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THE COIMBRA GROUP:
A TRADITION OF INNOVATION



**EUROPEAN UNIVERSITIES ALLIANCES:
perspectives from the Coimbra Group
of Universities**

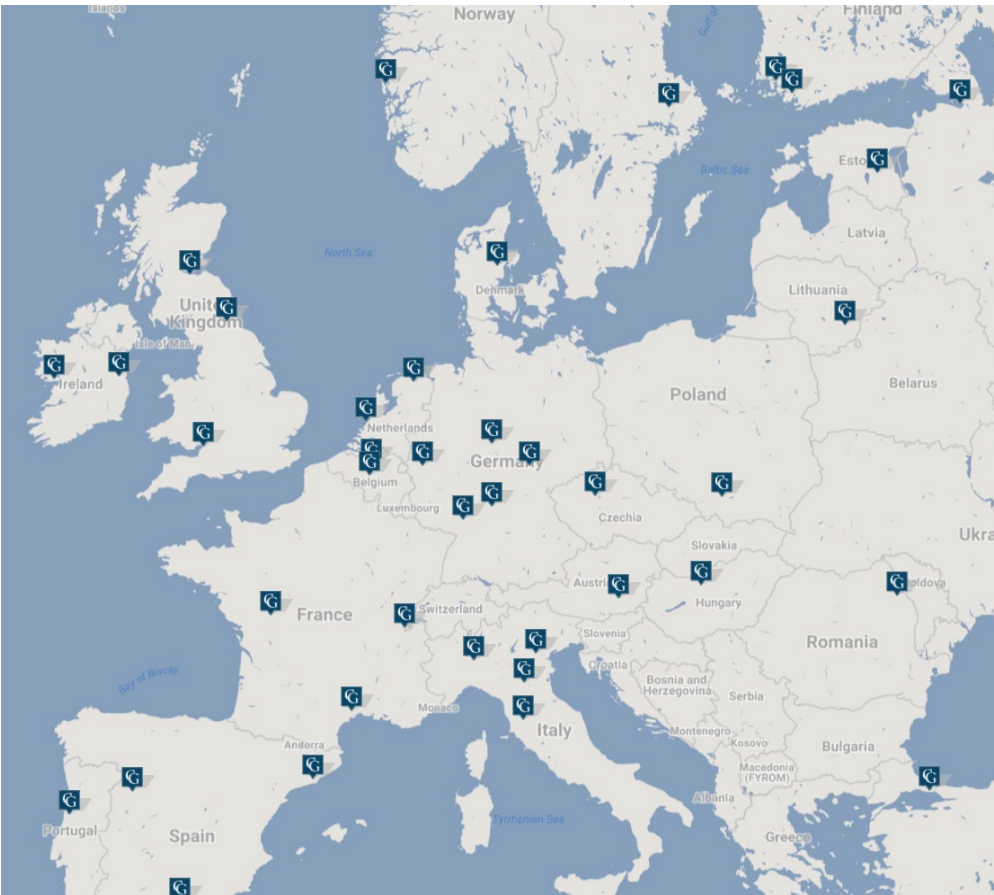
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COIMBRA GROUP: FACTS AND FIGURES



- Founded in **1985**
- **39** Universities from **23** European countries
- **>1,4M** students
- **>226 000** staff (teaching, research, admin.)
- **Students Erasmus+ mobility to/from CG universities: >16%** of all Erasmus+ students in Europe¹
- **Multi-billion €** total annual Research budget

¹ latest available overview: 2014



COIMBRA GROUP: MEMBERS

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COIMBRA GROUP: ACTIVITIES

Working Groups
by pillar of primary interest

Research	Education	Outreach
Research Support Officers	Doctoral Studies	Heritage
Social Sciences & Humanities	Education Innovation	Development Cooperation
Life Sciences	Academic Exchange and Mobility	Latin America
Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM)	Employability	

Coordination by Executive Board members
Support from Policy Officers at CG Office (Brussels)



