Erasmus Universities, terms of reference

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European Universities Initiative

Erasmus+ – Key Action 2 – European Universities

The aim behind this initiative is to bring together a **new generation of creative Europeans**, who are able to cooperate across languages, borders and disciplines to address the big societal challenges and skills shortages that Europe faces.

These transnational alliances will be the European **universities of the future**, promoting European values and identity, and revolutionizing the **quality and competitiveness** of European higher education.

European Universities Initiative

Education across Europe is rapidly changing, with deep technological and structural changes affecting teaching and learning.

Next to their core tasks of teaching and research, universities will increasingly **help address big societal challenges** and become true engines of **development for the cities and regions they are based in**. This requires enhanced cooperation between universities.

Today, there are some attempts to use synergies, but cooperation is sporadic and a lot of potential remains untapped.

With its European Universities initiative, the Commission is trying to foster excellence, innovation and inclusion in higher education across Europe.

Terms and references

The European University must be composed of **a minimum of three higher education institutions** from at least three EU Member States. (ideally composed of 5 to 8 partners)

Maximum EU contribution awarded for a **3-year** European University is 5 000 000 EUR.

Maximum of 80% of total eligible costs in co-financing.

4 documents to submit:

eForm

Detailed project description

Budget

Declaration of honor

Key cooperation principles

- Students, doctoral candidates and staff can move seamlessly (physically or virtually) to study, train, teach, do research, work, or share services in any of the partner institutions. **Embedded mobility at all levels**, including at Bachelor, Master and Doctoral levels. **At least 50%** of the students within the alliance should benefit from such mobility, be it physical, virtual or blended.

- Students customise their choice of where and what to study. **New joint and flexible curricula**, integrating innovative pedagogies, including the use of the latest digital technologies. While content is personalised, cooperation is global.

- Practical and/or work-based experience is provided by external mentors to foster an **entrepreneurial mindset** and develop civic engagement.

Results 1ˢᵗ call

EUROPEAN UNIVERSITIES

17 ALLIANCES

114 HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS

24 MEMBER STATES

€5 MILLION max per alliance

3 YEARS funding period

For the first European Universities alliances, a broad range of higher education institutions are involved, from universities of applied sciences, technical universities and universities of fine arts to comprehensive and research-based universities. **26 February 2020: Deadline 2ⁿᵈ call**

IrRADIARE
Science for Evolution

ISG
Business & Economics School

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Good practices: Selected projects 1ˢᵗ call

Establishment of **co-tutelage** PhD Scholarships

International **Summer School**

Numerous academic **workshops**

Create a common space where students, teachers and administrators can work together **without administrative, cultural and social obstacles**

Freedom of teaching and research

Closely **interconnecting with regions**, creating a trans-European ecosystem for innovation and entrepreneurship

Promotion of **innovative methodologies and practical lessons** aimed at the labor market

Good practices: Selected projects 1ˢᵗ call

New and innovative network that builds upon existing **bi-national and tri-national agreements** between the participating universities

Merge the various **mobility agreements**

To contribute to the development of a knowledge-based European economy, with **inclusion of Associate Partners**.

Promote **active European citizenship** within a shared European environment,

Include **collaborations with the public and private sector** in the region.

Offer a coordinated program in training and research around the theme of the **Sustainable Urban Development.**

Good practices: Selected projects 1ˢᵗ call

Redressing inequalities in university capabilities to attract funding

Respond to societal, economic, technical and environmental challenges of the coastal areas around **4 dimensions**: Environment and Biodiversity, Sustainable Energy and Building, Digital Transformation and Cultures, Companies and education.

Take the best of the tradition of each country's culture and will aim to **integrate popular and academic culture.**

Conclusions

- Be innovative

- Be special

- Be inclusive

- Be competitive

- Be ambitious

- Be European

Questions?

Thank you!

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