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CRITHINKEDU – Critical Thinking Across the European Higher Education Curricula

CRITHINKEDU arises both from the background and ongoing concern of some European Higher Education Institutions (EHEI), business corporations and Non-Governmental Organisations (NGO) to better support and align the development of students' Critical Thinking (CT) with labour market needs and societal challenges.

The project carried-out several research and training activities, leading to the development of 6 innovative outputs that can be assumed as a pioneer toolkit to the sustainability of CT education around the European Higher Education Area (EHEA).

OUTPUT 1 (O1) - A European collection of CT skills and dispositions needed in different professional fields for the 21st century.

OUTPUT 2 (O2) - A European review on CT educational practices in Higher Education Institutions

OUTPUT 3 (O3) — "The CRITHINKEDU European course on CT education for university teachers: from conception to delivery" describes the 5-day teachers' training course, collectively designed by the partnership considering the results of O2.

OUTPUT 4 (O4) - Promoting CT in European Higher Education Institutions: towards an educational protocol.

OUTPUT 5 (O5) – Special Issue on 'CT in Higher Education', published in the "Studies in Higher Education" journal (Vol.44, 2019).

OUTPUT 6 (O6) - Infographic: CRITHINKEDU IMPACT REPORT — A journey on CT in European higher education. It consists in a "marketing" tool that summarizes, both quantitatively and qualitatively, the main activities and outputs achieved during the project lifetime, as well as their impact on different audiences.

Web platform: https://crithinkedu.utad.pt/en/crithinkedu/ All other online resources are available here: CRITHINKEDU

	https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/projects/eplus-project-details/#project/2016-1-PT01-KA203-022808
References	As of today, there is an impressive number of EU co-financed projects labelled under the keyword "Critical Thinking". For instance, results from the E+ project results' platform lists nearly



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Type of material	However, after applying few filters to our research, we manage to collect a short sample of initiatives that are meaningful and coherent to our objectives. All information is extrapolated directly from the snapshot available on the platform. BEST PRACTICES
	6.900 international projects. Such a large sample of case studies represents both an opportunity and a challenge. An opportunity because we have plenty of case studies to report to readers' attention for further source of reference, a challenge because it increases the complexity in selecting those that might be relevant to the actual impact radius of ESSENCE.