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### Trans-Continental Interactions in the Digital Innovation Ecosystem

AfriConEU made a dynamic start in the first quarter of 2022 by organizing virtual and physical events, interacting with other projects, and participating in crucial discussions. The project continuously creates new opportunities, which are made now available on the project's [Website](#).

Let's have a look at the events organized during the last few months.

- [Porto Business School](#) organized the virtual workshop "[Development of the Trans-Continental Partnership](#)." on the 3rd of February 2022. The workshop aimed to co-design a program focused on Africa-Europe partnerships in the innovation ecosystem. During this event, speakers analyzed the needs, opportunities, and recommendations of the Africa-Europe partnership building from the perspective of a representative from the European innovation ecosystem.
- [Emerging Communities for Africa](#) organized a virtual [Stakeholders' Engagement Session](#) for Nigeria, Ghana, Uganda, and Tanzania on the 23rd of February 2022. The engagement session aimed to identify challenges and seek opportunities to strengthen DIHs. It also aimed at ensuring seamless collaboration between all stakeholders in Academia, Private Sector, and Government in the innovation ecosystem in Africa and Europe.

The Dissemination Manager of AfriConEU participated in the [Africa-Europe Week 2022](#) in Brussels on 14th-18th February 2022. She contributed to the discussion for the Joint Vision for 2030 related to the Digital Transition and trans-continental collaboration. One of the week's highlights was the sessions in the [7th EU-Africa Business Forum \(EABF\) framework](#). You can read more information [here](#).

The project's team met online with its ICT-58 family projects [DIGILOGIC](#), [HUBiquitous](#), [D4D Hub](#), and [AEDIB Net](#), on the 3rd of March 2022. The meeting was organized and moderated by the Coordinator of AfriConEU, [INOVA+](#). This meeting's objective was to share progress and findings of the projects' activities so far, present what has been done up to that point, and review the outcomes. Furthermore, we discussed common challenges and the possibility of joining efforts to reach a larger audience. You can find more about what has been discussed during the meeting [here](#).

In addition, AfriConEU's Website is continuously updated with useful tools and content. The new addition is the [Participation in Events](#) section. Users can find all the presentations of AfriConEU team members at external events. A separate section entitled [Vidcasts](#) has been created, including all information regarding the new "AfriConEU Vidcast Series." A vidcast is a podcast that contains video content. Each episode will explore a different topic related to the EU-African Digital Innovation Hubs and Startup Ecosystems and will be presented by various members or associates of the AfriConEU project. The series includes 12 monthly episodes for April 2022 to March 2023. Lastly, the [second](#)



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[Newsletter](#) of the project has been sent to all its subscribers, informing them about all project updates and opportunities.

You can follow the future developments of AfriConEU on its [Website](#) or simply by subscribing to the [Newsletter](#). Exciting content and events will track. Suppose you are a Digital Innovation Hub, an Entrepreneur, an Investor, an Institution in digital skills, or any other Stakeholder interested in taking part at some stage of the project. In that case, you can [contact](#) our team at [africoneu@inova.business](mailto:africoneu@inova.business).

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