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**PRESS RELEASE**

**Participation of the Agricultural University of Athens in the 34th Annual Conference of the European Association for International Education (EAIE)**

The Agricultural University of Athens (AUA), along with the European University for Smart Urban Coastal Sustainability (EU-CONEXUS), participated in the 34th Annual Conference and Exhibition of the European Association for International Education (EAIE), held in Toulouse, France, from September 17 to 20, 2024. EAIE is one of the most significant higher education conferences in Europe, hosting more than 240 sessions and activities, over 200 stands, and more than 7,300 participants. Its primary objective is to serve as an international meeting point for higher education professionals, providing opportunities for networking and the development of partnerships.

At the event, the European University EU-CONEXUS hosted its own stand, staffed by representatives from its nine (9) partner universities: the University of La Rochelle, France; the Agricultural University of Athens, Greece; the Catholic University of Valencia, Spain; Klaipeda University, Lithuania; the University of Zadar, Croatia; the Technical University of Civil Engineering Bucharest, Romania; Waterford Institute of Technology, Ireland; the University of Rostock, Germany; and Frederick University, Cyprus. The Agricultural University of Athens was represented by Mrs. Fotini Paradeisi, Communication Manager of AUA for EU-CONEXUS. Together with the other exhibitors—including universities, international university alliances, student and staff services, companies, and national organizations—they distributed printed materials and provided information to visitors about the unique internationalization opportunities offered by the European University.

Special emphasis was placed on the EU-CONEXUS Erasmus Mundus Joint Master's Program in "Marine Biotechnology," which aims to deliver high-level education in areas such as Innovative Bioproducts for the Future, Blue Biomass, Marine Biorefinery, and Aquaculture Biotechnology. Using modern educational methods, the program equips students with a strong scientific background and the ability to adapt to technological and scientific advancements. Additionally, it seeks to enhance cooperation between universities, industry, and research institutions, preparing graduates to address global challenges.

Through its participation in EAIE, the Agricultural University of Athens reaffirmed its commitment to internationalization and the development of partnerships that promote excellence in education, research, and innovation, further solidifying its presence on the international academic stage