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National Erasmus+ Info Day

European University Initiative

- a new possibility and a new challenge for Western Balkans

under Erasmus + programme

Venue: Europe House

13 December 2022



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WHY ?



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European universities – setting up vision

**Increase
international
competitiveness of
European higher
education**

**Bring
Europeans
together**



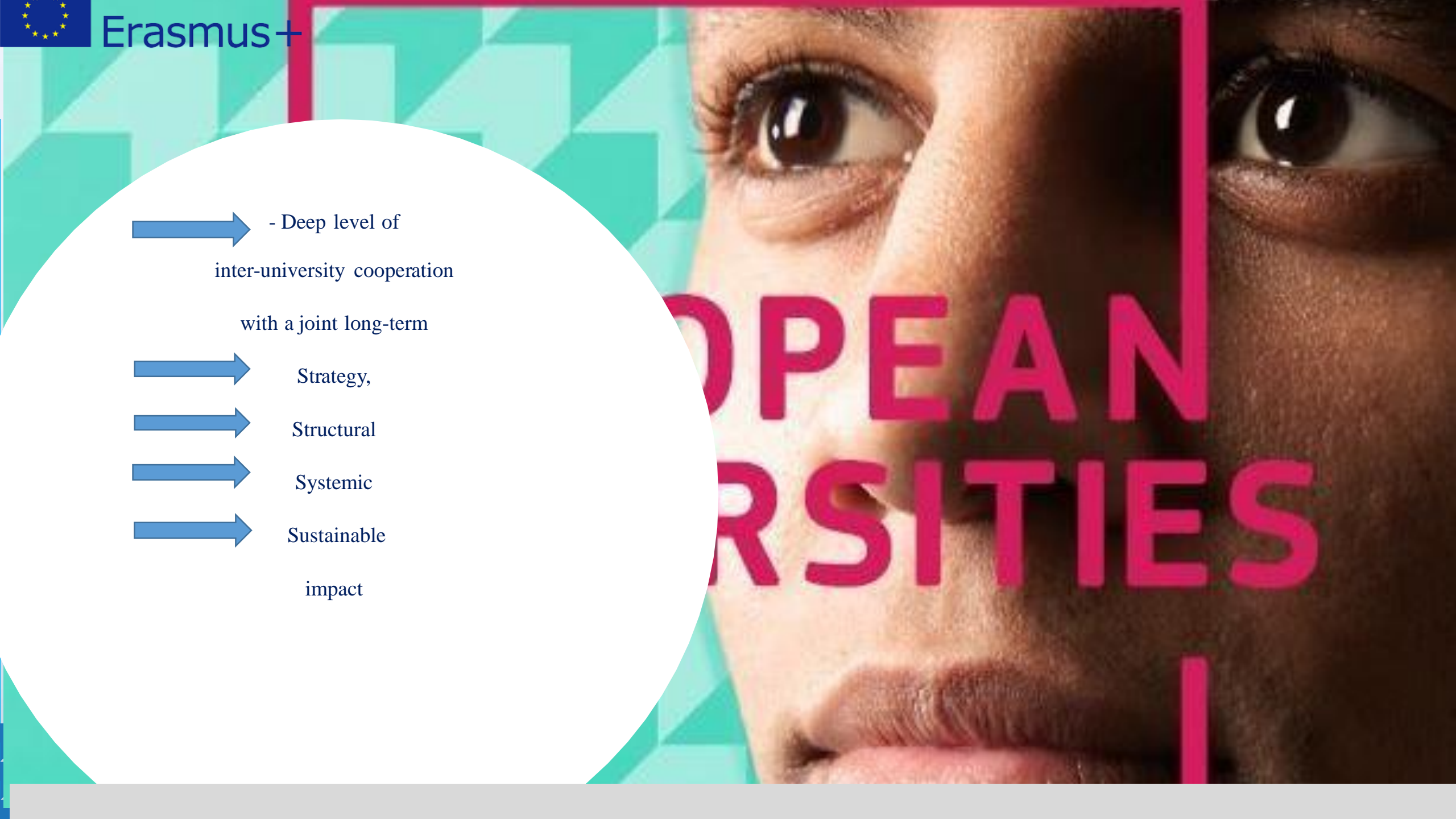
What are European universities?