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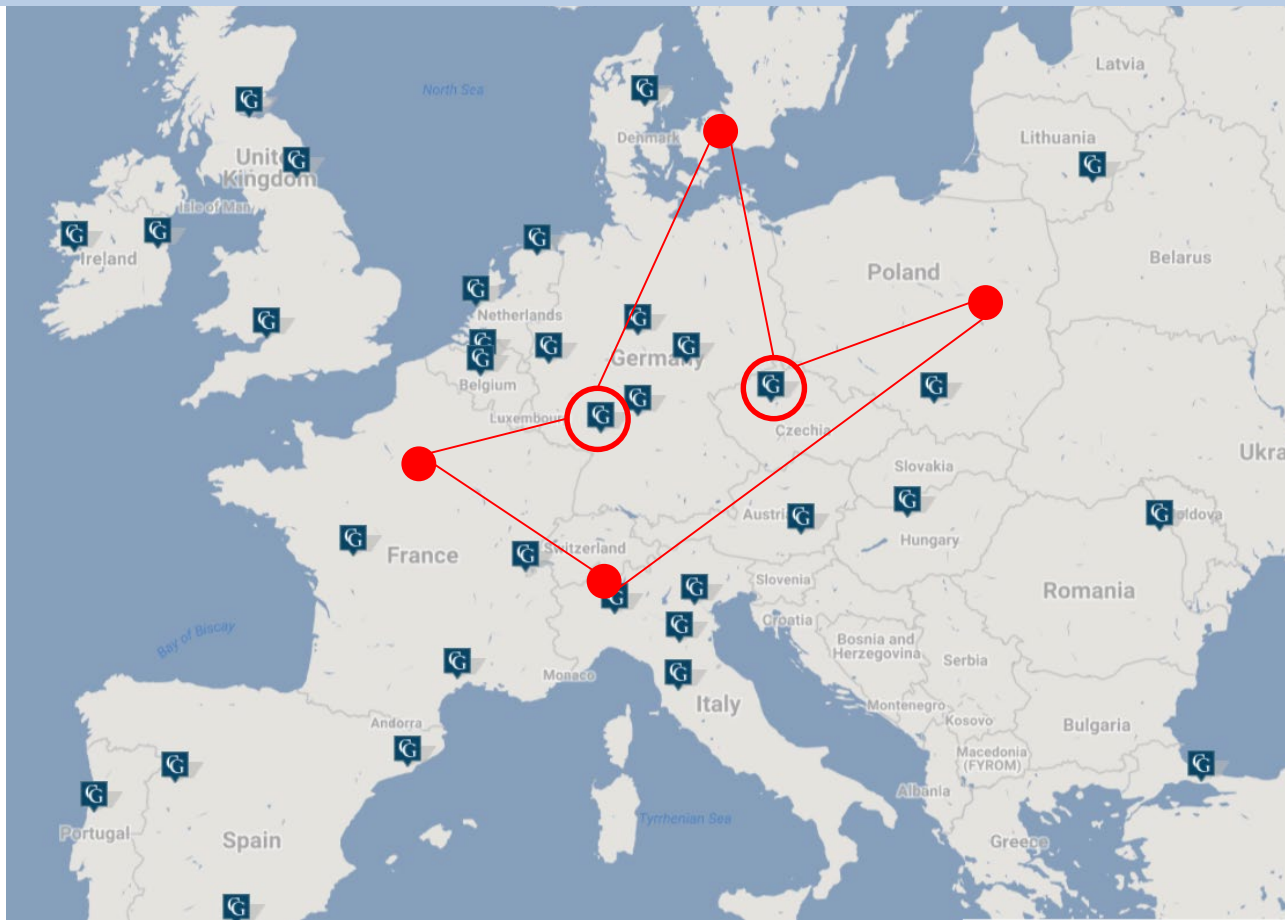
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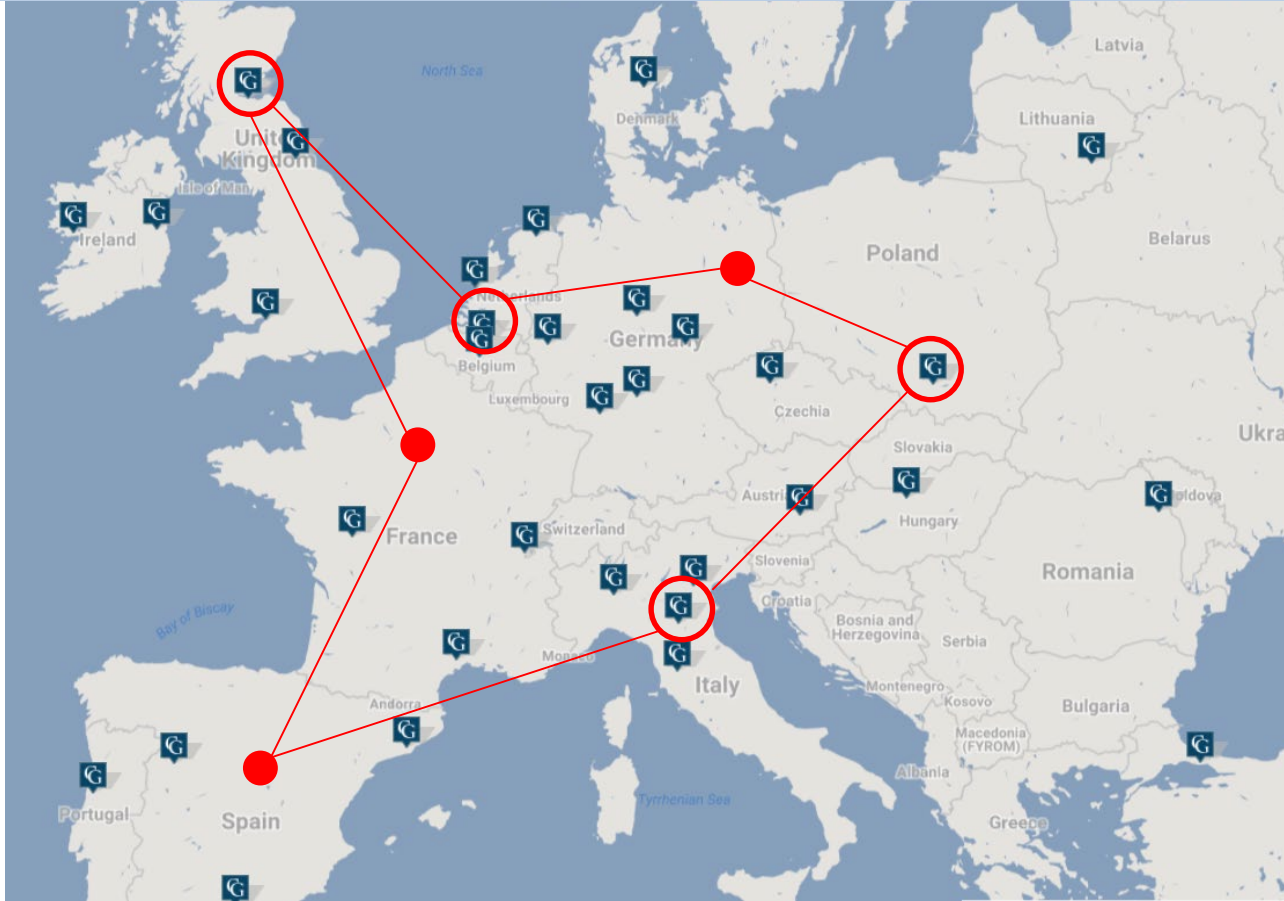
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**4EU+: Heidelberg (DE), Prague (CZ), Copenhagen (DK), Milano (IT),
Sorbonne Université (FR), Warsaw (PL)**

