



# 20 Years of Informatics Europe

## Celebrating Key Achievements

For the past two decades, **Informatics Europe** has been at the forefront of strengthening the unity and relevance of the European Informatics research and education community. Through unwavering support from our member institutions and collaborative efforts of researchers across Europe, our community has achieved remarkable milestones for the benefit of the overall European Informatics community:

### Strengthening the Standing of Informatics

The **Informatics Europe** community has been pivotal in positioning Informatics as a distinct scientific discipline. Our leadership in the Informatics for All coalition has ensured the European Council considers our views on the key importance of Informatics in modern curricula. The Informatics Europe Higher Education Data Portal, a unique source of reliable data from over 20 countries, underpins critical managerial and policy decisions. Our recommendations on topics such as Open Access or Informatics Research Evaluation, acknowledge and cater to the unique nature of Informatics, ensuring proper assessment and support while safeguarding the interests of individual and academic contributors. Moreover, our tailored academic department assessments and leadership programs foster continuous improvement and cultivate a generation of visionary leaders. Finally, providing a platform for exchange, discussion, recognition and collaboration, Informatics Europe plays a fundamental role in uniting the community and advocating Informatics Research and Education under a common voice.



## Promoting Responsible Informatics Teaching and Research

**Informatics Europe** pioneered the efforts to spotlight gender balance in Informatics academia since 2012, with the founding of the Women In Research and Education Working Group, comprising researchers from 16 member institutions. To date, our Minerva Informatics Equality Award showcases over 100 valuable initiatives enhancing women's careers in Informatics, honouring 10 exceptional ones, and the EUGAIN – European Network for Gender Balance in Informatics COST Action united 167 researchers from 46 countries in 4 years.

Our engagement in Ethics4EU and Inclusion4EU (Erasmus+ projects) and the Digital Humanism Initiative has further advanced the integration of ethics, diversity and human-centered approaches in Informatics education and technology development, including ready-to-use teaching materials. Additionally, our Informatics Europe Best Dissertation Award, recognizing exceptional PhD dissertations, values societal impact as a distinctive criterion. Finally, our Green ICT Working Group promises significant, forthcoming contributions to sustainable and responsible Informatics in Europe.



## Engaging with Society on the Nature and Impact of Informatics

Through our collective efforts, **Informatics Europe** has become a recognized spokesperson on Informatics Education at the European Commission and is expanding its influence in Brussels and beyond. We regularly provide critical feedback, participate in expert groups and ensure Informatics remains central to national and European policy discussions. Our work also accentuates Informatics' crucial role in other disciplines, particularly focusing on its impact on education and research.

Timely society and economic topics such as the digital talent gap and related upskilling – reskilling challenges, or the impact of AI in Education have repeatedly been discussed by our community during IE's annual summit workshops, and industry-academia partnerships promoted. Our recommendation on open publication schemes and open-source principles are also oriented to enhance Informatics' societal and economic contributions.

Each member institution has contributed to these achievements, laying the foundation for future collaborative efforts.

**We look forward to continuing our impactful work together!**



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