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SMACITE project Newsletter #5

The **SMACITE** project aims to address the skills gap of **technicians and engineers** working in the field of **smart cities**, thanks to a new adapted educational programme that combines technical and non-technical skills (IoT, machine learning, entrepreneurship, environment, etc.)

[NEW SMACITE VIDEO LAUNCH](#)



🏆 Winners of SMACITE awards 🏆

We are thrilled to announce the winners of the SMACITE awards — a celebration of dedication and excellence in Smart cities training!

🏆 **Award 1 (€800)** for achieving the highest average score at the online exams leading to certification: [Antonio Cid Garcia \(Spain\)](#)

🏆 **Award 2 (€400)** for achieving the highest average score among at least 3 technical courses: [Anna Mitsikoudi \(Greece\)](#)

🏆 **Award 3 (€300)** for achieving the highest average score among at least 2 courses on horizontal skill: [Vasilis Kerasiotis \(Greece\)](#)

A huge congratulations to our winners for their hard work and perseverance and also to all students completing the MOOC courses.

Your achievements inspire future innovation in Smart Cities!

**The 3 awards area kind sponsorship of the Greek Computer Society, a non-profit organization, committed to representing all Greek scientists and professionals engaged in activities relevant to Computer Science, Information Technology, Telecommunications and other relevant scientific areas. Greek ComputerSociety is an associated partner of the SMACITE project.*

MOU SIGNED WITH CHAISE PROJECT

We have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the SMACITE and the CHAISE Erasmus+ projects through which we aim to boost key technologies at a European level.

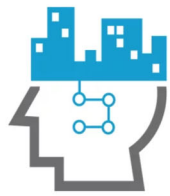
The main focus of the CHAISE project is to develop a strategic approach on blockchain skills development for Europe as well as to deliver future-proof training solutions, in order to tackle blockchain skill shortages and to respond to the current and future skill needs of the European Blockchain workforce.

The main objectives of the CHAISE projects are the following:

-  An institutionally validated European **Blockchain Skills Strategy**
-  An innovative 5-semester **Blockchain VET Programme** in 11 EU languages
-  The first-ever **“blockchain specialist” occupational profile**
-  A European **Blockchain Skills Ecosystem**
-  **Transnational mobility schemes** for Blockchain students & professionals
-  A **forecasting mechanism** to anticipate future blockchain skill needs

The collaboration between these two projects aims to enhance comprehensive education ecosystems by integrating smart city competencies with specialized blockchain expertise. It fosters interdisciplinary innovation through the application of blockchain technology in smart city solutions and promotes inclusive talent development, ensuring equitable opportunities as industries evolve.

This Memorandum of Understanding establishes a strong foundation for continued cooperation, enabling the sharing of resources and strategies to expand educational opportunities across Europe.



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Enhancing skills
for smart city tech



blockchain skills for Europe

PARTNER MEETING IN ALBA

In October 29th and 30th, Apro Formazione hosted a new face-to-face meeting in Alba for the SMACITE project. This gathering was another step to boost our collaborative efforts to bridge the skills gap for Smart Cities technicians and engineers providing an unmissable opportunity for project participants to share project progress and outcomes, discuss challenges and outline the future challenges to educate Smart City Technicians and Engineers.

Meeting

Outcomes:

- Identified challenges in student certification participation and platform usability, and formulation of plans for improvement.
- Confirmed dates and strategic plans for workshops in Bulgaria, Greece, and Italy, and the final conference in Greece.
- Memorandum of Understanding with the Digital Twin Erasmus+ project signed.
- First draft of pilot evaluation report presented.
- Exploitation and Sustainability Guide structure presented.
- Communication and dissemination KPIs are on track to be met.



CONDUCTED PROJECT WORKSHOPS

National Workshop in Pamporovo

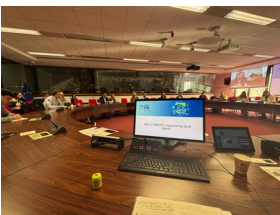


Date: November 15th to 17th, 2024

Organization: Bulgarian Association of Software Companies and ESI Center Eastern Europe

Country: Bulgaria

International Workshop in the EURegionsWeek (Brussels)



Date: October 7th to 10th 2024

Organization: AURORAL

Country: Belgium

PROJECT NEWS AND OUTPUTS

18/10/2024

SMACITE at I.CO.D.ECON 2024 Conference

08/10/2024

New publication of UAH under the SMACITE project

01/09/2024

SMACITE at EU Week of Regions and Cities 2024



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