European Universities

building the universities of the future

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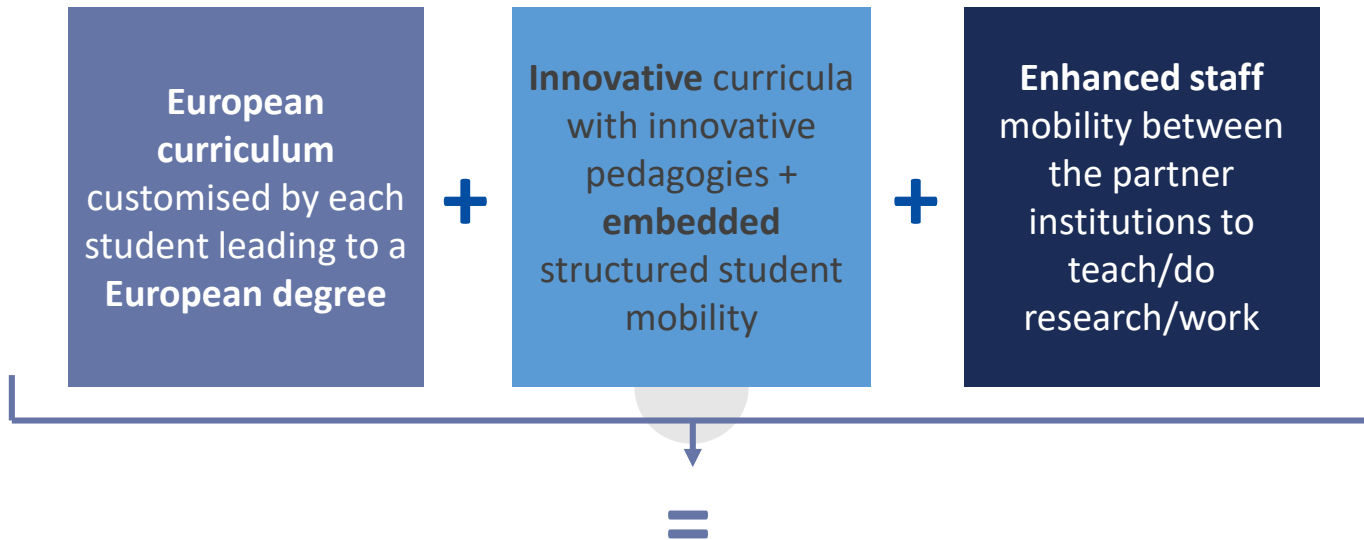# European Universities: a strong political mandate

"Education and culture are key to building inclusive and cohesive societies, and to sustaining our competitiveness."

- *stepping up mobility and exchanges, including through a substantially strengthened, inclusive and extended **Erasmus+** programme;*
- *strengthening strategic partnerships across the EU between higher education institutions and encouraging the emergence by 2024 of some twenty **'European Universities'**, consisting in bottom-up networks of universities across the EU which will enable students to obtain a degree by combining studies in several EU countries and contribute to the international competitiveness of European universities;*

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Key elements of European Universities by 2025

- A shared, integrated, **long-term joint strategy** for education with links, where relevant, to **research and innovation**, and to **society**.

- Co-created by HEIs, student organisations, Member States and the Commission

- **Systemic, structural and sustainable impact**

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European curriculum customised by each student leading to a **European degree**

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Innovative curricula with innovative pedagogies + **embedded** structured student mobility

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Enhanced staff mobility between the partner institutions to teach/do research/work

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European inter-university Campuses

Bachelor/Master/Doctoral levels

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Acting as **role models**

Foster an **entrepreneurial mind-set** and **civic engagement**

Transnational Transdisciplinary knowledge-creating teams of students/teachers/researchers addressing big **societal challenges (challenged-based approach)**

Testing phase 1: Progress with the first call (2019)

EUR 85 million for 17 alliances (maximum EUR 5 million each, 3 years)

Deadline for submission 28 February 2019:

- 54 applications
- more than 300 HEIs involved, from all Member States
- different types of HEIs (e.g. research-based, technical, applied sciences, medical…)

Evaluation results published on 28 June: 17 selected European Universities

High Level Conference on 7 November 2019:

