ERAI – EUNIS Research and Analysis Initiative

ERAI - the EUNIS Research and Analysis Initiative – wants to be the answer to a very simple question: where can I find information about the use and trends of IT for the European Higher Education system?

There is a lot of information available today, but it comes from very several different sources, in different languages and for different purposes. It is very difficult, if not impossible, to look at the European perspective in one view.
The main goal of ERAI will be to provide a platform where to find this very information and share it. Through ERAI, EUNIS will:

- provide case studies from specific countries
- compare studies between two or several countries
- share contributions coming from Members
- write EUNIS specific articles
- publish and promote surveys and analysis of the working group
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ERAI will **allow Universities to find solutions** to their IT problems by looking at how other Universities in Europe have dealt with the same problems.

ERAI will **support the European Union** in understanding differences and similarities of the Higher Education IT issues in the different Countries.

ERAI will offer Corporate Members the opportunity to establish a fruitful collaboration with the Universities, instead of a client-vendor relation. No distinction should be made, as far as possible, between different member categories.

Most important of all, ERAI will give EUNIS the possibility to collect and manage the contents coming from Europe, making it the official "megaphone" of all 27 Countries.

ERAI will collect articles, papers and general information already available for different countries to expose them in a single platform. There will be an editorial activity on top of the content collections, in order to organize the contents under a European perspective.

Besides that, the results of the surveys already run by EUNIS (Business Intelligence and Benchmarking), reports about the Task Forces activities, case studies, editorial interviews and articles written by EUNIS Members (both **Institutional** and **Corporate**) will complete the offer.
The goal is to have a balance between original contents produced by ERAI and distributions of contents created by different European Institutions.

An internal working group has been created in order to analyse the best possible structure this project can have. Johan Bergström of Umeå University, Sweden, has been asked to lead and coordinate the working group. The ERAI project will be presented at the EUNIS2014 Congress. If you have any more questions please contact johan.bergstrom@umu.se