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## BALTIC INSIGHTS FOR GLOBAL MINDS

In May, our university proudly welcomed master's students from **Hochschule Burgenland (Austria)** as part of an international study program.



The visit included engaging academic sessions, a professional VR tool demonstration by our digital expert **Andris Birzgals**, and a guest lecture on business behaviour in the Baltics by project lead **Jelena Budanceva**.

Discussions focused on gender equality, aging, and nationality in business. The group also explored local industry firsthand with a study visit to **KARAVELA**, one of the largest fish producers in the region.



## EUROPEAN SOCIAL ENTERPRISE MEMBERSHIP



We're thrilled to announce that in May, our institution officially joined the **EUCLID NETWORK**, a European level alliance supporting social enterprises and civil society: [www.euclidnetwork.eu](http://www.euclidnetwork.eu)

Euclid connects and empowers over 120,000 organisations across 26+ countries, driving sustainable innovation, policy influence, and peer learning (social-economy-gateway.ec.europa.eu).

As proud new members, we'll gain access to cutting-edge research, EU funding toolkits, and international networks — fuelling our efforts in social innovation, impact measurement, and inclusive development across Europe.

This membership also positions us to bring new resources, knowledge-sharing opportunities, and collaborative projects to the Baltic region, strengthening the local ecosystem for social entrepreneurship and civic engagement.

## STUDENTS PRESENT LATVIA-FOCUSED RESEARCH

As part of the ongoing national research project **"PAR LABU LATVIJU"**, student teams took the spotlight at the **Inventio Student Conference on May 31**. Two groups presented interim results of their original research, reflecting on key societal issues through independent analysis and academic inquiry.



This initiative empowers students to engage with real-world challenges and fosters evidence-based thinking—building both academic confidence and a deeper sense of civic responsibility. Activities like these play a crucial role in shaping informed, active citizens and strengthening Latvia's future through youth-driven knowledge.

## STUDENT RESEARCH ACTIVITIES: INVENTIO 2025 MOVE THE SCIENCE

We are proud to announce that on **May 30–31, 2025**, the **EKA University of Applied Sciences**, in collaboration with **Alberta College**, successfully hosted the international student scientific-practical conference "**INVENTIO 2025: MOVE THE SCIENCE**."

The conference brought together young researchers and students to present their academic work, share innovative ideas, and engage in thought-provoking discussions. INVENTIO 2025 served as a vibrant platform for showcasing student research across multiple disciplines, encouraging academic excellence and international collaboration.



A sincere thank you to all participants, academic supervisors, and organizers who made this inspiring event possible!

Stay tuned for highlights and selected proceedings from the conference!

[Read more here](#)

## EKA RESEARCHERS AT THE “BUSINESS AND MANAGEMENT” CONFERENCE IN VILNIUS

In May 2025, researchers from EKA participated in the International Scientific Conference “New Trends in **15th Contemporary Economics, Business and Management**”, hosted by **Vilnius Gediminas Technical University in Vilnius, Lithuania**.



The event brought together academics and professionals from across the Europe to explore innovative approaches and emerging trends in economics, business, and management.

EKA researchers **J. Titko**, **V. Vevere**, **J. Dehtjare**, **K. Uzule**, **O. Nikadimovs**, **A. Strazda** presented their latest findings, engaged in insightful discussions, and built valuable connections with international colleagues.



## ADVANCING CIRCULAR ECONOMY THROUGH COLLABORATION IN COST ACTION ECO4ALL

From 9-10 May 2025, EKA took part in the **ECO4ALL Mid-Term Intern a Circular Economy That Works for Consumers** – at Alexandru Ioan Cuza University, Iași.



The conference sessions covered key themes such as:

- Quantitative analysis of circular systems
- Product design innovation & lifecycle optimization
- Accessibility and infrastructure for circular models
- Consumer behavior and policy frameworks

By participating, EKA strengthened its international partnerships and reaffirmed its leadership in sustainable innovation and circular economy education.

EKA's contributions included:

- **Prof. Jelena Titko**, as part of **WG3**, joined comparative analyses on **best practices in consumer-focused circular economy**—helping to shape policy and education frameworks across Europe.
- **Prof. Tatjana Tambovceva** shared insights from project on **industrial symbiosis** in the concrete industry, advancing strategies for resource efficiency and sustainable production—funded by EU RRF grant No RTU-PA-2024/1-0012.



## NEW JOURNAL ON SUSTAINABILITY & INNOVATION

We are thrilled to announce the launch of a new international, peer-reviewed journal, published in collaboration with Sciendo:

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