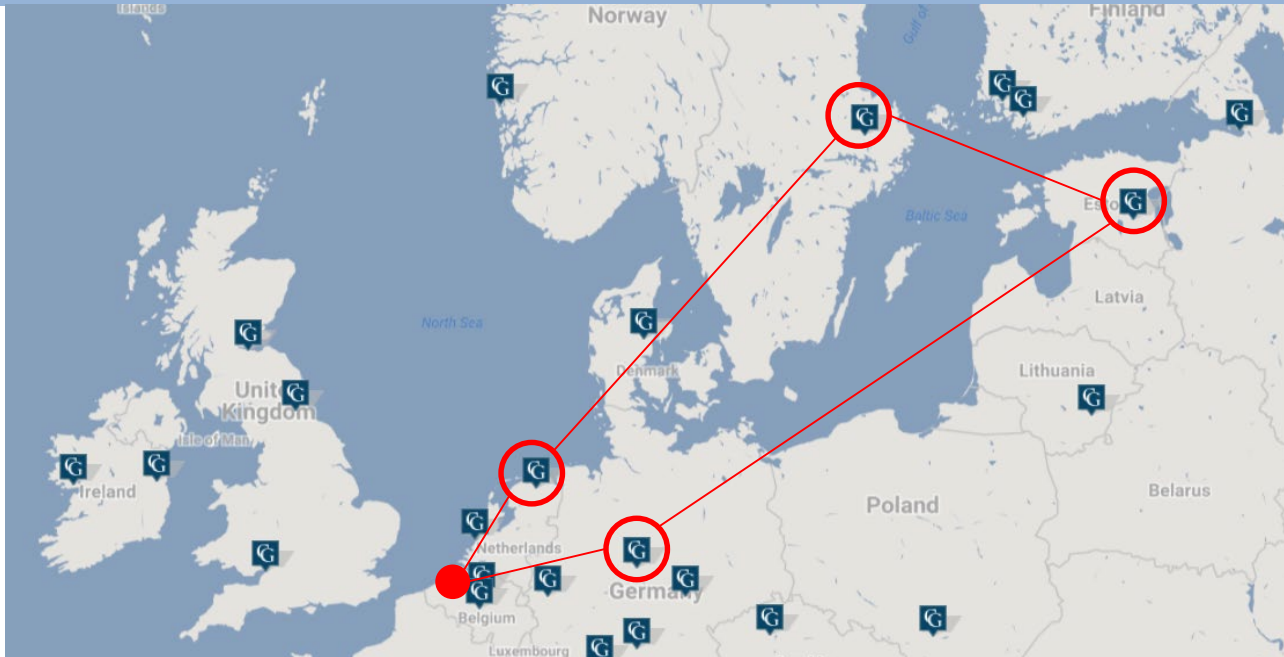


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Una Europa: Bologna (IT), Edinburgh (UK), Leuven (BE), Kraków (PL), Free University Berlin (DE), Complutense Madrid (ES), Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne (FR)



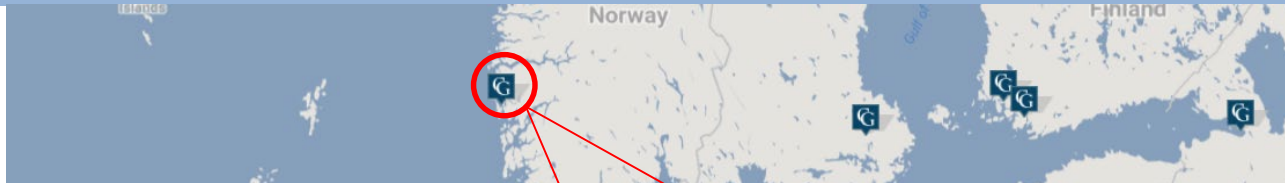
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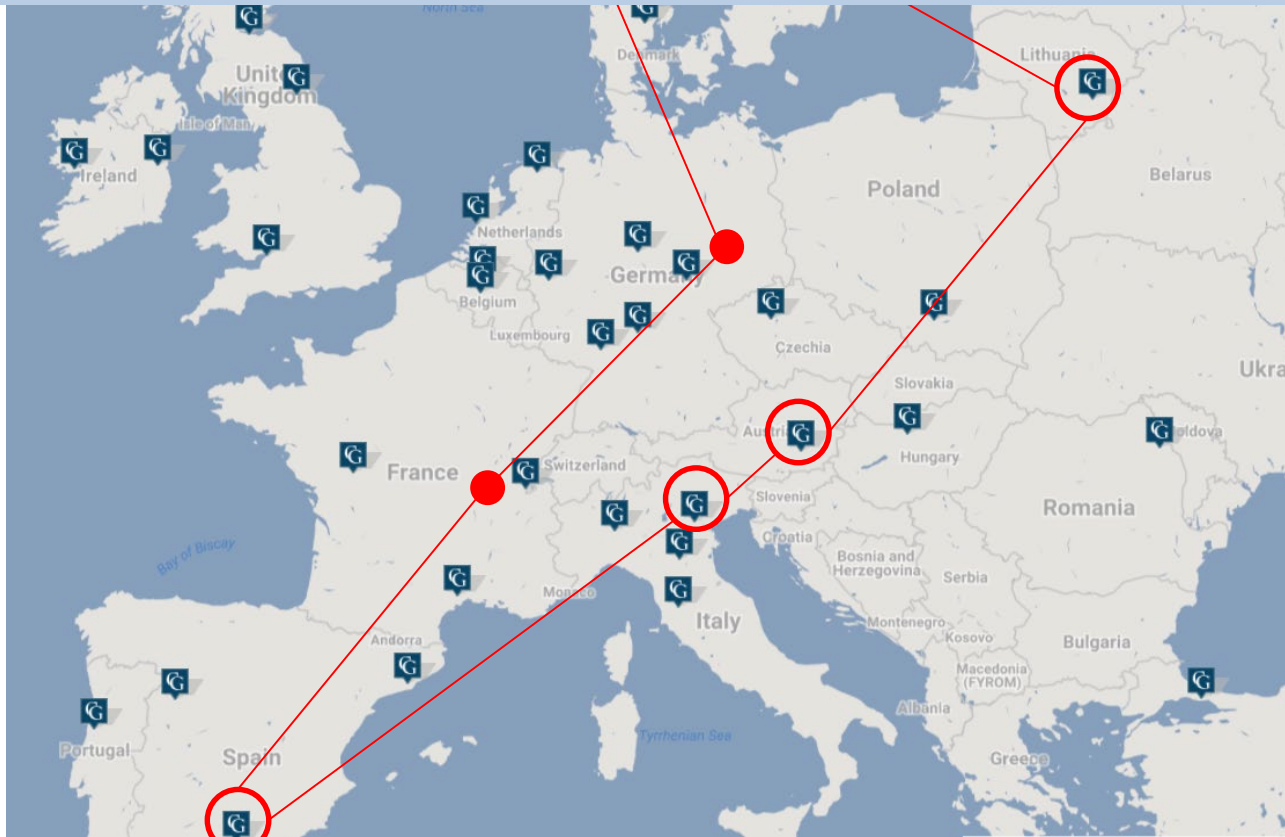
U4 Society: Göttingen (DE), Groningen (NL), Tartu (EE), Uppsala (SE), Ghent (BE)



