



ETCOP Institute for Interdisciplinary Research

Institutional Profile — Organisation, Research Areas, Activities and International Engagement

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About ETCOP

Organisation

International non-profit research and education organisation based in Klagenfurt, Austria.

Scope

Interdisciplinary activities at the intersection of research, education, technology, management and society.

Focus

Technological, educational, organisational and societal developments requiring perspectives from more than one academic discipline.

Activities

Interdisciplinary research, European and international projects, professional education, competence development, academic exchange, scientific communication and knowledge transfer.

Institutional Purpose

ETCOP supports interdisciplinary research and the systematic transfer of knowledge between academic disciplines, education, professional practice and society. The institute's work is based on four interconnected areas:

Interdisciplinary Research

Systematic inquiry drawing on multiple academic disciplines to address complex questions.

Research-Based Education

Competence development rooted in current research findings and evidence-based practice.

Academic Exchange

European and international cooperation connecting scholars, educators and practitioners.

Knowledge Transfer

Translation of research findings into educational, professional and societal contexts.

Main Research Areas

Artificial Intelligence and Responsible AI

AI literacy, ethical considerations, human oversight, organisational implementation and competence development.

Digital Transformation

Influence of digital technologies on institutional structures, working practices, decision-making and communication.

Education 5.0 and Pedagogy

Innovative learning models, digital competence, lifelong learning, adult education and work-based learning.

Sustainability and Mobility

Sustainable development, green competencies, mobility and responsible innovation.

Innovation and Organisational Development

Innovation processes, entrepreneurship, organisational learning and management.

Ethics and Society

Ethical dimensions of technology and research, AI governance, societal impact assessment and responsible innovation in academic and professional contexts.

Core Activities

Research

Interdisciplinary research combining perspectives from technology, education, management and social sciences.

Education & Capacity Building

Seminars, workshops, certificate programmes, expert sessions and continuing professional development.

European & International Projects

European and international projects spanning research, content development, evaluation, dissemination and knowledge transfer.

Scientific Communication & Digital Publishing

Research publications, conferences, public events, professional networks, podcasts, digital formats and online resources.

Academic & Professional Exchange

International networks, conferences, working groups, mobility activities and institutional cooperation.

Policy & Institutional Dialogue

Contributions to European policy processes, institutional positioning, advisory engagement and structured dialogue with academic, professional and public stakeholders.

European Programmes and Institutional Engagement

ETCOP maintains active engagement in flagship European initiatives spanning skills development, work-based learning and international academic exchange.

Pact for Skills — Leader since 2024

Flagship initiative of the European Skills Agenda addressing lifelong learning, digital and green competencies, professional development and interdisciplinary skills.

European Alliance for Apprenticeships

Member contributing to work-based learning, digital education and professional competence. An ETCOP practice is included in the Alliance's Compendium of Good Practices published by the European Commission.

Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions — Horizon Europe

Designated host institution for international postdoctoral research and academic exchange.

Selected European Projects

TwinLead

Erasmus Mundus Design Measures

ETCOP participates as the Austrian partner in the development of an international master's programme addressing leadership in the context of digital and green transformation.

FINANSAFER

Erasmus+

Prevention of financial exploitation among older adults through financial education, awareness-building, educational resources and digital tools.

She Goes AI Connect

Austrian Network Initiative

Addressing the participation and visibility of women in artificial intelligence — covering Responsible AI, AI literacy, digital skills, entrepreneurship and equal participation.

The ETCOP Community



The ETCOP Community is an interdisciplinary network for educators, researchers, professionals and organisations working in education, research and professional practice. It provides a structured environment for exchange across disciplines, sectors and countries.

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Thematic Areas

- Artificial Intelligence and Responsible AI
- Digital Transformation
- Education and Lifelong Learning
- Sustainability
- Entrepreneurship and Innovation
- Professional Competence Development

Activities

Professional exchange, thematic working groups, multinational activities and access to research-based and educational resources.

International Academic Cooperation

ETCOP maintains institutional relationships with universities, research organisations, educational institutions and professional organisations in Europe and other international regions.

Countries with Institutional Cooperation



Research & Exchange

Interdisciplinary research, academic and professional exchange, and participation in European and international projects.

Knowledge & Publishing

Development of educational formats, scientific publishing and structured knowledge transfer between partner institutions.

Institutional Approach

ETCOP's work is guided by six interconnected principles that shape the conduct of research, education and international engagement.

Interdisciplinarity

Research questions examined through multiple disciplinary perspectives.

Research Orientation

Systematic inquiry, academic methods and critical examination of evidence.

International Perspective

European and international exchange as an integral part of research and educational activities.

Responsible Technology Use

Technological developments considered in relation to ethical, educational, organisational and societal implications.

Inclusion and Diversity

Recognition of diverse perspectives and equal participation in research, education, technology and innovation.

Lifelong Learning

Learning and competence development as continuous processes across educational, professional and societal contexts.

Institutional Leadership

The ETCOP Institute is led by a Board of Directors comprising four founding and appointed members responsible for strategic, research and institutional direction.



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