



European Universities

Building the universities of the
future.

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The flagship initiative of the European Education Area

Based on a
strong political
mandate

December 2017 European 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;*



Setting a vision for 2025 and beyond

Bring
Europeans
together



Increase
international
competitiveness
of
European
higher education

How was the concept developed?

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

Key principles towards this vision:

Excellence & Inclusion



High level of ambition

a game-changer
in Europe's higher
education
landscape



Inclusive

at least 3 HEIs
from **all types** of
institutions;
involve broad
student body



Bring Europeans together

minimum 3
Erasmus+
programme
countries



Higher quality and competitiveness

innovative
teaching and
learning,
trans-disciplinary

Key elements of European Universities by 2025

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

European curriculum
possibly leading to a **European degree**



Embedded structured student mobility
Enhanced staff mobility to teach/
research/work



Transnational Transdisciplinary knowledge-creating teams



European inter-university Campuses

Bachelor/Master/Doctoral levels



The first Erasmus+ pilot call will test **different innovative** and structural models for implementing and achieving the long-term vision through a **step-by-step approach.**



Key Milestones



Oct-18

First pilot call launched
(EUR 60 mio; 12 alliances)



Dec-18

Information Session – 1000 participants



28 Feb 2019 Deadline to apply

Key Milestones



Jul-19 Publication of the results of the 1st call

Sep-Nov-19 Start of the first 12 European Universities



Oct-19 Launch of the 2nd call under Erasmus+

As of 2021 Full roll-out under Erasmus, with synergies with ESF+, Horizon Europe, InvestEU...





**You are writing the future
of higher education.**



ERASMUS Regulation

COM(2018) 367

Article 5, Key Action 2

(b) *partnerships for excellence, in particular European universities...*

Recital 15

Horizon Europe will, where appropriate, complement the Programme's support for the European Universities initiative, in particular its research dimension as part of developing new joint and integrated long term and sustainable strategies on education, research and innovation.



HORIZON EUROPE Regulation

COM(2018) 435

Annex IV 'Synergies with other Programmes'

The Programme will complement Erasmus programme support for the European Universities initiative, in particular its research dimension as part of developing new joint and integrated long term and sustainable strategies on education, research and innovation based on trans-disciplinary and cross-sectoral approaches to make the knowledge triangle a reality, providing impetus to economic growth;