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INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH TRAINING IN ACTION

21–25 September 2026, EKA University of Applied Sciences in cooperation with Alberta College, hosted **STW2026: EKA Research Week**.

The international Staff Training Week brought together 20 participants from Armenia, Georgia, Germany, Latvia, Lithuania, Slovakia and Ukraine.



The five-day programme combined research-oriented lectures, practical workshops and activities organised within the *Research Incubator* initiative. Participants explored experimental and interdisciplinary research with *iMotions* eye-tracking, VR-based research equipment and *CleverPoint Marine technology* at EKA ResearchLAB.

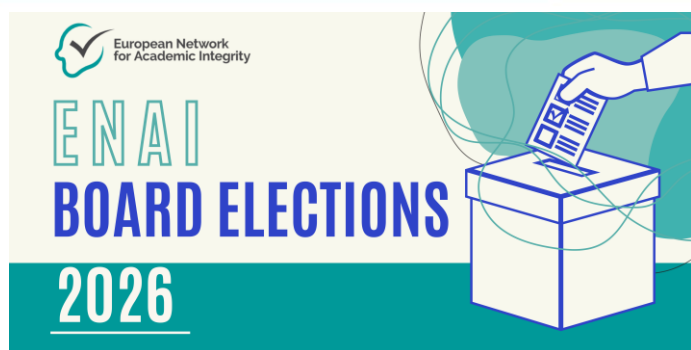
Key sessions were delivered by Dr. A. Poikāne-Daumke, Dr. J. Titko, A. Strazda, as well as A. Abuzhalitova (Almaty Management University) and M. Cīrulis (CleverPoint Marine Ltd). A meeting with journal editors also provided insights into the publication process and recommendations for researchers.



The academic programme was complemented by international networking and cultural activities, including a Gala Dinner and a guided tour of Riga's Art Nouveau architecture.

As a result of the week, participants strengthened their research and digital competencies, gained practical experience with innovative research tools, developed new international connections and enhanced their intercultural skills.

SHAPING THE FUTURE OF EUROPEAN ACADEMIC INTEGRITY



During the European Network for Academic Integrity (ENAI) General Assembly 2026, held on 15 September in Batumi, **Prof. Jelena Titko** was elected to the **ENAI Board for the 2026-2029 term**.

ENAI is an international association that brings together educational institutions and individuals committed to maintaining and promoting academic integrity. As Europe's largest academic-integrity network, it supports cooperation among higher education institutions, develops research and educational resources, and facilitates the exchange of knowledge and good practices.

As an institutional member of ENAI, EKA has been actively involved in the network's activities. This election marks an important step from active participation to direct involvement in ENAI's strategic governance and future development, creating new opportunities for research cooperation, institutional partnerships and wider international impact.



Prof. Titko's strategic vision focuses on expanding ENAI's institutional membership and geographical reach, strengthening its research activities, developing strategic partnerships and knowledge-transfer initiatives, and establishing regular training opportunities for young researchers and the next generation of academic integrity professionals.

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FINANCIAL LITERACY FOR A SAFER FUTURE

On 1 September 2026, EKA Prof. **Jelena Titko**, together with **Artis Zeiļa** (Latvijas Banka) and **Valters Vestmanis** (personal-finance coach) participated in the **Latvijas Radio 1** programme **Kā labāk dzīvot**, and discussed financial literacy, digital financial security and ways to avoid fraudulent investment offers.

The discussion was connected with the ManaBalss.lv initiative **“Financial Literacy as a Compulsory Course at Latvian Higher Education Institutions”**, represented by Prof. Titko. It proposes introducing a practical 3 ECTS course covering personal budgeting, savings, loans, taxation, pensions, investment fundamentals, digital financial tools and protection against fraud.

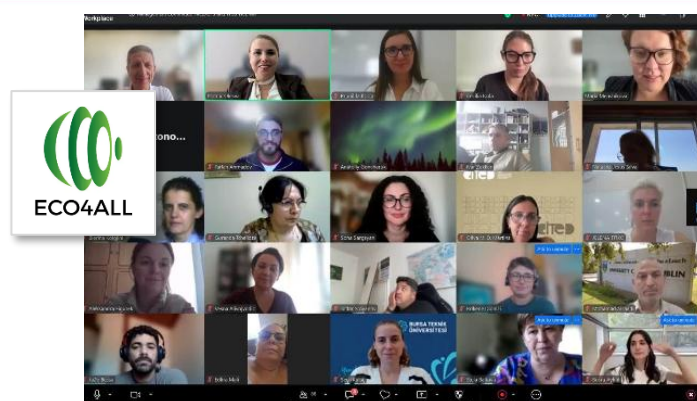


By combining expert participation in public discussion with a concrete civic initiative, EKA contributes to stronger financial education and a more financially secure society.

[Listen to the LR1 discussion](#)

[Support the ManaBalss initiative](#)

DISCUSSING PATHWAYS TO A CIRCULAR ECONOMY



On 16 September 2026, J. Titko participated in the **10th ECO4ALL Webinar**, within COST Action CA22124 – EU Circular Economy Network for All.

The webinar brought together 126 participants to discuss how technologies, businesses and communities can support the transition towards a circular economy.

Prof. Titko presented the research **“Urban Gardening within the Context of Circular Economy,”** co-authored with K. Broka. The presentation introduced a community-oriented perspective, highlighting the connections between urban gardening, local initiatives, sustainable practices and circularity.

Learn more about the [ECO4ALL Webinar](#)

CONTRIBUTING TO EUROPEAN RESEARCH INTEGRITY DIALOGUE

From 14 to 16 September 2026, EKA researcher Anna Strazda participated in the **12th European Conference on Ethics and Integrity in Academia (ECEIA 2026)** in Batumi, Georgia, organised by European Network for Academic Integrity (ENAI).

She presented the research **“How European Business Schools Represent Research Integrity: A Cross-School Analysis.”** The study examined how research integrity is communicated through the institutional websites of 42 business schools across 16 EU countries.



The findings revealed differences in the visibility of research-integrity governance, policies, training, researcher support, responsible assessment and institutional commitments. Particular attention was drawn to the limited visibility of researcher evaluation and incentive systems.



Participation in ECEIA 2026 supported international knowledge exchange and the further development of EKA research on responsible research culture and institutional integrity.

Learn more about [ECEIA 2026](#)

