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Project title: Digital Minds – Interdisciplinary Research and Teaching on AI and Digital Technologies

Acronym: MIND-AI

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Project objectives

MIND-AI is a 12-month Una Europa project coordinated by the University of Bologna (Department of the Arts) that seeks to foster a structured collaboration with UCD, UoE, and UH.

Building on existing academic links, the project aims to transform these contacts into an operational and scalable cooperation framework focused on interdisciplinary teaching, integrated student mobility, and shared research trajectories on AI and digital technologies, combining perspectives from philosophy, cognitive science, language, ethics, governance and digital creativity.

The general objective of the project is to create a stable core of cooperation within Una Europa around the international MSc programme *Digital Minds* and its partner programmes, laying the foundations for joint initiatives at various level.

More specifically, the project aims to:

- Map and compare curricula across partner institutions to identify alignment and genuine complementarity (themes, learning outcomes, credits, calendars, assessment methods)
- Explore interdisciplinary approaches to AI, cognition and digital technologies in both teaching and research
- Design integrated mobility windows and initial co-designed teaching activities (guest lectures, micro-modules, blended formats)
- Identify 2–3 priority strands for future research and third-mission activities (e.g. responsible AI and governance; embodied cognition and human–machine interaction; AI and creativity)
- Consolidate a community of practice among programme coordinators and teaching staff, with light governance and a shared roadmap

Activities

The project is structured around four integrated phases:

- Online preparation phase, including a kick-off meeting and the development of a shared template for curriculum mapping
- A 2-day coordination workshop in Bologna, focused on validating the comparative analysis, defining complementarity and drafting mobility options
- A 2-day event in Bologna, featuring a one-day workshop on interdisciplinarity in teaching and curriculum design for AI and digital technologies, followed by a coordination session to align on shared thematic areas and hold closed working meetings to finalise joint teaching pilots and mobility proposals
- A final online consolidation phase, producing key outputs and preparing concept notes for follow-on funding

Partner institutions

University College Dublin, University of Edinburgh and University of Helsinki

Expected impact

The project will strengthen the international profile and attractiveness of the *Digital Minds* programme and its partner units, providing ready-to-use tools to activate mobility and joint teaching with reduced administrative complexity.

At Alliance level, MIND AI will create a replicable thematic cluster on mind, language and digital transformation, generating reusable outputs (mapping templates, mobility models, roadmaps) that can be transferred to other disciplines within Una Europa and embedded in existing Erasmus and Alliance cooperation frameworks.