

Press release

ENIHEI's Third Conference: Exploring Higher Education's Role in Innovation

Gabrovo, Bulgaria - 2.10.2023 - The European Network of Innovative Higher Education Institutions (ENIHEI) is set to host its third annual conference on October 5th and 6th. The event will be hosted by the Technical University of Gabrovo, Bulgaria.

ENIHEI, a consortium of 38 innovative universities representing countries across the European Union, is at the forefront of fostering collective innovative thinking on the role of higher education in driving innovation. The network was first introduced at the inaugural European Education and Innovation Summit in June 2022.

As a forum for knowledge exchange and idea-sharing, ENIHEI members collaborate on how higher education can cultivate an innovation culture, enabling creativity, entrepreneurship, and talent to flourish.

The conference will count on the esteemed presence of Mariya Gabriel, former European Commissioner for Innovation and current Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Affairs Minister of Bulgaria. She will engage in a panel discussion titled "Transformative Contributions of Higher Education to the European Innovation Ecosystem: Opportunities, Challenges, and Resources," and will also deliver the closing remarks.

Representing University of South Bohemia in České Budějovice at this significant event are Veronika Štěpánová, IP manager and Leona Šťastná, technological scout, both from the TTO of USB. As a proud member of ENIHEI, University of South Bohemia looks forward to contributing to the vital discussions on higher education and innovation.

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About ENIHEI:

The European Network of Innovative Higher Education Institutions (ENIHEI) comprises 38 forward-thinking universities from EU member states. ENIHEI is dedicated to fostering innovation within higher education and promoting collaboration across institutions to advance creativity, entrepreneurship, and talent in Europe. Please, visit the ENIHEI webpage at [European Network of Innovative Higher Education Institutions \(ENIHEI\) | European Education Area \(europa.eu\)](https://european-network-of-innovative-higher-education-institutions.eu/enihei/)

About University of South Bohemia in České Budějovice

University of South Bohemia in České Budějovice is a prominent member of ENIHEI and a leader in research and development activities in the fields of natural, humanities and health and social sciences. The University of South Bohemia proves its high level by passing the strict criteria of prestigious international rankings. We are committed to driving innovation and excellence in higher education.