



# EUROPEAN UNIVERSITIES

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Uniting over...

**165,289**

STUDENTS

**29,369**

STAFF, INCLUDING  
17,465 ACADEMIC  
STAFF/  
RESEARCHERS

**67**

FACULTIES

**760**

RESEARCH GROUPS

## EUTOPIA European Universities Transforming to an Open Inclusive Academy for 2050



### WHO WE ARE

#### 6 pioneers

Univerza v Ljubljani (Slovenia)

Vrije Universiteit Brussel (Belgium)

Goeteborgs Universitet (Sweden)

Université de Cergy-Pontoise  
(France)

Universitat Pompeu Fabra  
(Spain)

University of Warwick  
(United Kingdom)

#### 26 associates

6

Institutions supporting the development and training of students

3

Organisations linking university research with business and industry

9

Regional authorities/agencies

3

Social/geographic inclusion organisations

5

University networks

### OUR VISION FOR THE FUTURE

**EUTOPIA is a challenge-led, student-centred, place-based, inclusive alliance of entrepreneurial, change-focused universities.** The EUTOPIA alliance brings together six regionally and nationally distinct European universities. By 2025 it will become an open, multicultural, federated operation of connected campuses that facilitates both free movement for all its staff and students, and vigorous participation from all the citizens of its associated communities.

**EUTOPIA will produce challenge-driven research and teaching, prepare empowered European graduates, champion regional and international involvement, and support diversity, inclusivity and widening citizenship.** The result will be a European University model for 21st-century education, research and place-shaping that strengthens European values and identity as well as increases the global competitiveness of the European Higher Education Area.

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### EUTOPIA will transform its teaching and learning.

Trans-institutional teams of staff, students and experts will become **learning communities**, co-creating course material and developing learning and teaching methods to provide graduates with high-level competencies, advanced problem-solving skills and an internationalised mind-set. All graduates, staff and organisations involved will additionally have their international mobility and intercultural and inter-linguistic proficiency transcribed and certified.

### EUTOPIA also strives for innovative research and innovation.

EUTOPIA will promote an integrated, challenge-driven, **knowledge creation community**, connecting universities, national and local governments, enterprises and society to address societal challenges. Researchers, students and external stakeholders will be able jointly to implement pilots that demonstrate the collaborative benefits, connections and distinctiveness of the EUTOPIA model of learning.

## PUTTING OUR VISION INTO PRACTICE

### KEY DELIVERABLES / ACTIVITIES

- **Develop a common EUTOPIA Learning Community** – promoting and initiating changes and exchanges in the educational programmes of the EUTOPIA universities.
- **Designate a common set of challenge-driven and integrated EUTOPIA Knowledge Creation Communities** – forming cross-disciplinary, challenge-based teams to address societal challenges.
- **Develop the place-making capacities of the alliance** – the co-creation of knowledge, environments, platforms, tools and methodologies to enable exchange and dialogue across sectors, institutions and regions.
- **Install activities and mechanisms to ensure inclusive and balanced societies** – developing a common strategy to identify exclusionary practices, challenges and obstacles as well as to foster inclusion.
- **Instil both grounded and global internationalisation of the EUTOPIA alliance** – stimulating student input to internationalising the curriculum and building strategic partnerships with global (non-European) partners.

### HOW OUR ALLIANCE WILL TRANSFORM OUR UNIVERSITIES

- Set up and test a European University **governance structure and strategy**, fully supported by the highest management levels and involving the students.
- Create new **transversal, challenge-based educational and research programmes**, developing **new physical and digital mobility** for students and staff.
- Embrace **openness**. It will stimulate Open Science, develop an Open Educational Resources and Knowledge Creation agenda and build an Open Campus agenda that strengthens the links among the partner universities and between each of the universities and the regions in which they operate, and where inclusiveness towards all types of students is strongly fostered.
- Ensure bottom-up input and engagement by all its communities: **staff, students** and external stakeholders **will be involved in all core activities of the alliance**.
- Facilitate **professional collaboration** through the coming together of professional and administrative staff in the areas of education and learning, research and innovation, quality assurance, inclusion/well-being and communication.

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