EUROPEAN UNIVERSITIES
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ULYSSEUS
An open to the world, persons-centered and entrepreneurial European University for the citizens of the future

Uniting over...

163 530
STUDENTS

19 171
STAFF, INCLUDING
8 499 ACADEMIC
STAFF/RESEARCHERS

87
FACULTIES

1 035
RESEARCH GROUPS

235
SCIENCE &
TECHNOLOGY-
BASED COMPANIES &
PARTNERSHIPS

636
PATENTS AND
TRADEMARKS

54
RESEARCH CENTERS

WHO WE ARE

6 pioneers

University of Sevilla (Spain)
University of Cote D'Azur (France)
University of Genoa (Italy)
Technical University of Košice (Slovakia)
MCI	The Entrepreneurial School (Austria)
Haaga-Helia University of Applied Sciences (Finland)

95 associates

6 regions	6 city halls	6 research centres
14 business confederations	7 student associations	47 companies & public bodies
		8 NGOs & citizens associations

OUR VISION FOR THE FUTURE

Ulysseus alliance's vision for 2030 is to develop an excellence-recognised and internationally attractive, open to the world, persons-centred and entrepreneurial European University for the citizens of the future. The transformation process involves the creation of both a territorial and digital Innovation Ecosystem, the **Ulysseus Innovation Ecosystem**, characterised by:

- Integrative and democratic governance
- Co-creation of education, research and innovation interlinked activities
- High impact on United Nations, European, regional and local challenges
- Strengthened Open Education and Open Science
- Multilingualism and multiculturalism
- Enhanced mobility with automatic recognition

The Ulysseus Ecosystem rests on two solid foundations: the **Ulysseus Community**, representing the helix and including the 6 alliance partners and 95 associated partners; and the **Ulysseus Campus**, with three new and innovative joint structures: the Central Management Office, the Digital Platform, and six **Innovation Hubs**, aligned with six research and development challenges, prioritised by our regions and cities:

- Ageing and Wellbeing
- Energy, Transport, Mobility and Smart Cities
- Tourism, Arts and Heritage
- Digitalisation
- Artificial Intelligence
- Food, Biotechnology and Circular Economy

Innovation Hubs will be the centre of gravity of partners' collaboration, sharpening the co-creation process for a transdisciplinary and challenge-driven education, intertwined with research and knowledge

transfer, and the promotion of citizen involvement and European values.

Enhanced mobility within and beyond the campus, a joint **internationalisation** strategy and well-structured sustainability and dissemination plans will help to promote Ulysseus across international borders. Ulysseus "**open to the World**" model will help pursue the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals and will promote worldwide human dignity, freedom, democracy, equality, the rule of law and respect for human rights.

PUTTING OUR VISION INTO PRACTICE

KEY DELIVERABLES / ACTIVITIES

- Developing a long-lasting Ulysseus territorial and digital **Innovation Ecosystem**, shaping the **Ulysseus Campus** and promoting the **Ulysseus Community**. The Ulysseus Campus will comprise partners' shared facilities and three innovative joint structures: 6 Innovation Hubs, the Central Management Office, and the Ulysseus Digital Platform.

- Fostering interlinked education, research and innovation with **student-centred, challenge-based, flexible, transdisciplinary and modular European joint programmes**, an internship programme, short format courses, new joint research centers, Living labs, incubators, and the Matching4cooperation App.

- **Closing the competences gap** with promotion of +2 language, career development, lifelong learning, entrepreneurship and design-thinking, innovative learning solutions for teachers and non-academic staff development programmes.

- Bringing about **social cohesion and citizen engagement through different programmes** that will address European citizenship promotion, citizen engagement, gender equality, special needs & disadvantaged groups, the elderly, and will build Open Classes and Science shop sites.

- Providing steady mobility through the **Ulysseus mobility programme** for students, academic and non-academic staff, a Green Deal mobility scheme, High School's mobility programme, and fostering international promotion.

HOW OUR ALLIANCE WILL TRANSFORM OUR UNIVERSITIES

- The first three years' focus is on **joint structures, governance system and launching the activities programmes pilots**, resulting in a modern, open and active European University that will contribute to our regions research and innovation strategies for Smart Specialiszation (RIS3), cities' strategic plans, Horizon Europe missions and clusters, European Green Deal and United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

- **Ulysseus Innovation Hub**, a unique joint structure for collaboration to develop solutions for six research and development regional and local challenges, turning ideas into reality.

- **Ulysseus as a regional and local growth agent**. An alliance focused on collaborating on the identified challenges, relevant to our community growth.

- **Ulysseus Citizen of the Future**. Ulysseus students, academics and staff will have a recognisable distinction: besides being high-qualified professionals, they will be multilingual, multicultural and entrepreneurial citizens with environmental, social and inclusiveness awareness.

- **Ulysseus model of excellence**. Our alliance has a clear and ambitious strategy and leadership, offering attractive learning and career options, good guidance, quality assurance, mobility, and first-rate research and innovation.

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