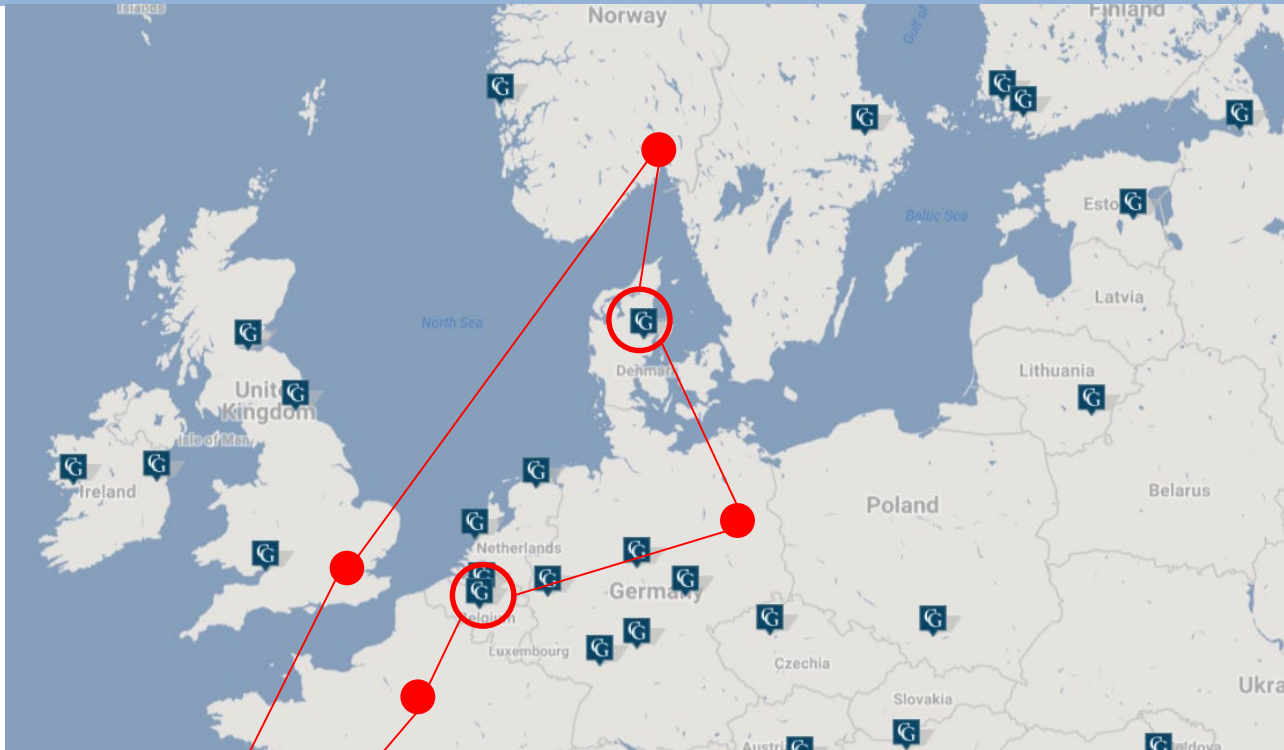
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ARQUS: Bergen (NO), Granada (ES), Graz (AT), Padova (IT), Vilnius (LT), Lyon (FR), Leipzig (DE)