Inclusive and excellent alliances

- An alliance of higher education institutions from EU Member States, other Erasmus+ Programme countries + **other Western-Balkan countries (as of 2023 Call)**
- Diversity of types of higher education institutions
- Wide range of student body



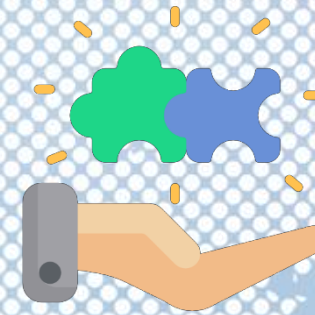
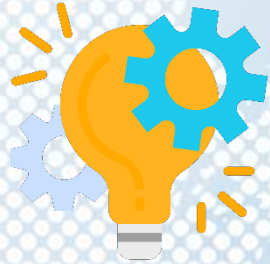
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- - Deep level of inter-university cooperation with a joint long-term
 - Strategy,
 - Structural
 - Systemic
 - Sustainable impact



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European inter-university Campuses

Bachelor/Master/Doctoral levels



Flexible and
personalized
European
curriculum

Innovative
pedagogies and
challenged-based
transdisciplinary
approach

Embedded and
seamless student and
staff mobility

Forward looking skills



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Challenge-based approach: Transdisciplinary long-term visions





Some key considerations

- 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



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What European universities alliances can support

- Geographical balance, diversity of HEIs
- Formulating long-term strategy goal that each HEI adopts signing
- Participation of students
- Commitment of all services, employees at all levels (academic, managerial, administrative, student support services etc)
- Creation of joint structures and resources
- Cooperation with non-academic partners
- Mobility



Planning project results

- Joint long-term strategy
- Development based on complementarity within consortium
- Creation of inter-universities campuses
- Innovative joint study programmes
- Automatic recognition of acquired qualifications
- Mobility integrated at all levels of studies
- Creation of teams of reserachers, students and other stakeholders in resolving challenges at the societal level



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Erasmus+ European Universities – facts and figures

340 higher education institutions
31 European Countries
in 44 alliances

1200 associated partners from ecosystems
SMEs, start-ups, companies, cities, civil society, policy makers

Up to EUR 14,4 MILLION from Erasmus+

2023 Call Ongoing

(application deadline 31 January 2023)

Expectation – 60 new alliances by mid 2024





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Overview of previous calls` results

- 2019 – 17 approved projects
- 2020 – 24 projects
- 2021 – 16 projects (topic 1) and 4 new projects (topic 2)
- Aim to achieve 60 European Universities by mid-2024
- Complemented by other sources, eg Horizon 2020/Europe, Digital Europe



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HOW?



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Who can take part

- EU members states,
 - Third countries associated
 - to the programme
- Third countries not associated



EU member states, Island, Lichenstein, Norway, North Macedonia, Serbia, Turkey

All other countries of the world





Two topics under the call 2023

Topic 1: intensification of prior deep institutional transnational cooperation

- support for already existing deep institutional transnational cooperation alliances including, but not limited to, the European Universities alliances selected under the 2020 Erasmus+ call for proposals, i.e new HEIs have the opportunity to join these existing alliances as full partners (including geographical balance).

