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Building the universities
of the future

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Context

European Universities: a strong political mandate

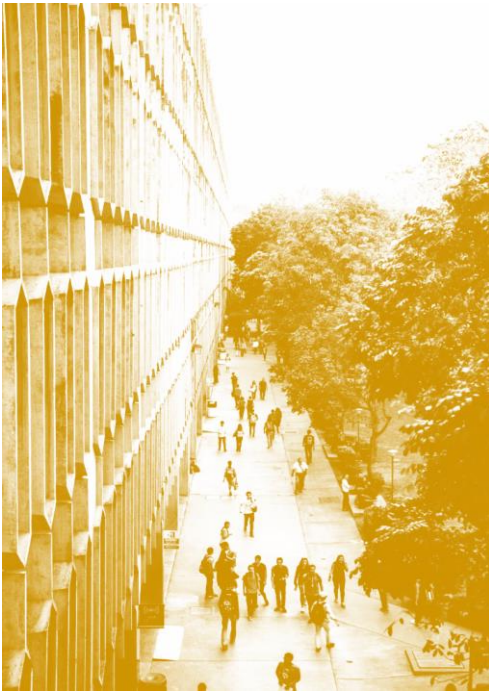
December 2017
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Council
Conclusions

*"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;*



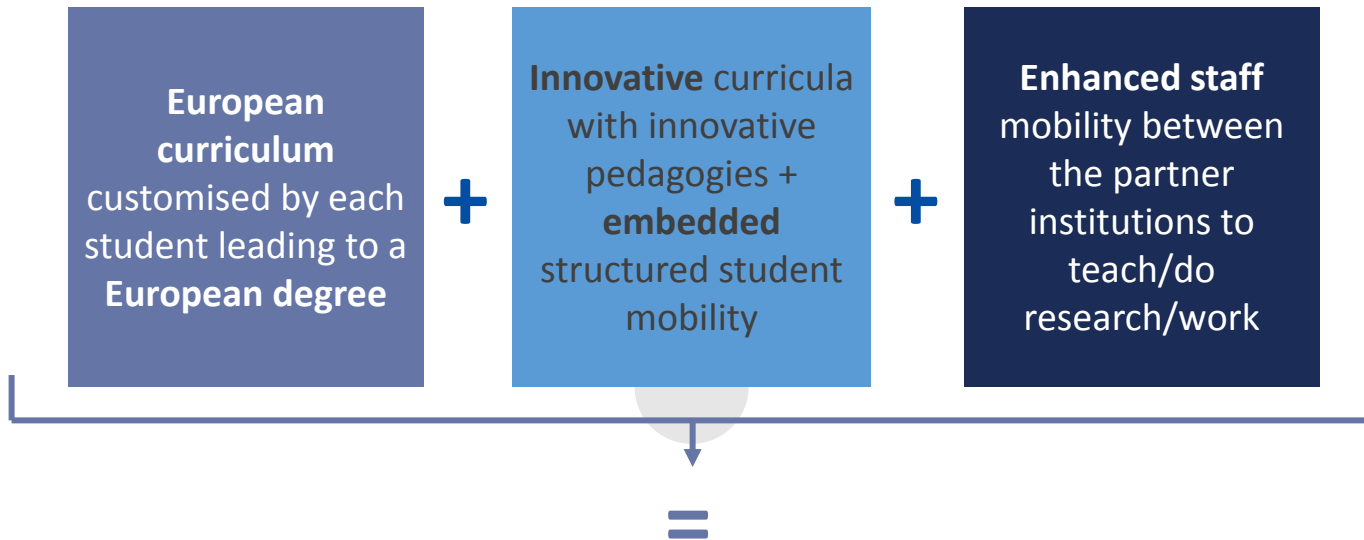
Key elements of European Universities by 2025



- Deep level of inter university cooperation
- Joint long-term strategy
- Made by and for students, academics, researchers and staff
- Involving all types of higher education institutions with broad geographical scope



Structural, Systemic and Sustainable impact



European inter-university Campuses

Bachelor/Master/Doctoral levels

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)**



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First call

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

RESULTS OF 1ST CALL



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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

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

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**



Transdisciplinary
long term
visions

UN
SDGs

Global
Health

Climate
Change

A.I.
Big 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

- 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

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

Embedded and seamless mobility

- 50% (sometimes 100%) target of student mobility
- More flexible and innovative mobility formats
- Multilingualism
- Automatic recognition
- EU student card initiative

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

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
- Entrepreneurship, mentorship



Second call

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



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



Call preparation ongoing: Continuity with the first call - minor clarifications - no major changes



Call publication in autumn



13:00 - 14:00 | Registration

14:00 - 14:15 | Welcome

- **Themis Christophidou** - Director-General, Directorate-General for Education, Youth, Sport and Culture (DG EAC), European Commission.

14:15 - 15:30 | Information session: 2020 Erasmus+ call for proposals on the European Universities Initiative

15:30 - 16:00 | Coffee break

16:00 - 16:15 | Introduction to the panel discussions

- European Commissioner responsible for higher education.

16:15 - 17:45 | Panel discussions on the transformative role of the European Universities Initiative

- EU ministers responsible for higher education, academics and students.

17:45 - 18:00 | Closing remarks by the Finnish Minister for Science and Culture

You are welcome to join our event on 7 November
from 14:00 to 18:00

and watch the live webstream



Do you want to know more and watch live?

Go to our [event page](https://ec.europa.eu/education/events/european-universities-initiative_en):

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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

Choose the right instrument

↑
Ambitious

Strategic
partnerships

Knowledge
alliances

*Short term projects
Department/faculty level*

Erasmus
Mundus

European
Universities

*>10 year VISION
Institutional level*

*Long-term
Strategy*



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For questions linked to the first and second calls
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Q&A

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Thank you for
your attention