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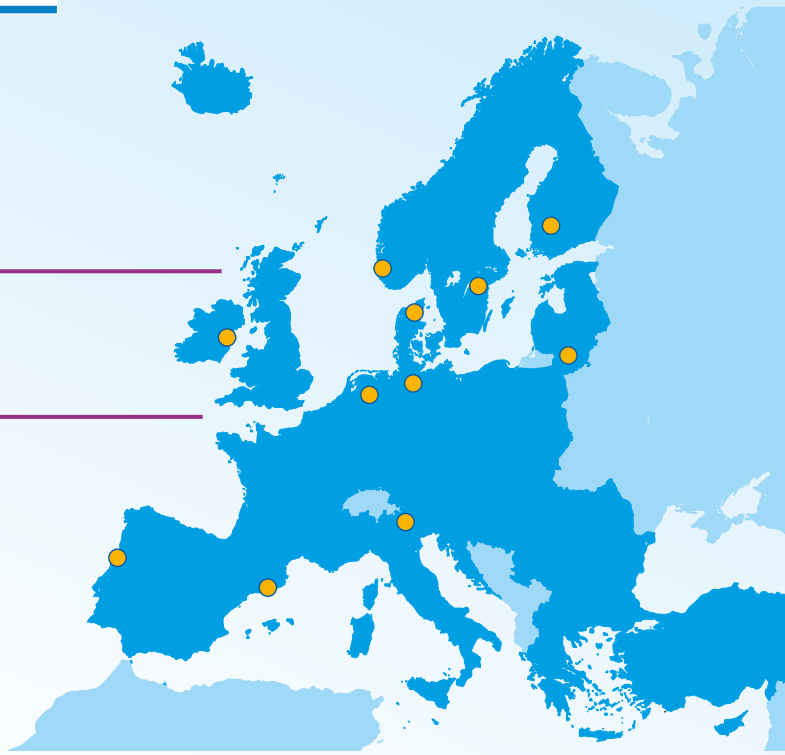

WHO WE ARE

Uniting over...

207,000
STUDENTS

31,118
STAFF, INCLUDING 17,182 ACADEMIC STAFF/ RESEARCHERS

142
FACULTIES

449
RESEARCH GROUPS

11 pioneers

- University of Twente (The Netherlands)
- Aalborg University (Denmark)
- Dublin City University (Ireland)
- Hamburg University of Technology (Germany)
- Kaunas University of Technology (Lithuania)
- Linköping University (Sweden)
- Tampere University (Finland)
- Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (Spain)
- University of Aveiro (Portugal)
- University of Stavanger (Norway)
- University of Trento (Italy)

33 associates

1 *Higher Education Institution*	1 *National authority*	6 *Regional authorities*
8 *Cities*	13 *Enterprises*	2 *Associations*
	2 *Agencies*	

OUR VISION FOR THE FUTURE

ECIU University is a new pan-European university with **an innovative challenge-based approach** and **a true European inter-university campus**. At ECIU University, learners, researchers, enterprises, local bodies and citizens will be enabled to co-create original educational pathways and relevant innovative solutions for challenges to the advancement of society. Initially, ECIU University will focus on topics related to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 11 – **Sustainable cities and communities** – with the ambition of creating a model adaptable to any future societal development objective.

The ECIU University approach will strengthen interaction and engagement among education, research and innovation, with a positive effect on the local, regional and European community, ultimately leading to **sustainable economic growth**. By focusing on developing

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the interdisciplinary competences necessary to solve societal challenges primarily defined by the surrounding industry and society at large, the ECIU University community will be at the very centre of (re)creating **regional knowledge economies** and further contributing to **achieving the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals** in teams.

Building on the longstanding experiences of partner universities, ECIU University aims to act as a role model for mainstreaming open, innovative and flexible learning as well as ensuring its recognition. ECIU University students will work in interdisciplinary teams and will have the possibility of personalising their curricula to their needs by adding different micro-credentials depending on specific interests and societal challenges being addressed. These flexible and original educational pathways will lead to either the ECIU University competence passport or a unique European Degree in 2025.

PUTTING OUR VISION INTO PRACTICE

KEY DELIVERABLES / ACTIVITIES

- **Challenge-based education and research** organised around United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 11 and fostered by an entrepreneurial mind-set and developed civic engagement.
- **Open and original education** with flexible learning pathways, including embedded structured mobility, micro-credentials, leading to a competence passport or European degree (a trans-European challenge-based learning scheme).
- **Model for transnational challenge-based education** – a number of education and innovation labs focusing on innovation in teaching, learning and research. A place to scale up existing educational models and to co-create new models.

HOW OUR ALLIANCE WILL TRANSFORM OUR UNIVERSITIES

ECIU University will significantly transform the functioning of the partner institutions by:

- **Remodelling educational offers** toward the needs of students and other learners.
- Further **opening up** universities by organising education and innovation in co-creation with stakeholders (public, private, students).
- Allowing learners **complete access** to courses of all connected universities.
- **Joint road mapping** research related to United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 11.
- Creating **a joint ECIU platform** for student guidance and welfare services.
- Establishing a **shared IT platform** for challenges and a learning environment for micro-credentials.

> Coming soon. Stay connected with us on **www.eciu.org**

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