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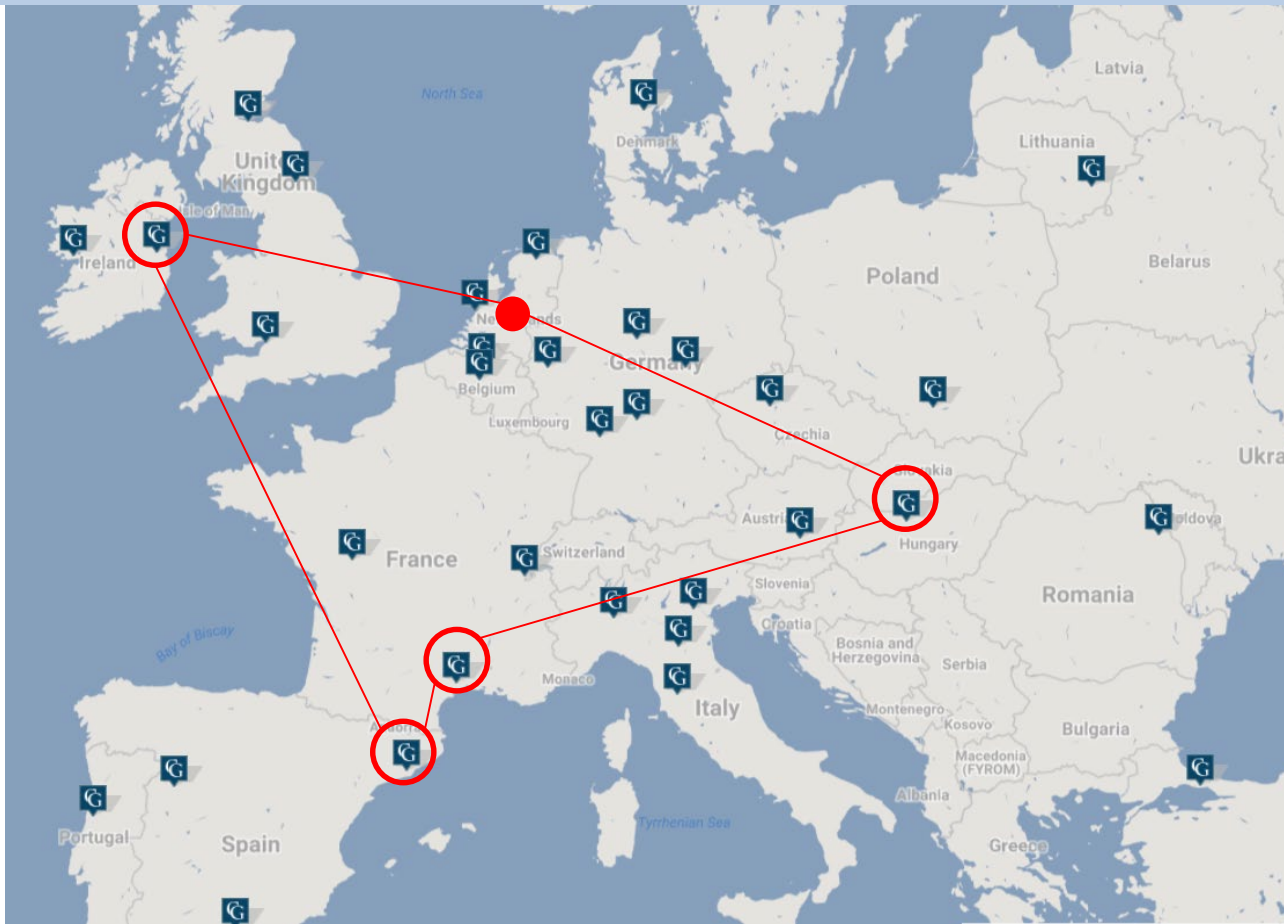


