



Empowering Higher Education in Eastern Africa: Launch of the groundbreaking 3is project

The 3is project is strengthening Higher Education in Somalia, Ethiopia, and Kenya by fostering internationalization, inclusiveness, innovation, academic excellence, community outreach, and regional integration. With significant progress in its first six months, the initiative brings together [11 partners](#) to design impactful action plans.

The [Impactful, Inclusive, Integrated Higher Education in Eastern Africa \(3is\)](#) project is an Erasmus+ Key Action 2 project started in December 2023. It aims to strengthen Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) in Somalia, Ethiopia, and Kenya. The focus is on the notions of internationalization, inclusiveness, innovation, academic excellence, community outreach, and regional integration.

In the project's first six months, significant progress has been made:

[3is Kickoff meeting In Kenya | 7 - 8/03/2024](#)

The project's Kickoff meeting in Nairobi, Kenya, brought together all the consortium members for the first time. They set the stage, expectations, strategies, and expertise, laying a solid foundation for collaboration and mutual learning. Hosted by [Kenyatta University](#), the meeting focused on the project's main pillars through dynamic discussions and collaborative sessions.

[Preparations about the Internationalization & Inclusiveness Workshops | 15 & 19/04/2024](#)

The online preparation meetings for the workshops in Ethiopia on Internationalization (April 15, 2024) and on Inclusiveness (April 19, 2024) enabled the partners to self-diagnose their institutions' statuses. They also explored potential plans, shared ideas for workshop sessions, designed action plans, and outlined expected outcomes.

[Visit to the Delegation of the European Union to the African Union | 20/05/2024](#)

[Marilena Maragkou](#) and [Konstantinos Maragkos](#) from [Youthmakers Hub](#), representing the 3is Consortium. They presented the project to [John Villiers](#), program and policy officer of the [EU delegation to the African Union](#).

[3is Internationalization & Inclusiveness Workshops in Ethiopia | 21 - 24/05/ 2024](#)

The 3is Internationalization and Inclusiveness Workshops, held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, brought together all Consortium members. Led by [University of Girona](#) and the [University of Gondar](#), the



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events featured discussions on internationalization and inclusiveness frameworks, self-assessment guidelines, and action plan design.

Day 1 of the Internationalization Workshop covered topics like curriculum design and teaching mobilities, while Day 2 focused on research and community engagement. The Inclusiveness Workshop addressed higher education inclusiveness, barriers, supportive practices, and the transition to employment for graduates with disabilities.

Both workshops concluded with reflections and future planning, fostering a collaborative environment for shaping the future of higher education in the region.

You can follow the progress of the 3is project on its [website](#), on its [Facebook page](#), or by simply becoming a part of our community on [WhatsApp](#). Insightful and exciting things are coming soon.



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