




EUROPEAN UNIVERSITIES

# European Universities initiative

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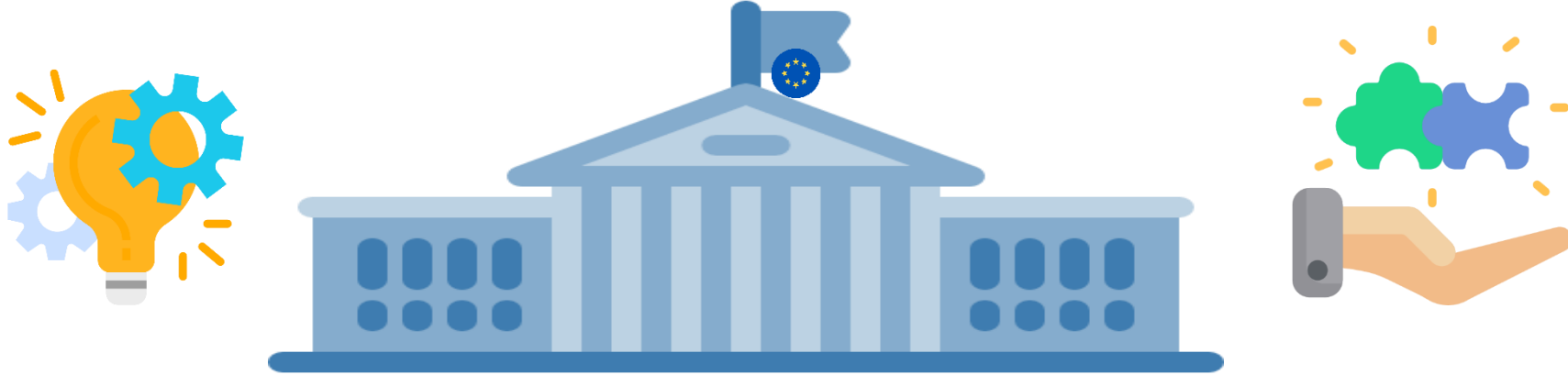
Deep level of  
inter-university cooperation  
with a joint long-term  
strategy

Structural, Systemic and  
Sustainable impact

# EUROPEAN UNIVERSITIES

# European inter-university Campuses

Bachelor/Master/Doctoral levels



Flexible and personalised European curriculum

Innovative pedagogies and challenged-based transdisciplinary approach

Embedded and seamless student and staff mobility

**Forward looking skills**



# #EuropeanUniversities

Building the universities of the future

➤ **284** higher education institutions  
in **41** alliances

➤ **31** European Countries

➤ Up to EUR **5 MILLION** from Erasmus+ | per selected  
Up to EUR **2 MILLION** from Horizon 2020 | alliance

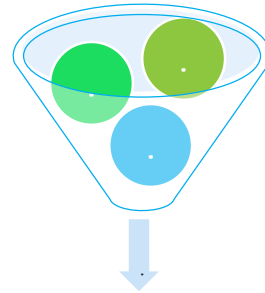
***Ongoing 2022 Erasmus+ call for proposals***

(deadline 22 March 2022)

***New calls in 2023 and 2024***

# Outcome of the co-creation process

*Extensive targeted consultations with Member States and stakeholders:  
co-creation process on the further roll out of the European Universities initiative*



## 2022 European Universities competitive Erasmus+ Call based on quality criteria

### Topic 1: Intensification of prior deep institutional transnational cooperation

- Existing deep institutional transnational cooperation ...
- ... of at least **between 2 and 3 years**
- building on existing cooperation as **stepping stone for enhanced ambition**

### Topic 2: Development of new deep institutional transnational cooperation

- **For new alliances**
- **bottom-up**
- **diverse cooperation models**



# Some key considerations for the future: continuity

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- Systemic, structural and sustainable change
- Potential to transform the institutional cooperation
- Going beyond any existing cooperation - step by step approach
- Implemented by joint structures, pooling resources together
- Joint educational and research activities reaching out to your wider student and staff population
- Seamless mobility (with a target of 50% student mobility within the alliance)
- Challenge-based approach to education and R&I

# EUROPEAN STRATEGY FOR UNIVERSITIES

SUPPORTING AND ENABLING HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS ACROSS EUROPE



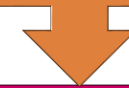
A European shared vision to support all types of higher education institutions to adapt to changing conditions across all their missions



Priority areas for transformation based and clear objectives



Concrete actions at EU level to enable and support the sector



Synergies with actions and national reforms

**Council Conclusions adopted by EYCS Council 5 April 2022**

# BUILDING BRIDGES FOR HIGHER EDUCATION COOPERATION

**FACILITATING TRANSNATIONAL EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES**

## FIRST STEP TOWARDS:

- Institutionalised cooperation instruments (e.g. legal status for alliances)
- Common criteria for a European label for joint programmes, followed possibly by voluntary joint degrees based on these European criteria

**SUSTAINABLE EUROPEAN UNIVERSITIES ALLIANCES**

**WIDENING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE EUROPEAN STUDENT CARD INITIATIVE**

Reinforce **European transnational cooperation** by building bridges

Support **all higher education institutions** and enhance the **coherence** of European higher education systems

Full implementation of existing instruments and exploring avenues for new ones

Recommendation for **national reforms** and **European support**

**Council Recommendation adopted by EYCS Council 5 April**





# Four flagship initiatives



Expand to **60 European Universities with more than 500 universities by mid-2024**, with an Erasmus+ indicative budget totalling EUR 1.1 billion for 2021-2027.



Explore common criteria leading to a potential **European label for joint programmes**, to be piloted as of 2022 under Erasmus+. Later on, the possible design and delivery, on a voluntary basis, at national, regional or institutional level, of joint degrees at all levels, based on these co-created European criteria, could be envisaged



Examining the need for and feasibility of institutionalised cooperation instruments, such as a possible **legal status for alliances of higher education institutions**: pilot as of 2022 under Erasmus+ the implementation of existing European instruments



Widening the implementation of the **European Student Card initiative**.

# Thank you

## More information:

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