Topic 2: development of new deep institutional transnational cooperation

- This call topic will provide support for applicants wishing to establish new deep institutional transnational cooperation in a new 'European Universities' alliance



Consortium composition

- At least 3 HEIs from three different EU countries or third countries associated to the programme
- All HEIs must possess valid ECHE
- Only HEI from EU member states or third countries associated to the programme can submit the application



Important to keep in mind

- One HEI can be full partner only in one European university alliance
- In other alliances that HEI can be associated partner
- No limitations with respect to the fields of cooperation

Budget

- Lump sum financing
- Costs and its categories defined by Contract
- Co-financing 80%/20%
- Budget of the Programme: 384 million euros (100n millions more than last year)
- Topic 1: 345.6 million euros
- Topic 2: 38.4 million euris



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Budget depending on the number of institutions

Topic 1 and Topic 2 without partnership enlargement and Topic 2	
9 or more	14.40
8	8.64
7	7.56
6	6.48
5	5.40
4	4.32
3	3.24



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Topic 1 with enlarged consortium

Topic 1 with enlarged partnership		
6 or less to 8	12.80	
5 or less to 7	11.20	
4 or less to 6	9.60	
3 to 5	8.00	



Selection criteria

- Relevance – 25 points
- Quality of design and implementation – 25 points
- Quality of partnership and establishing cooperation – 25 points
- Impact, dissemination of information and sustainability – 25 points
- Min 70 points, 13 points of each criterion



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Seal of excellence

Valorization of non-approved projects

More than 80 points score



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**Higher education institutions
from the Western Balkan
opportunities under the European
Universities initiative**



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How can HEIs become part of a European University?

HEIs need to apply for the Erasmus+ Charter for Higher Education

HEIs need to apply with partner universities to the Erasmus+ European Universities Call

(joining an existing alliance or create a new alliance)



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HEIs from all Western Balkan countries eligible as full partner 2023 Erasmus+ Call novelty

Also HEIs from
Albania,
Bosnia and Herzegovina,
Kosovo* and
Montenegro can now
become **full partners** in
an alliance

HEIs from Western Balkan
countries associated to the
Erasmus+ Programme - i.e.
Republic of North-
Macedonia and Serbia –
were already eligible to
become **full partners**

Eligibility requirement for full partners:

HEIs must be holders of a valid Erasmus Charter for Higher Education (ECHE),

Also HEIs from Western Balkans

ECHE Call is always open, with a cut-off on January 26 2023

* This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244 and the ICJ Opinion

on the Kosovo declaration of independence

If granted ECHE will be valid till the end of 2027

No need to reapply

Examples of some alliances

European Universities Initiative factsheet - EU4ART

The EU4ART European University, created by four higher education institutions devoted to fine arts, aims to develop common flexible curricula in the field of painting, sculpture and graphic art

European Universities Initiative factsheet - EU-CONEXUS

The European University for Smart Urban Coastal Sustainability, EU-CONEXUS, has chosen to focus on urban and semi-urban coastlines because these areas are increasingly densely populated and very important for trade, aquaculture and fisheries, energy, tourism and more.

European Universities Initiative factsheet - CIVIS

CIVIS – a European Civic University – is a far-reaching vision whose goal is to have a significant impact on the development of societies, both locally and globally.

European Universities Initiative factsheet - ENHANCE

The European values referred to in the Treaty of the European Union form the basis for all activities within the ENHANCE alliance to create common European education and research: respect for human dignity, freedom, democracy, equality and human rights, the rule of law.

European Universities Initiative factsheet - ATHENA

ATHENA aims to shape the digital transformation of societies. It will support the development of an equitable, sustainable and safe digital economy.



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Timeline European Universities



Western Balkan HEIs can already partner up now
or await the 2024 E+ call (to be launched in autumn 2023)

2023 Call timeline

Deadline for submission	31 January 2023 – 17:00:00 CET
Evaluation	February-June 2023 (indicative)
Information on evaluation results	30 June 2023 (indicative)
Grant agreement signature	September - November 2023 (indicative)



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Useful links and deadlines:

- January 31, 2023
- ECHE – January 26, 2023
- Start of the project: September – November
- Duration: 48 months
- [Factsheets on the 41 European Universities | European Education Area \(europa.eu\)](#)
- [communication-european-strategy-for-universities-graphic-version \(1\).pdf](#)
- erasmusplus.ac.me

Thank you for your attention!