



2024 European Policy Experimentation Call

Erasmus+ (Key Action 3)

Topic 6 Higher Education

Priority 13:

National/regional support to European Universities alliances


European Universities: setting a vision



**Increase
international
competitiveness
of
European
higher education**



**Bring
Europeans
together**



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



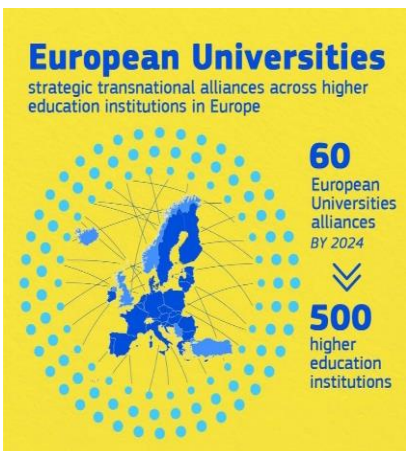
Flexible and personalised European curriculum

Innovative pedagogies and challenged-based transdisciplinary approach

Embedded and seamless student and staff mobility

Forward looking skills

Overall state of play to date under Erasmus+



EUROPEAN UNIVERSITIES

A key pillar of the European Education Area

35 countries, including all 27 Member States

50 alliances

More than 430 higher education institutions

Up to EUR 14.4 Million from Erasmus+ per alliance for 4 years

Teaming up with almost 1700 associated partners, including higher education institutions from Bologna Process countries

Policy context

Council conclusions of June 2021 on the European Universities initiative invites Member States inter alia to:

- *“Work together at international, national and regional level, as well as between governments and institutions, to identify and remove, where necessary, the obstacles towards more compatible higher education systems and closer strategic alliances of higher education institutions*

Topic 6: Higher Education (EUR 1 M)

Priority 13 National/regional support to European Universities alliances

❖ OBJECTIVE

Create an enabling environment for alliances of higher education institutions at regional and national level

❖ HOW: cooperation between national and regional authorities

- ✓ in view of a supporting environment for alliances
 - related legislation and its application
 - technical support to alliances
 - dissemination reports/activities
- ✓ the funding of European Universities at national/regional level, as a complement to the grants received at European level (e.g. scales of funding, timing, modalities)

❖ TARGETING ONE PROJECT

Eligible activities

Work strand 1: Creation of a supporting environment

- Joint educational programmes and other joint educational activities
- Automatic recognition of study periods abroad
- Rules with regard to innovative mobility formats
- Student housing for mobile students within the alliances
- Differences in the autonomy of higher education institutions in each national context
- Promotion of the alliances within and outside the European Union
- Technical support to / cooperation with alliances of higher education institutions in a particular region/country

Eligible activities

Work strand 1: Creation of a supporting environment

Joint educational programmes and other joint educational activities

- joint degrees/diploma's
- accreditation (eg. issues with foreign languages, ECTS credits, foreign teachers)
- evaluation/quality assurance (eg. institutional quality assurance, versus programme-based quality assurance and application of the relevant Bologna tools)
- tuition fees and systems
- student selection
- joint blended/online learning
- inter-disciplinarity
- flexible learning pathways

Eligible activities

Work strand 2: Increasing coherence of national/regional funding

- The amounts/scales of funding;
- Timing and duration of funding provided;
- Funding of innovative mobility formats;
- Funding of innovative educational offering;
- Coverage of the different missions of the alliances;
- Other modalities of national/regional funding.

Non- exhaustive list of type of activities

peer learning activities (including
for example country visits)

thematic seminars on key issues related to the regulatory
environment/funding of alliances in regions/countries

in depth targeted analysis of national/regional
frameworks by peers/experts

advice from
peers/experts

reporting and dissemination (to share
the lessons learnt and recommendations)

Specific eligibility criteria for topic 6

- **Applicants must be:**
 - relevant **public authorities**, which higher education institutions are involved in the European Universities initiative, or other similar longstanding institutionalised cooperation models, and/or
 - **bodies with a mandate from their country related to quality assurance, funding of alliances of higher education institutions, or other specific fields** relevant to the success of the European Universities initiative
- **Applicants must be established in one of the eligible countries:**
 - From **Erasmus+ Programme Countries**:
 - EU Member States (including overseas countries and territories (OCTs)) –
 - non-EU countries: – listed EEA countries and countries associated to the Erasmus+ Programme
 - from the following Erasmus+ Partner Countries: **Western Balkans** (Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Montenegro)



EUROPEAN
UNIVERSITIES

Building on the Peer Learning Activity on **funding European Universities at regional & national level** (co-hosted by France - Paris, 17&18 October)

- ❖ Opportunity for national authorities to **exchange good practices and explore a closer cooperation**
- ❖ Possibility to explore a **coherent approach for national funding** aiming to ensure a level playing field among Member States (no harmonisation).

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Extensive information available on : **Funding & tenders** **(europa.eu)**



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