Hub, MiFriendly Cities and RISING (more details [here](#)).

If you are in Brussels on these dates and wish to attend, you can register for the conference via the following [link](#).

Health Info Day, 3 July

We understand from DG Research that there will be a Health Info Day on 3 July aimed at researchers looking to submit under the 2020 call of the Horizon 2020 programme, due to be launched in the summer. For further information on this, as well as the partnering event, please see [here](#).

Horizon 2020 Societal Challenge 2 Info Day, 4 July

On 4 July the European Commission is organising an Info Day in Brussels on the Societal Challenge 2 calls for proposals of Horizon 2020, covering food security, sustainable agriculture and forestry, marine and maritime and inland water research and the bioeconomy.

On 3 July the [BIOHORIZON](#) project is organising a brokerage event for the same calls. For details of both events and to register, please follow this [link](#).

EIT Digital Conference 'For a stronger Digital Europe', 10-11 September

This is EIT Digital's annual conference in Brussels. As Coventry University is a member of EIT Digital, the Brussels Office and E&I team will attend this event, which will showcase EIT Digital's work and discuss key strategic priorities at EU level to drive the global impact of the digital ecosystem in Europe. To register for the conference, please follow this [link](#).

European Research & Innovation Days, 24-26 September

[European Research & Innovation Days \(R&I Days\)](#) are an annual event held in Brussels to debate EU policy on research and innovation. This year's R&I Days will be used to inform delegates about the strategic priorities of the first four years of Horizon Europe, the successor programme to Horizon 2020 due to be launched in 2021. The Brussels Office is exploring (with DG Research & Innovation) opportunities for Coventry to take an active role in R&I Days, and will provide updates as further information becomes available on registration, details of the [programme](#) and opportunities to participate.

Future visits to Coventry

- **20-21 June:** Markus Hell
- **24-26 June:** Gregg Jones and Markus Hell (for Staff Conference and internal meetings)

News from our partners

EBN SIG news

As part of its services and in response to growing demand by members to become actively involved through sectorial or thematic dynamics, EBN has established a number of Special Interest Groups ([SIGs](#)), through which it supports cooperation, exchange of experience and joint-working between EBN members, including engagement in projects, training and consultancy:

- Eco-Innovation
- Creative, Cultural & Digital Industries
- Social Impact
- Space
- Internationalisation Pilot

Coventry is involved in a number of these SIGs, and during the recent EBN visit to Coventry we discussed how to ensure active engagement in all of them, including a new Smart Manufacturing SIG to be launched later this year. In April EBN discussed with a number of Coventry academics forthcoming participation in the SPACE SIG, and similarly a call is scheduled to discuss Coventry involvement in the Creative, Cultural & Digital Industries SIG in the coming weeks. For more information please contact Gregg Jones in Coventry's Brussels Office (contact details at end of newsletter), who can put you in touch with the relevant officer at EBN.

Upcoming EBN events

- [EU|BIC Essentials Training](#), Toulon, 26 June
- [EBN TechCamp](#), Toulon, 27-28 June
- EBN Congress 2019, Rome, 23-25 October

Please sign up via the [EBN website](#) to find out about the latest opportunities available to EBN members.

Other events in Brussels

A reminder that Coventry University staff are eligible to participate in events organised by:

- The European University Association (EUA): <https://eua.eu/events.html>
- The UK Research Office (UKRO): <https://www.ukro.ac.uk/about-ukro/ukro-event>
- The European Policy Centre (EPC): <http://www.epc.eu/calendar.php>

EPIM Policy Update

The European Policy Centre ([EPC](#)) has been commissioned by the European Programme for Integration and Migration ([EPIM](#)) to produce regular policy updates on recent European developments in the area of asylum, migration, and integration. The latest edition is available [here](#).

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