



Short Report of the IDEALiStiC Conference in Aachen 2019-1

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1 General Information

This report summarises the results and workshops of the IDEALiStiC conference in Aachen, which was held from May 30 to June 2, 2019.

The main topic of the conference in Aachen was **IDEALiStiC's position within Europe**. The main goal was to have a look at our rules of procedure, find their weaknesses and improve them. Further more we discussed about Erasmus+, the European University Call and Sustainability at our universities. For both topics, education and sustainability, position papers were formulated and will be published soon.

During the course of the conference three interactive workshop sessions with two parts each were held, where current situations were shared, problems were discussed and solutions were worked out.

2 Member Universities and Abbreviations

UNIVERSITY	ABBREVIATION
Chalmers University of Technology	Chalmers
Delft University of Technology	Delft
Rheinisch-Westfälische Technische Hochschule Aachen	RWTH
Swiss Federal Institute of Technology in Zurich	ETH
Politecnico di Milano	PoliMi

3 Workshops

3.1 Framework of IDEALiStiC

3.1.1 Description

Even though IDEALiStiC was founded in 2005, there are a lot of uncertainties how IDEALiStiC should operate. With this workshop topic, we want to establish some ground rules for the future, eventually update our Rules of Procedure and find common topics we want to work on. An important focus will be, how conferences should be organised and how workshops at conferences shall be implemented. The main goal was to find a way of procedure, such that we can create the best possible output for future conferences.

3.1.2 Output

At the conference in Aachen 2017, the rules of procedure were implemented. Since then, nothing had been changed. During the workshop, the participants were separated into three groups. Each group wrote down all the problems that are currently either given by the rules of procedure or in the way we treat things. In a second step, the participants tried to find solutions for another groups problems. In a last step, the groups moved to the only sheet they haven't seen before, tried to figure out the priorities for the mentioned problems.

In a second part of the workshop, the focus was on coming up with future project or defining goals. Based on these discussions, a list of possible goals was created. At the general assembly, we elected project managers for four of these goals (see below).

3.2 Sustainability

3.2.1 Description

On May 24, there was a Global Climate Strike for Future. The topic has been hitting the media for some time now. Together with striking for the future and the climate comes also the topic of sustainability. As world leading universities, we are not only producing very intelligent people, but we are also a kind of role model. In this workshop, we want to talk about the contribution of our universities and student councils concerning sustainability. The main goal was to produce a Statement of IDEALiStiC.

3.2.2 Output

The output of this workshop session will be published in a position paper as soon as possible.

The representatives of each university got together and wrote a summary about ongoing projects. The goal was to write everything up, such that best practises can be discussed and everyone is on the same page. The first part of the workshop series was all about having fun and getting to know the positions. After writing down all the positions, we built groups, where every group had to represent another university. There we made sure, no one had to represent their own university.

Using the method of "fish bowl", we opened the discussion about possible solutions for the current climate situation. The goal was to prepare for the future and suggest measures for our universities. The output of these discussions was then implemented in a position paper in the second part of the workshop series.

3.3 Erasmus+

3.3.1 Description

In Switzerland, the federal popular initiative against mass immigration was a referendum in 2014 that aimed to limit immigration through quotas, as it had been prior to the bilateral treaties between Switzerland and the European Union launched 2002. The decision in favour of the referendum lead to the exclusion of Switzerland from the programs Horizon (for re- search) and Erasmus Plus. Even though Switzerland managed to get into Horizon again, they are still excluded from Erasmus Plus. Erasmus Plus will end in 2020 and after that, there will be a successive program ensuring the mobility within Europe for students and also apprentices.

In this workshop section, we discussed about the possible steps IDEALiStiC can take and produced a position paper for IDEALiStiC.

3.3.2 Output

For this workshop, we are currently working on a position paper. It will be published soon.

4 General Assembly

During the general assembly of IDEALiStiC, we discussed about several topics and aspects that concerned us during the past half year. The following decisions and elections have been carried out.

4.1 Decisions

- The next conference will be held in Göteborg. PoliMi will host the conference in spring 2020. In fall 2020, it would be Zurich's turn again.

The conference will be held from November 21 to 24.

- IDEALiStiC decided to publish a position paper about "Sustainability".
- IDEALiStiC decided to publish an answer to the denial of ETH Zurich within the proposed call of IDEA League in the European University.

4.2 Elections

No elections for SG and PR manager were required.
The following project managers have been elected:

- Marco Guerini (PoliMi): Documentation
- Tecla Trifilò (PoliMi): Representatives of IDEALiStiC
- Andreas Farner (ETH Zurich): Position paper for Sustainability
- Sarah Buckland (RWTH Aachen); Position paper for European University Call

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