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Advancing Engineering Education for Circularity and Responsibility in Plastic Use EDU4PlastiCircular Multiplier Event held at BRAMAT 2026 Conference in Brașov, Romania

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The EDU4PlastiCircular project consortium successfully organized a special Multiplier Event in Brașov, Romania, on March 6th, 2026, bringing together representatives from academia, industry, environmental institutions, waste management companies, consultancy organizations, media, and students. The event was hosted by the Transilvania University of Brașov within the framework of the BRAMAT 2026 International Conference dedicated

to developments in materials science and engineering.

The multiplier event, entitled “Advancing Engineering Education for Circularity and Responsibility in Plastic Use”, focused on disseminating the achievements of the EDU4PlastiCircular Erasmus+ project and encouraging dialogue on sustainable plastic management, circular economy practices, and environmental responsibility.

The EDU4PlastiCircular project aims to support teachers, students, managers, and employees by developing knowledge and competencies related to plastics in a circular and climate-neutral economy while also promoting innovative digital learning approaches. The project's educational resources include a

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digital library and five learning modules integrated into an e-learning platform accessible through the project website:

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The Braşov event was organized as a workshop within BRAMAT 2026, an international conference gathering experts from universities, research institutions, and companies, creating an excellent environment for dissemination and networking. Invitations and agendas were distributed to stakeholders from the educational sector, automotive industry, industrial parks, environmental consultancy companies, and waste management organizations across the region.

A Strong International and

Multidisciplinary Participation

The multiplier event took place at Transilvania University of Braşov and brought together 45 participants from universities, research institutes, industry, environmental authorities, waste management companies, consultancy organizations, media, and student communities.

The event was moderated by Lilianna Rogozea and Camelia Drăghici and featured speakers from Romania, Spain, Italy, and Slovenia, including Anca Drăghici, Santiago Ferrandiz, Dana Perniu, Angela Repanovici, Elena Cristina Rada, Valerij Dermol, Cristina Vestemean, Ioana Benga, and Gheorghe-Adrian Boricean.

Through presentations,

discussions, and networking activities, participants exchanged knowledge and experiences related to circular economy, sustainability, and responsible plastic use.

Presentations, Discussions and Educational Innovation

Participants explored a wide range of topics related to plastics, sustainability, and circular economy education, including:

- Presentation of the EDU4Plastic-Circular project and its results
- Demonstration of the e-learning platform and digital library
- Certification opportunities through the project training programme
- New research and mobility initiatives generated through the project
- Challenges in plastic waste management and environmental protection
- Industry perspectives and practical experiences from waste management stakeholders

The event combined academic presentations with practical perspectives from environmental authorities and industry representatives, creating valuable opportunities for discussion and knowledge exchange. Presentations were delivered both onsite and online, reflecting the international collaboration within the project consortium. Participants expressed strong interest in the educational tools



and training opportunities developed through the project.

Outstanding Participant Feedback

Following the event, participants completed a satisfaction survey that demonstrated exceptionally high levels of appreciation for the event's organization, relevance, and quality. Participants highlighted the excellent organization of the event, the relevance of the topics presented, the high quality of the presentations, and the usefulness of the discussions for their professional and academic activities.

The opportunities for interaction and networking were also highly appreciated, confirming the strong engagement between project partners, stakeholders, and attendees.

Participants particularly valued presentations addressing plastic circularity education, training and certification programmes, waste crime related to textiles and plastics, and practical solutions for local waste management. Suggestions for future editions included more case studies, hybrid participation opportunities, additional practical demonstrations, and further exploration of health impacts related to microplastics.

Dissemination and Regional Impact

The multiplier event generated strong visibility through conference dissemination activities and local media coverage. The

EDU4PlastiCircular project banner and QR codes remained visible throughout the BRAMAT 2026 conference, reaching an even broader audience of researchers, academics, and professionals.

The event was also featured in local media and university communication channels, highlighting the importance of collaborative efforts in addressing the environmental challenges posed by plastics and microplastics.

Looking Ahead

The Braşov Multiplier Event demonstrated the growing importance of interdisciplinary cooperation and innovative education in advancing sustainability and circular economy

principles. Through strong engagement from academia, industry, authorities, and students, the EDU4PlastiCircular project continues to contribute to developing green and digital skills aligned with European priorities.

Special thanks go to the BRAMAT conference organizers, all speakers, participants, and the local project team members from Transilvania University of Braşov for their contribution to the success of the event.

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