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DERHE Project Newsletter

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DERHE at the University of Tirana: Learning, Collaboration and Results

At the Faculty of Economics, University of Tirana, DERHE has connected digital education with practical learning and cooperation with companies. Through training courses, updated curricula, international thesis co-mentoring and joint student projects, FEUT has created opportunities to apply academic knowledge to real organisational challenges. Cooperation with the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Tirana (CCIT) helped connect the university with business needs. This edition presents UT's main contributions, examples of student and company collaboration, and resources available to support future teaching, training and cooperation.

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11 for industry and 8 for students

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Operational at FEUT

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Learning in Practice

Management knowledge and digital technologies applied to student learning and company needs.

Student Info Day at FEUT and practical industry training with CCIT.

Developing Skills for Students and Companies

DERHE training at FEUT connected management knowledge and digital technologies with practical business needs. Courses covered Project Management, Lean Management, Artificial Intelligence, Cybersecurity, ERP and Document Management Systems, alongside applications related to sustainability and the circular economy.

Company courses were adapted to participants' sectors and working processes. Student courses complemented regular studies through practical exercises, case studies, group discussions and interactive activities, including Lean educational games.

Cooperation with CCIT supported the promotion of training opportunities and communication with interested companies. Follow-up discussions helped FEUT identify training priorities and coordinate course delivery.

COMPANY SPOTLIGHT

SL Studio: Project Development and Funding Opportunities

SL Studio participants received guidance on writing project proposals and preparing applications for funding calls from international donors and development organisations, including GIZ.

This consultation complemented the training by helping participants explore how to turn company ideas into project proposals and identify relevant funding opportunities for future initiatives.

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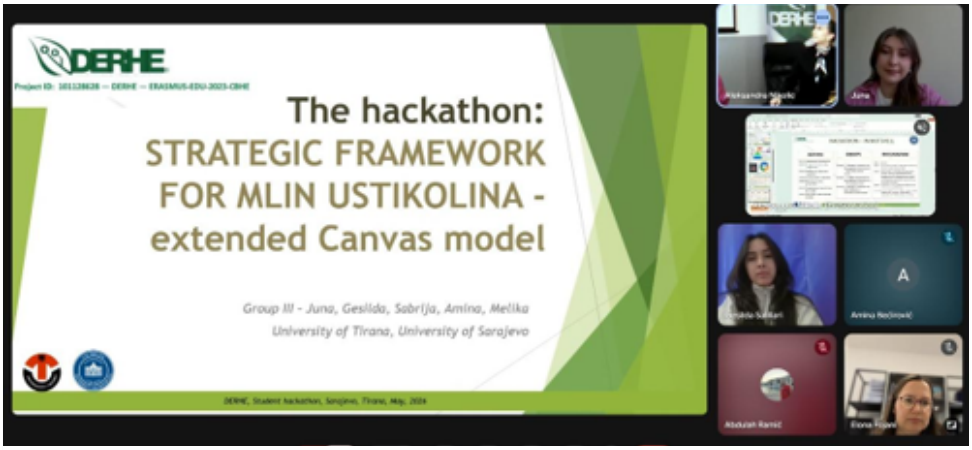
International Teamwork

In May 2026, the University of Sarajevo organised an online international hackathon in cooperation with FEUT. FEUT students worked with University of Sarajevo students on a strategic framework for Mlin Ustikolina. Their proposals connected sustainability, digital transformation and business planning, applying academic knowledge to a practical company challenge.



Online collaboration between students and academic staff from Sarajevo and Tirana.

11 **theses completed with international co-mentoring**

KU Leuven and University of Ljubljana

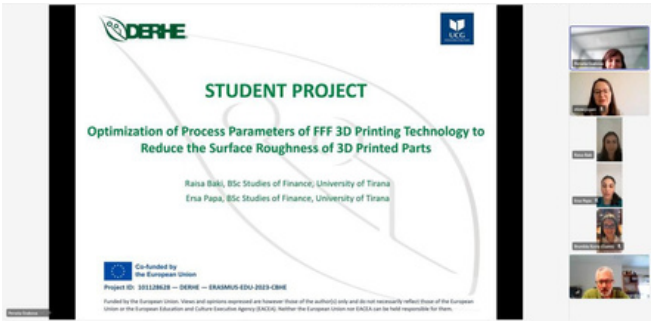
Students Working on Real Challenges

Montleon: Connecting Quality with Production Cost

A joint project coordinated by the University of Montenegro, with the University of Banja Luka and UT, addressed a 3D printing challenge proposed by Montleon. FEUT students complemented the engineering work with a fabrication cost model. Their analysis connected printing settings with material, equipment and electricity costs to help compare production alternatives.

igitalising Accounting and Financial Reporting

One of the bachelor's thesis examined digitalisation in accounting and financial reporting in Albania. Supported by FEUT supervision and international co-mentoring, the study combined a professional survey with an ERP company case study. It identified practical benefits and challenges and developed recommendations on staff training, data security and the use of integrated digital systems.



Montleon joint project: 3D printing and fabrication cost analysis.

Risk culture and digital transformation in Albanian public institutions: Empirical evidence from a national institution

Research shared beyond the thesis

Published in the SKILL2SUSTAIN Symposium 2026 proceedings, pp. 388-396.

Read the publication

Results That Continue

8 updated course syllabi

1 operational learning unit

Teaching materials, training packages and academic expertise available for further use.

Resources for Future Learning and Cooperation

Updated curricula

Eight revised course syllabi have been integrated into regular teaching and will remain part of FEUT curricula. Future student cohorts will benefit from updated content, practical cases and interactive learning methods.

A lasting learning space

The Multifunctional Learning Unit will remain operational after project completion, supporting teaching, professional training, research and meetings with external stakeholders.

Training and future cooperation

Developed training packages can be reused and updated for new student and company groups. Existing relationships provide opportunities for further training, company-based theses, joint supervision and applied research.

Moodle

Course presentations, practical exercises and learning resources developed through DERHE.

Information portal

Company challenges connected with student projects, applied research and theses.

Introductory webinars

Foundational concepts in the same thematic areas as the project's courses, available on YouTube.

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Students and companies interested in cooperation can contact the DERHE team at FEUT and CCIT.

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