United Universities: Aarhus (DK), Louvain (BE), Humboldt Berlin (DE), King's College London (UK), Oslo (NO), Paris Diderot (FR), Lisboa (PT)



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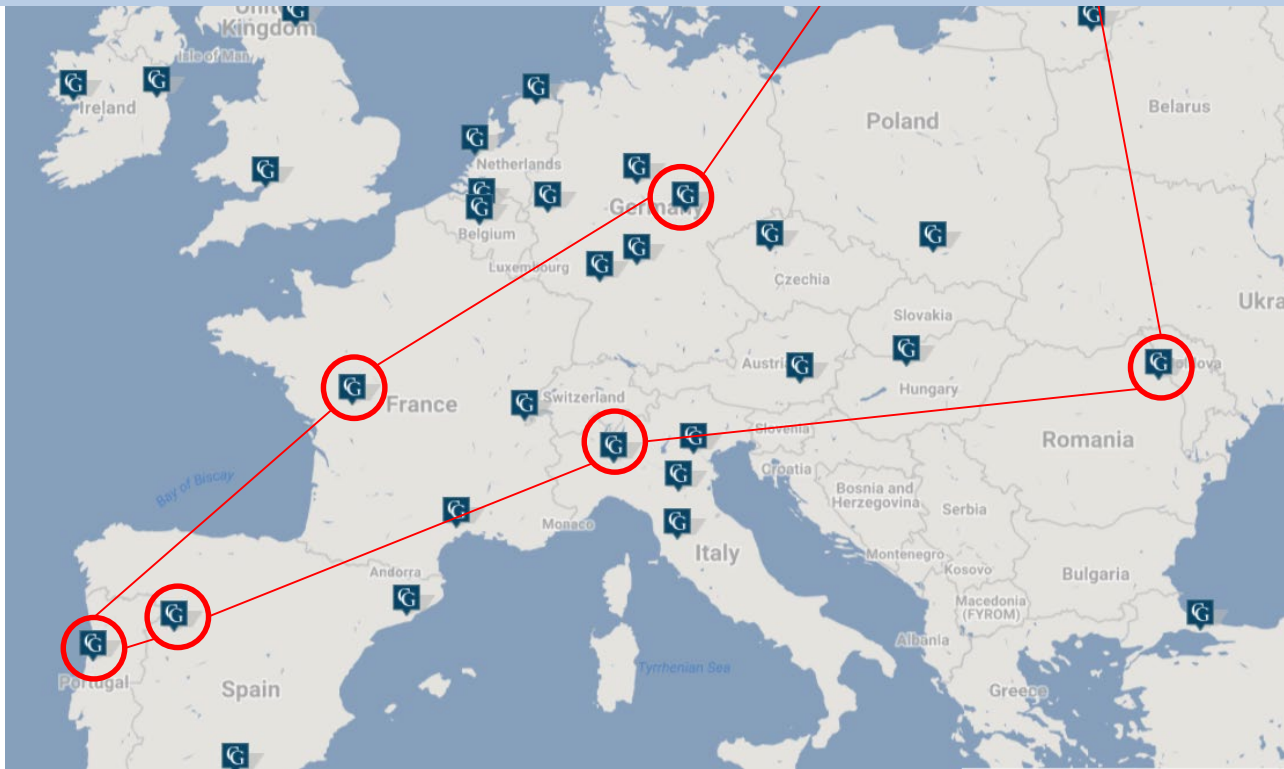
CHARM-EU: Barcelona (ES), Budapest (HU), Dublin (IE), Montpellier (FR), Utrecht (NL)



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**EC2U: Coimbra (PT), Iași (RO), Jena (DE), Pavia (IT), Poitiers (FR),
Salamanca (ES), Turku (FI)**



- Long-standing cooperation between members on all aspects of the knowledge triangle
 - 👍 Academic Exchange and Mobility
 - 👍 Education Innovation
 - 👍 Employability (incl. LLL)
 - 👍 Doctoral Studies
 - 👍 Research Support Officers
 - 👍 SSH
 - 👍 STEM
 - 👍 Life Science
- Profile of CG universities: comprehensive, research-driven education, outreach to society
 - 👍 **Poitiers Declaration** on City-University cooperation

