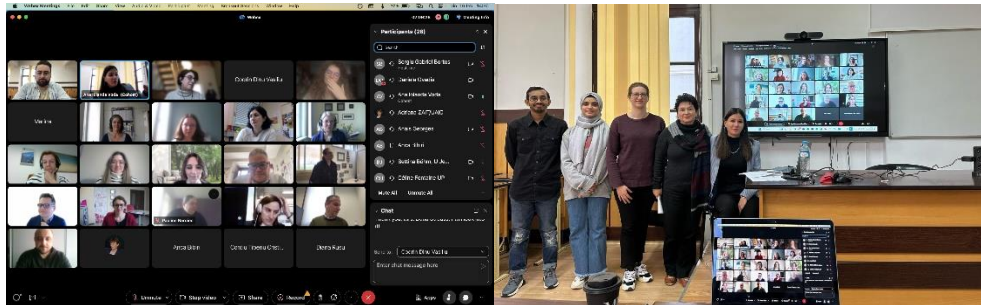


RI4C2 International Conference: Living Labs Launch

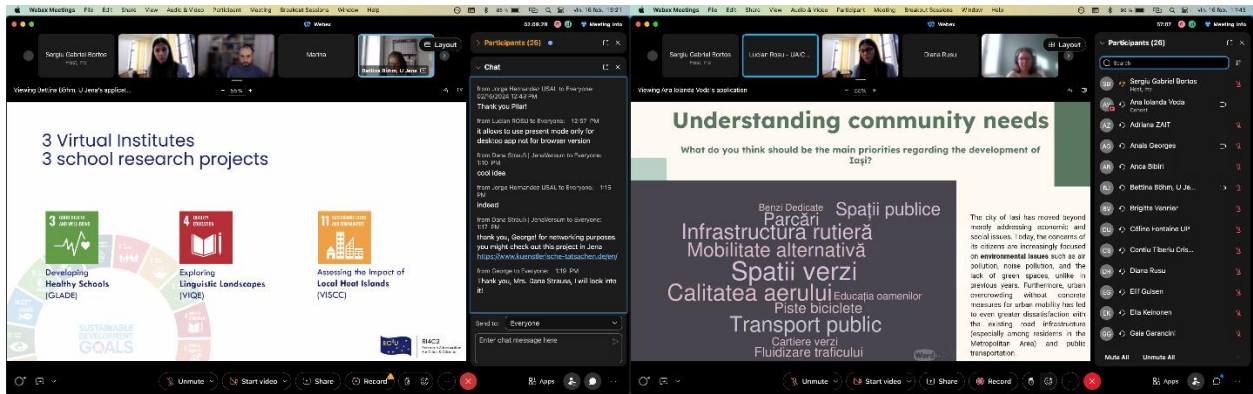
The Alliance EC2U – European Campus of Cities-Universities organized the **Living Labs Launch conference** on 16 February 2024, as an international hybrid event, both online and on-site. The event brought together researchers, professors, students, and other stakeholders, who presented their advancement in the fields of i) Healthy (Home) Office Habits, ii) Languages in Communities and Cultural Biases, and iii) Perceptions of the building environment- Indoor environment and quality of air.



This international event was organized through the project **RI4C2 – “Research & Innovation For Cities & Citizens”** (<https://ec2u.eu/ri4c2/>) funded by *European Commission’s Horizon 2020 „Science with & for Society”* call, Grant Agreement 101035803/04.06.2021, coordinated by The EC2U Alliance which is a partnership between seven European universities: University of Coimbra, Portugal; Alexandru Ioan Cuza University in Iasi, Romania; Friedrich Schiller University Jena, Germany; University of Pavia, Italy; University of Poitiers, France; University of Salamanca, Spain; and University of Turku, Finland.

Through the *Living Labs for Citizens Science– RI4C2 International Conference* **were launched** the three **Pilot Living Labs** within existing **EC2U Virtual Institutes (EC2U VI)**, whose virtual structures are **defined on the basis of three** United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs): Good health and wellbeing (VI GLADE) (SDG #3); Quality Education (VI QE) (SDG #4) and Sustainable Cities and Communities (VI SCC) (SDG #11).

The invited speakers generously shared their knowledge and expertise regarding events and activities based on Citizens Science. In the area of **Good health and wellbeing** the four presenters spoke about examples and ideas regarding: *Better ageing at home (living lab on life habits and health)*, *Smart-house-living-lab* and *Gendered Innovation Living Labs*. In the area of **Quality Education** the main topics addressed were the use of current technology in education (*Disruptive technology as a catalyst for ecological transition from environmental education*) and the impact of art as a tool to address cultural biases in our communities.



Regarding the theme of **Sustainable Cities and Communities** speakers from University of Jena, University of Iasi (UAIC), and Romanian Academy, Iasi Branch, presented projects whose success was based on the involvement of citizens to improve the quality of education and to bring direct and indirect benefits to their own communities. Also, from University of Pavia, Italy, the theme: A living Lab for citizen involvement in Science was also presented in brief.

One of the highlights of this conference was the networking opportunities and the future collaborative international projects that it may arise because of this conference, which were emphasized by Ludovic THILLY, Executive Vice-Rector for EC2U Alliance and European Networks and Coordinator of the EC2U Alliance and RI4C2.

We invite you to fill in the form below if you are interested in getting involved in future RI4C2 living labs activities: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeepHG0UfnSb8UR4kJitGx3UFf1EjyNqrOSu34DCVlawMtauA/viewform>

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