



EUROPEAN UNIVERSITIES

Erasmus+



Uniting over...

76 000
STUDENTS

8 000
STAFF, INCLUDING
4 550 ACADEMIC
STAFF/RESEARCHERS

53
FACULTIES

97
RESEARCH CENTRES
AND GROUPS

OUR VISION FOR THE FUTURE

RUN-EU REGIONAL UNIVERSITY NETWORK - EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY



WHO WE ARE

8 pioneers

- Politécnico de Leiria (Portugal)
- Limerick Institute of Technology (Ireland)
- Athlone Institute of Technology (Ireland)
- Häme University of Applied Sciences (Finland)
- Politécnico do Cávado e do Ave (Portugal)
- NHL Stenden University of Applied Sciences (The Netherlands)
- Széchenyi István University (Hungary)
- FH Vorarlberg University of Applied Sciences (Austria)

34 associates

- 17 regional authorities
- 5 national authorities
- 1 higher education institution
- 3 chambers of commerce
- 3 research centres
- 1 International Policy Unit
- 3 NGOs
- 1 business

OUR VISION FOR THE FUTURE

The Regional University Network – European University will secure the sustainable economic, social, cultural and environmental progress of its regions and stakeholders. RUN-EU will implement this mission by delivering on the future and advanced skills necessary for its students and stakeholders to successfully meet the challenges of the future, engage in societal transformation and promote active citizenship.

This mission will be achieved through the development of:

- **Interuniversity Future and Advanced Skills Academies**, which promote and develop joint student-centred, challenge and work-based flexible learning activities, including Short Advanced Programmes and European Degrees;
- **European Innovation Hubs**, which will stimulate and create joint interregional research, innovation and regional stakeholder engagement projects and activities across the alliance;
- A **European Mobility Innovation Centre**, which will build and share expertise in innovative physical and virtual mobility initiatives and will assess the quality of new mobility activities.

As RUN-EU will address big societal challenges and become a true engine of regional development, RUN-EU will utilise a quadruple helix approach to the collaborative co-design and co-creation of its pedagogical, research, innovation and engagement activities. It will do so by involving in its work programme relevant associated partners from each country drawn from industry, enterprise, regional government and society thus ensuring the maximum relevance and impact of the activities to be implemented.

Overall, it is envisaged RUN-EU will improve the national and international competitiveness of the associated regions, member higher education institutions and their students, thus allowing to (i) complement existing capital and large city-regions; (ii) retain and attract young talent and (iii) correct existing unfavourable bias in development trends in peripheral European regions.

Our students will inherit the future.

PUTTING OUR VISION INTO PRACTICE

KEY DELIVERABLES / ACTIVITIES

- The creation of Interuniversity **Future and Advanced Skills Academies (FASA)** responsible for the design and delivery of challenge and work-based programmes and the development and promotion of new pedagogical models and practices
- The creation of Interregional **European Innovation Hubs**, fostering joint research, development and innovation activities, at Masters and PhD level, with industry and regional stakeholders focused on three strategic areas: Future Industry and Sustainable Regional Development, the Bio-economy and Social Innovation.
- The creation of an Interuniversity **European Mobility Innovation Centre**, for building and sharing expertise in innovative international student and staff mobility in European higher education
- **Collaborative short advanced programmes** which meet the needs of full- and part-time students as well as lifelong learning, reskilling and upskilling requirements.
- New student-centred collaborative **graduate and postgraduate European degrees**, which utilise challenge and work-based learning to ensure students are prepared to successfully address future societal challenges.

HOW OUR ALLIANCE WILL TRANSFORM OUR UNIVERSITIES

- RUN-EU alliance will transform and drive systemic operational, structural and sustainable collaboration both within and between our universities by:
 - Sharing the **development and delivery** of a broad range of **future and advanced skills-based programmes**, including short advanced courses, research programmes, European double degrees and joint degrees
 - Offering students and staff a broad range of **embedded mobility opportunities**, which foster a multicultural approach to teaching, learning, research and professional development
- Expanding **knowledge co-creation and new knowledge transfer** across the alliance
- **Promoting inclusion** and advancing the economic, environmental, social and cultural activities of the alliance and their associated regions.
- Creating **joint management and governance systems** to underpin the alliance, with strong student representation.

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