

# 6 partners 3 challenges 1 vision

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## One vision

*The 4EU+ European University Alliance has **one vision**: to create a **new quality of cooperation** in teaching, education, research and administration. The cooperation is based on a **common understanding of the idea of the European university** that builds on academic freedom and autonomy and ensures fair access and participation in education.*



## What is 4EU+?

- European alliance of **six** comprehensive, research-intensive, public European universities.
- **Similar yet different:** in terms of international visibility, research impact, level of internationalisation, lifelong learning, entrepreneurship initiatives, digitalisation of education, streamlining of administrative procedures
- **Geographically balanced:** Member States where our institutions are situated stretch from the Mediterranean to the North and Baltic Seas, covering **39%** of the EU territory
- Partnership based on previous bilateral and multilateral collaborations
- Founded on a **shared vision** of a European university and **shared responsibility** for Europe



## Why 4EU+?

- **To do together what is beyond the capacity of each individual university**
- To create a cross-institutional and flexible environment for academic leadership, students and staff
- To open up novel possibilities for learning, teaching, research, innovation, staff capacity building and societal outreach
- **To ensure sustainability and efficiency by establishing a true governance and monitoring system which is not only project-based**

## Three challenges

*To build this new kind of integrated European university system, we will focus on three challenges:*

- ***Boost Meaningful Mobility*** – *Better integrating our curricula and making mobility seamless for students in terms of education and employment prospects, while accommodating diverse needs and preferences.*
- ***Increase inclusiveness and balance at a European level*** - *Redressing inequalities in university capabilities to attract funding, gain international visibility and fully develop their potential in education, research, innovation and employment opportunities.*
- ***Develop a common challenge-based framework for education*** – *Designing flexible learning paths and ensuring graduates have 21st-century skills that combine research-based education, diverse language skills and a strong global and European outlook.*

## **Key activities** planned for the „European Universities” pilot: **Education**

### Creation of a 4EU+ framework for educational activities

- Definition of 4EU+ Student Portfolio of Skills, Competences and Values
- Design of a 4EU+ Mobility Charter

### Development of a 4EU+ learning pathway

- Specification of courses supporting the key Skills, Competences and Values
- Introducing 4EU+ general courses on European citizenship and Data literacy
- Designing a shared pool of „soft skills” courses with Associated Partners

### Preparation for an Augmented 4EU+ campus

- Training for students and staff on collaborative online learning / Virtual Mobility
- Creating a catalogue of online courses and courses with 4EU+ online collaborative learning modules

## **Key activities** planned for the „European Universities” pilot: **Societal outreach**

### Open Science & Society

- Collaborative citizen science projects
- Joint working group on implementation of Open Science and FAIR principles

### Lifelong learning

- Co-created and co-driven lifelong learning activities and concepts

## **Challenge-based Education and research partnerships under 4 Flagships**

### **F1: Health and demographic change in an urban environment**

Coordinated by Charles University

### **F2: Europe in a changing world: Understanding and engaging societies, economies, cultures and languages**

Coordinated by University of Warsaw

### **F3: Transforming science and society by advancing information, computation and communication**

Coordinated by Heidelberg University

### **F4: Biodiversity and sustainable development**

Coordinated by Sorbonne Université

## Support of more than 20 Associated Partners!



Including:

- 3 municipalities (Copenhagen, Milan and Warsaw) and the Rhine-Neckar Metropolitan region
- Chambers of commerce
- NGOs
- leading enterprises

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## What we do

As leading research universities, each of our institutions is deeply engaged in tackling global challenges both in education, where we have been remodelling our programmes in terms of content and competencies, and in research and innovation. To achieve these goals and ensure that 4EU+ has a truly **transformative impact**, we have defined a set of **key actions** that will enable us to build a fully integrated educational programme. These are fully aligned with the ET2020 framework and in particular the four common objectives:

- Make lifelong learning and mobility a reality;
- Improve the quality and efficiency of education and training;
- Promote equity, social cohesion and active citizenship;
- Enhance creativity and innovation, including entrepreneurship at all levels of education and training.

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