

The EUNIS is the European University Information System Organization formed in 1993 and registered as a non-profit organization in Paris, France in 1998.

EUNIS brings together those who are responsible for the management, development and the policy for Information Technology in Higher Education in Europe. The objective of EUNIS is to contribute to the development of high quality Information systems. To achieve this, the aims of EUNIS are:

- Encourage exchanges, cooperation and debates between those responsible for information systems in higher education or research institutes/organizations within Europe;
- Establish relationships with supervisory organizations in charge of information systems in higher education and in research institutes in each country as well as at European level.

The EUNIS Congresses are international events that attract a large audience from Higher Education Institutions (HEI). They represent an opportunity for sharing of experience amongst international specialists, users, researchers, decision makers, and teaching staff from all over Europe.



Higher Education is a complex business, highly supported by Information Technology and Information Systems, linking together TEACHING, RESEARCH, and MANAGEMENT. The EUNIS 2012 Congress will address these three dimensions of Higher Education, unveiling and innovating a 360° perspective on how IT and IS are key to the future development of Higher Education Institutions.

The EUNIS 2012 Congress will be held in Vila Real, Portugal, on the 20th - 22th June 2012 and is an excellent forum to present and publish the latest results of research, investigations and deployment concerning Information Technology in Higher Education Institutions.

The EUNIS 2012 Congress's theme is "A 360° perspective on IT/IS in Higher Education" and its topics include: global networks, partnerships, and exchanges, e-learning and mobile learning, virtual and distance education.

The context of EUNIS Conferences and all these topics mentioned above have a strong relation with the objectives of the SUPPORT project, where developing a free learning resource will help among others HEI staff to access and understand SME and promote partnership between both institutions. The aim of SUPPORT is clear, to develop resources which enables SME to break down barriers & gain access to dormant research at HEI & allow universities to find outlets for current and previous research, making them more responsive to current market needs.



Regarding the exposed above, the SUPORT team have submitted an extended abstract to the EUNIS 2012 Congress's in order to be able to expose the main objectives of the project and the results we have obtained.