



# EUROPEAN UNIVERSITIES

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Uniting over...

**400,000**  
STUDENTS

**55,000**  
STAFF, INCLUDING  
30,000 ACADEMIC  
STAFF/  
RESEARCHERS

**114**  
FACULTIES

**700**  
RESEARCH  
GROUPS

## OUR VISION FOR THE FUTURE

## CIVIS A European Civic University



### WHO WE ARE

#### 8 pioneers

- Aix-Marseille University (France)
- National Kapodistrian University of Athens (Greece)
- Université libre de Bruxelles (Belgium)
- Universitatea din București (Romania)
- Universidad Autónoma de Madrid (Spain)
- Sapienza Università di Roma (Italy)
- Stockholms universitet (Sweden)
- Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen (Germany)

#### 9 associates

- 2 Regional authorities
- 1 City
- 1 Foundation
- 1 National research agency
- 1 Higher Education Institution
- 2 Museums
- 1 NGO

### OUR VISION FOR THE FUTURE

CIVIS – a European Civic University – is a far-reaching vision whose goal is to have a significant impact on the development of societies, both locally and globally. CIVIS will intertwine relationships at all scales, with a wide diversity of stakeholders, in order to implement educational and research activities grounded in fast-changing ecosystems. CIVIS aims at being a vector for change and innovation in the following areas: **Health; Cities, Territories and Mobility; Climate, Environment and Energy; Digital and Technological Transformations; Societies, Culture and Heritage.**

The research excellence within the CIVIS alliance will be a key asset for building common research-based training and other innovative activities for the five thematics. CIVIS will reinforce the research links existing between its partner universities through interdisciplinarity, shared research infrastructures and incentive funding for joint projects.

The priorities will be to tackle major societal challenges by bringing an iterative approach to learning and teaching. CIVIS will develop and structure education

pathways, connected with research and innovation, around challenges, linking them to civic engagement actions and partnerships with Mediterranean and African counterparts.

To achieve this goal, the alliance will develop a multidisciplinary methodology and use innovative pedagogies and frontline technologies. The research and educational offer that CIVIS will jointly develop will be based on multidisciplinary approaches, integrating mobility, personalised

learning pathways, service-, community- or work-based learning, including research partnerships with private and public sector organisations locally, regionally and internationally. Moreover, CIVIS will invest in linguistic diversity, a key issue in the globalisation process.

Ultimately, academic, regional and social perspectives will be interlinked to foster European identity.

## PUTTING OUR VISION INTO PRACTICE

### KEY DELIVERABLES / ACTIVITIES

- **Hubs to develop multi-disciplinary and individualised learning pathways** for undergraduate and postgraduate students at CIVIS member universities.
- **Open labs** will act as incubators for educational, research and/or innovative projects which CIVIS partners will develop and implement, together with local stakeholders, to address local challenges. They will give CIVIS students real-world work experience related to their studies, enabling them to acquire transversal skills ('learning by doing').
- **Digital Campus** to facilitate collaborative projects and resource sharing among students, as well as academic and administrative staff. It will prove a key asset to seamless mobility within CIVIS, but also to stimulate bottom-up projects between communities.
- **Innovative Pedagogies** will allow CIVIS member universities to share and jointly optimise their teaching techniques. The 'CIVIS innovative pedagogies module', will be conceived as a tool for creating and promoting innovative pedagogies within CIVIS, based on ground-breaking research.
- **Cooperation with academic partners from African and Mediterranean partners** to address joint challenges, interests and solutions.

### HOW OUR ALLIANCE WILL TRANSFORM OUR UNIVERSITIES

CIVIS is an ambitious initiative to create a fully fledged European University Alliance:

- **A strong governance structure** will assure participation and co-creation from all stakeholders and efficiently support and enable inter-university cooperation.
- By **stimulating educational innovation**, CIVIS will contribute to **accelerating the digital transformation** of the university, pool scientists and stimulate new joint initiatives.
- CIVIS will forge richer interactions and **co-creation of knowledge and skills with citizens, schools, enterprises, social and cultural associations**.
- This alliance will help reduce the gaps, strengthen access to quality education and create real chances of success for all students.
- **Mediterranean area and Africa** will be at the core of a global strategy.
- With seven major languages spoken in the alliance, and English as lingua franca, CIVIS will invest in **linguistic diversity**.

> [www.civis.eu](http://www.civis.eu)

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