Memento of the 2021-2027 European Union programs for higher education, research and innovation

Université Côte d’Azur (uCôte d’Azur) is among the editors of a new guide for universities. It presents the three main European programs that are at the heart of European policies for higher education, research and innovation institutions: Erasmus+, Horizon Europe and cohesion policy.

The European programs for higher education, research and innovation for the period 2021-2027 offer an unprecedented level of integration and complementarity, placing universities as the main actor in this continuum. Closely linked to each other, they all contribute to the European Commission’s 2019-2024 political priorities: a European Green Deal, a Europe fit for the digital age, an economy that works for people, a stronger Europe on the international scene, the promotion of our European way of life, a new impetus for European democracies.

The 2021-2027 multiannual financial framework is part of a new political context. In order to mitigate the effects of the Covid 19 crisis, the Next Generation EU plan was launched. This temporary recovery plan (2021-2024) at European Union level must feed the European recovery, by supplementing European programs (such as Horizon Europe, cohesion policy, INVEST-EU) for a greener, digital Europe and resilient. For France, the implementation of the European recovery plan, and the future cohesion policy 2021-2027 represent more than €60 billion to support the French territories in the management of the social crisis, the recovery and the transition towards an economy resilient and durable.

Alongside a new desire by Commissioner Mariya Gabriel, the European Innovation Area, the legislative frameworks of ERA and EHEA strengthen the interactions between research, innovation and training. In particular, ERA supports the implementation of national science and technology policies, valorizes for the society and which also require reciprocity at the international level. Pilot European universities – an initiative to which France Universities has contributed – alongside other European initiatives give substance to these European spaces and accelerate their development. They also contribute to bringing together regional, national and European policies, at the very least, to linking these three dimensions. Full article.

First edition of the European Innovation Campus

Marly Gabriel, European Commissioner for Innovation, Research, Culture, Education and Youth was the guest of honor on 14 and 15 September to officially launch the first edition of the European Campus of Innovation. The event took place at MINEDU, also in the presence of Jean-Bruce Briswander, President of Université Côte d’Azur and Christian Estrosi, Mayor of Nice.

This event co-organized by the European Commission, Université Côte d’Azur, Region Provence-Alpes-Côte d’Azur and Métropole Nice Côte d’Azur brought together the actors who bring innovation to life on our territory and in Europe: authorities local and regional authorities, higher education establishments, students, researchers, investors, associations, incubators, accelerators. Young people also took part in the event by participating in the Young European Innovation competition which rewarded new talents from the Provence-Alpes-Côte d’Azur region, as well as women entrepreneurs and innovators. Two thematic workshops on artificial intelligence and our territories as well as digital technology for culture and creativity also took place.

The EU Innovation Campus initiative was announced by European Commissioner Mariya Gabriel during the inauguration of the Brussels office of Regions of France on December 1, 2021. The EU Innovation Campus is a new event concept highlighting the role of regions and local authorities, educational establishments and young people, but also researchers, innovators and investors, to foster the development of innovation in Europe. The pilot European Campus in Nice will enable different actors to play in the innovation process and in its dissemination. This event is intended to become recurring and to be organized in other cities over the years. The next edition will take place in Sofia, Bulgaria, in September 2023.

MINERVA – Study visit and Workshop on Research and Open Science in Nice St Jean d’Angély

During the Study Visit in Nice, university partners from Armenia and Moldova spent two days sharing best practices in research and Open Science with Université Côte d’Azur.

In a context increasingly marked by digitalization, democratization of research, and accessibility of research results to the greatest number, some universities are not hesitating to invest their means to adapt to the wave of change in this area, and it is particularly through this willingness that 3 Moldovan universities and 4 Armenian universities were present on site, united by this project of the ERA4ESE program. The speakers from the university, Ms Nathalia Timus, pedagogical manager, and Ms Anne Brog, vice-president of Open Science at Université Côte d’Azur, highlighted aspects of the future of research in Europe, as well as the difficulties, challenges and good practices in the fields of innovation and Open Science.

The seminar ended up with a workshop involving the foreign partners in the joint development of a sustainability strategy for the results achieved in the framework of the Minerva project, and in new initiatives & signature of new collaborations and projects.

European Researchers’ Night in NICE – Throwback time

The European Researchers’ Night took place on Friday September 30 in the park of the Valrose campus of the university led by the Scientific Culture Unit of Université Côte d’Azur. The MET was present with a space dedicated to European projects and Europe in general. On the agenda : exhibition of the projects that have an impact on our territory, quiz on Europe and European research, games for the youngest and immersive experiences in the European Parliament.

The next Night will take place in September 2023.