- kick-off and presentation of the 17 European Universities

- information session on the 2nd call for proposals

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RESULTS OF 1ST CALL

EUROPEAN UNIVERSITIES

17 ALLIANCES

114 HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS

24 MEMBER STATES

€5 MILLION max per alliance

3 YEARS funding period

22 alliances above the quality threshold but below funding line

9 below the quality threshold

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Success factors

- Relevance & level of ambition of common long term vision

- Transformational impact on institutions, at all levels

- Contribution to European Education Area, geographical balance

- Consistency between strategy and work plan of activities

- High involvement of students and staff at all levels

- Concrete deliverables after 3 years

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A diverse spectrum of higher education institutions

✓ 48 eligible applications

❖ Around 80% had between 5 and 8 partners, on average **6 partners**

❖ **2/3** comprehensive and research-intensive universities

❖ **1/3** technical universities, universities in the fields of arts, universities of applied sciences, distance-learning

✓ 17 pilot European Universities

❖ Around 90% have between 5 and 8 partners, on average **7 partners**

❖ **35%** include a technical, applied sciences or art university

❖ **Small**, **medium-sized** and **large** institutions involved

❖ Previous cooperating partners have reached out to **new partners**

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Transdisiciplinary long term visions

UN SDGs

Global Health

Climate Change

A.I.
Bid data
Robotic
Digital society

Sustainable Blue Growth

Biodiversity Healthy food

Active citizenship

European identity

Migration

Social sciences

Fine arts

Multi-lingualism

Education
Research
Innovation
Service to society

Transformational Impact

- Systemic, structural and sustainable impact
- Institution wide, going beyond individual departments and faculties
- Parity of esteem btw education and R&I
- Specific trans-disciplinary challenges (challenge-based approach)
- Aim to become EU champions
- Make the 'knowledge square' a reality

Education
Research
Innovation
Service to society

Diversity of innovative governance models

- Common management and support structures

- Administrative, management, infrastructure and cultural changes

- Joint high-level boards, steering committees, strategy boards

- Co-creation governance model with students and staff

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Embedded and seamless mobility

- 50% (sometimes 100%) target of student mobility

- More flexible and innovative mobility formats

- Multilingualism

- Automatic recognition

- EU student card initiative

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Student-centred learning and teaching

- Pool courses/programmes/modules together

- Flexible, modular, personalised curriculum

- Combination of full joint degrees with micro-credentials

- Continuous learning

- Innovative pedagogies: mix of face-to-face and virtual, flipped classroom, transdisciplinary & transnational challenge-based co-creation teams

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Knowledge co-creating teams

- Transdisciplinary and transnational knowledge co-creating teams of students, academics, researchers

- Wide diversity of associated partners: regions, cities, companies, NGOs, research centres

- Living labs

- Entrepreneursip, mentorship

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Funded through Erasmus+

- Transformative institutional changes
- Management of the alliance and set-up of a new governance to implement the common long-term strategy
- Transformation of education and training programmes: more innovative, transdiciplinary, challenge based, modular and personalised
- Embedded mobility of students and academic staff
- Dissemination to other HEIs

Funded through national/regional funding, Horizon 2020, or structural funds

- Research dimension
- Links to innovation ecosystems
- Adoption of open science practices
- Research and data infrastructure

Other Erasmus actions:

Mobilities, Strategic Partnerships, Knowledge Alliances, Erasmus Mundus, Joint Master Degrees

Other Horizon Europe Actions:

EIT-KIC, Marie-Curie, clusters/missions, all HE pillars

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Testing Phase 2: Progress with the second call (2020)

Increased overall budget of EUR 120 million confirmed by Erasmus+ programme committee

Call preparation ongoing
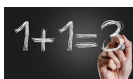
Call publication in autumn

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Full roll-out under the next MFF

Increased budget, subject to agreement of co-legislators

Possibility to reapply under the next MFF after a positive evaluation

Synergies with other national, European & private funding sources

Work together to detect and lift remaining legal & administrative barriers

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Choose the right instrument

Ambitious

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>10 year VISION
Institutional level

Erasmus Mundus

Knowledge alliances

Short term projects
Department/faculty level

Strategic partnerships

Long-term Strategy

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For further information, please visit:

- **Website on the European Universities initiative**

  https://ec.europa.eu/education/education-in-the-eu/european-education-area/european-universities-initiative_en

- **2019 Erasmus+ programme guide on European Universities:**

  https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/programme-guide/part-b/three-key-actions/key-action-2/european-universities_en

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Thank you for your attention

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