



# EUROPEAN UNIVERSITIES

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Uniting over...

**160 000**  
STUDENTS

**20 000**  
ADMINISTRATIVE  
STAFF/TEACHERS/  
RESEARCHERS

**1 600 000**  
CITIZENS

## EC2U - European Campus of City-Universities



### WHO WE ARE

#### 7 pioneers

- University of Coimbra (Portugal)
- University Alexandru Ioan Cuza of Iasi (Romania)
- Friedrich Schiller University of Jena (Germany)
- University of Pavia (Italy)
- University of Poitiers (France)
- University of Salamanca (Spain)
- University of Turku (Finland)

#### 30 associates

- 8 students associations
- 7 cities
- 5 regional authorities
- 3 national agencies
- 2 chambers of commerce
- 4 science parks
- 1 university association

### OUR VISION FOR THE FUTURE

EC2U is a multi-cultural multi-lingual European Universities Alliance consisting of seven long-standing, education- and research-led, locally and globally engaged universities from all four European regions. Its ambition is to develop an open and innovative space allowing **seamless mobility** among the universities and cities, thus overcoming clichéd views of regional and national identities.

The Alliance will reach this ambition by creating a pan-European campus, connected by a sense of

shared European identity, and developing a smart higher education eco-system through a new model of quality education for an inclusive society. This original model relies on the double vertical and horizontal integration strategy, producing synergies from education, research and innovation and promoting formal/non-formal/informal education. The Alliance is based on a **unique cooperation between universities and cities, involving academic communities, municipalities, regional authorities, socio-economic actors and citizens.**

## OUR VISION FOR THE FUTURE

EC2U will promote an **unprecedented challenge-based global initiative** that leans on the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Among the 17 SDGs, the seven universities have identified and selected three of them that will guide the Alliance's activities during the first phase of its development: **good health and well-being (SDG #3), quality education (SDG #4), sustainable cities and communities (SDG #11)**.

Post 2023, the successfully implemented activities will be permanently integrated into the Alliance portfolio and continuously expanded to other disciplines and challenges, thus impacting all internal academic communities and external partners, stakeholders and citizens. This long-term vision aims to reach, **by 2030, the status of a real pan-European campus that delivers solutions to global challenges and empowers citizens to contribute to a more inclusive European society.**

## PUTTING OUR VISION INTO PRACTICE

### KEY DELIVERABLES / ACTIVITIES

- **EC2U Connect Centre** with joint digital platforms and tools to ensure the efficient operation of the Alliance in all fields of the Knowledge Square
- **Joint campus life** with shared culture/sports/scientific events and innovative mobile application connecting the seven universities and their cities
- **Entrepreneurial Academy** and first (three) customised **joint Master programmes** with embedded mobility **based on selected SDGs**: Good health & well-being, Quality education, Sustainable cities & communities
- First (three) **Virtual Institutes** combining education, research and innovation in missions based on the aforementioned SDGs
- A unique partnership between academia, cities and socio-economic stakeholders via the **EC2U Forum**, every six months, promoting European engagement via **EC2U Think Tanks** composed of students, researchers and citizens

### HOW OUR ALLIANCE WILL TRANSFORM OUR UNIVERSITIES

- **Integrated governance and federal budget**
- **Joint Education and Research Virtual Institutes** on the 17 UNSDGs
- **Inter-university campus life** with new physical/virtual learning and meeting spaces for students and staff
- Sustainable **annual EC2U Fora between academia and citizens**
- **Joint European Diplomas and staff career plans** with embedded/blended mobility

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