

European Campus Receives Prix Bartholdi

Minister of Science Theresa Bauer Presents the Award to the University Alliance

Today, the university alliance Eucor – The European Campus, one of the members of which is Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT), was granted the honorary prize by the Association Prix Bartholdi. The Association thus recognized the central contribution of the university alliance to cross-border cooperation. Representatives of the member universities of Basel, Freiburg, Upper Alsace, and Strasbourg, as well as of Karlsruhe Institute of Technology accepted the prize in Freiburg. The laudation was held by Theresia Bauer, Baden-Württemberg Minister of Science, Research, and the Arts.

“The European Campus is the first-ever common research and innovation area to have its own European legal status. It is thus performing real pioneering work and setting an example with its ground-breaking cross-border cooperation. Joint degree programs are already common practice on the Upper Rhine. In the future, the European Campus universities will also appoint joint professors and develop common strategies,” said Minister of Science Theresia Bauer.

“Close cross-border cooperation between KIT and its partners has a long tradition. The European Campus now represents a new platform, via which we can participate in international competition and jointly present ourselves as strong actors in research, education, and innovation,” says KIT Vice President for Innovation and International Affairs Professor Dr. Thomas Hirth. “The Prix Bartholdi is a high recognition of the European Campus and our excellent cooperation so far.”

“The European Campus is a model project that is unique in Europe. We are building up a trinational research and education area with an international reach. I am delighted to see our commitment to cross-border science recognized with the Prix Bartholdi,” says Professor Hans-Jochen Schiewer, President of Eucor – The European Campus and Rector of the University of Freiburg.

The Association also awarded student prizes worth between 500 and 4000 Euros to five economics students from the region, who completed an internship abroad: The winners of this year’s students prizes are

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The Prix Bartholdi is awarded annually to outstanding projects in the cross-border educational area of the German-French-Swiss border region. It is funded by the "Association Promotion du Prix Bartholdi," whose members are companies, association, and private individuals from the region.

Eucor – The European Campus is a trinational university alliance of the universities of Basel, Freiburg, Upper Alsace, and Strasbourg, as well as Karlsruhe Institute of Technology. It is the first European grouping of territorial cooperation (EGTC) to be organized and managed by universities alone. This enables the universities to develop a common strategy for research and teaching and create overarching structures for science in the Upper Rhine region. The goal is to foster cross-border studies, teaching, and research.

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