ALLIANCES OF EUROPEAN UNIVERSITIES: ROLE OF AN UMBRELLA ORGANISATION

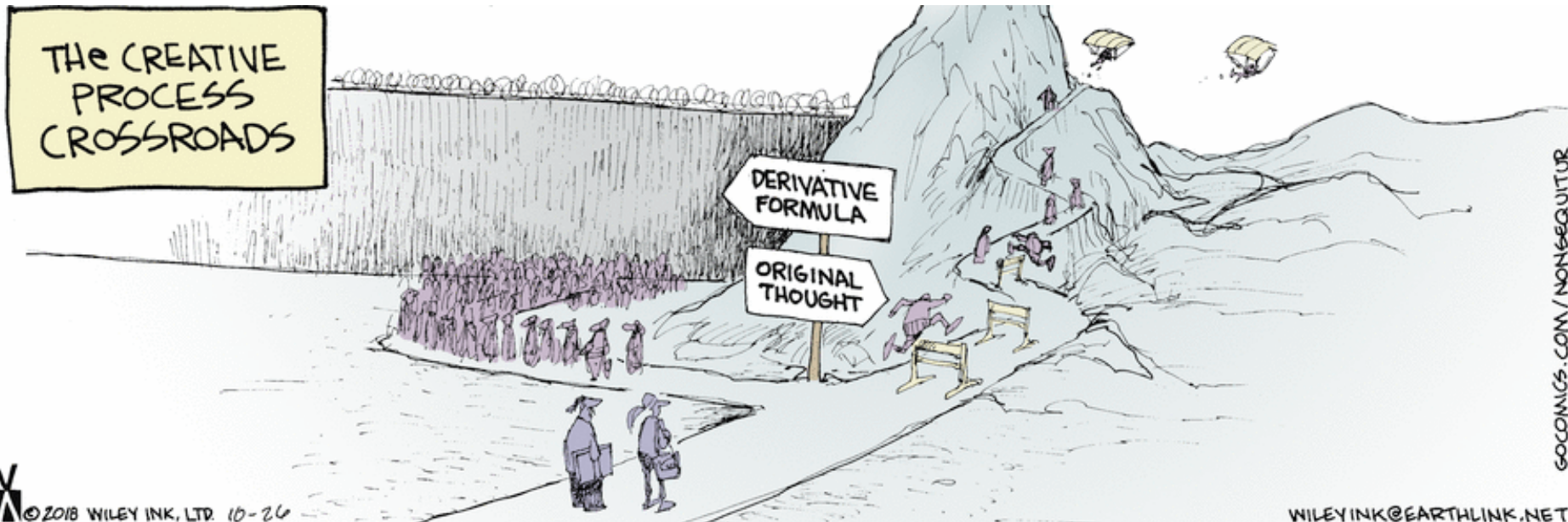
- **Promoting shared values**
 - 👍 Magna Charta Universitatum and European values
 - 👍 Internationalisation and development cooperation
 - 👍 Relief to refugees (students and academics)
- Established culture of collegiality fostering **dissemination between all members**, in or out of Alliances
 - 👎 internal competition = divider
 - 👍 **CG as an Associated Partner** = multiplier, adding cohesion
- Continuous support to **modernized, united, open EHEA and ERA**
 - 👍 WG activities
 - 👍 policy papers on **Erasmus+, H2020, Horizon Europe,...**
 - 👍 statement on **Bologna Process**
 - 👎 **BREXIT**

ALLIANCES OF EUROPEAN UNIVERSITIES: VIEWS FROM HEIS

- European Universities, an **unprecedented initiative**
 - 👍 fast implementation after political mandate
 - 👍 **co-creation with stakeholders**
- European Universities, a quite **unique animal...**
 - **blended education, research and innovation**
 - 👍 daily job of universities
 - 👍 breaking down the silos in EU policies
 - 👎 time frame
 - 👎 budget
 - **“no one-size-fits-all”**
 - 👍 freedom, flexibility, creativity...
 - 👎 complexity...

ALLIANCES OF EUROPEAN UNIVERSITIES: VIEWS FROM HEIs

- HEIs cannot solve all issues **alone**...
 - support from all Member States?
 - support from EC?
- Towards a **sustainable initiative of scale**?





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