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Global & Regional Partnerships

November 19th, 2025 11:00 – 11:50 CET

Moderator: Selma Porobić

Co-speakers: Magdalena Sikorská, John Gardiner, Silvia Rucinska



Who We Are



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Secretary
General



John Gardiner,
ULYSSEUS,
Ulyseus Project
Manager



Silvia Rucinska, P.
Josef Safarik
University in Košice,
Vicerector for
Internationalisation,
Aurora Institutional
Coordinator

FOREU4ALL
Internationalisation
& Global Outreach



Discussion Topics



- Survey results of 20 European University Alliances within the FoREU4ALL 'Internationalisation and Global Outreach' group
- Case examples of regional and global outreach programmes from EUI's – ULYSSEUS, EUNICE, and AURORA

Internationalisation and Global Outreach TG



The Internationalisation and Global Outreach group aims to enhance collaboration, knowledge-sharing, and policy alignment among European University Alliances. Its goal is to develop impactful, inclusive internationalisation strategies. By fostering joint efforts and shared learning, it boosts the global engagement and visibility of European higher education.

OBJECTIVES

- Strengthen collaboration, knowledge sharing, and policy alignment across alliances.
- Advance impactful, inclusive internationalisation and global outreach strategies.

GROUP CHAIRING TEAM (GCTs)

- Co-Chairs: Selma Porobic (Aurora) and Magdalena Sikorska (EUNICE)
- Vice-Chairs: John Gardiner (Ulysseus) and Francisco do Adro (UNITA)



Activities Overview

- **Regular online meetings on several topics:**
 - Financial Possibilities
 - Geopolitical Strategy
 - Global Engagement and SDGs
 - Joint Educational Offer
- **Survey on geopolitical strategy of European University Alliances outside of EU**
- **Dissemination events** (various conferences e.g. EAIE, CEEDUCON)
- **Preparation and submission of the proposal for the FOREU4All Community of Practice call to transversal/topical workshop.**
- **Informal meetings in person at Campus of European Universities in Paris, 2 EAIEs** (Toulouse and Gothenburg)



Framing the discussion of European HEA Internationalisation



Survey of 20 European Alliances in 2024 March–July 2024

Survey on European University Alliances Geopolitical Strategy for Non-EU Collaborations

About: This Survey is a result of the working group on cooperation with non-EU Partnerships under FOREU2 platform that brings together 21 European University Alliance in order to learn from each other and exchange best practices regarding the non-EU collaborations and global outreach programmes. It aims to gather information on the European Universities Alliances' international collaboration strategies with non-EU partners in line with the European Union's geopolitical policies and priorities in the research and innovation area.

Purpose and benefits of the survey: The survey aims to map out the practices and existing European University Alliances' engagements.

Participant information: Information on the survey is requested from the participating European University Alliances. The questions below. If you need further information on EU partnerships.

Deadline: We kindly ask you to complete the survey by July 31, 2024.

Further information and contact: For more information, please contact Selma Porceddu (magdalena.sikorska@eun.org).

Consent to processing of personal data: The categories of personal data collected are your name and email address.

Under the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), you have the right to:

- To obtain confirmation that your personal data has been processed;
- To obtain correction of your personal data;
- To obtain erasure of your personal data;
- To obtain portability of your personal data;
- To obtain restriction of your personal data;
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EUAs that participated



Key results



I PART:



Strategy & Plans



Geographical Aspirations & Objectives of Collaboration



Challenges (funding, legal and other)

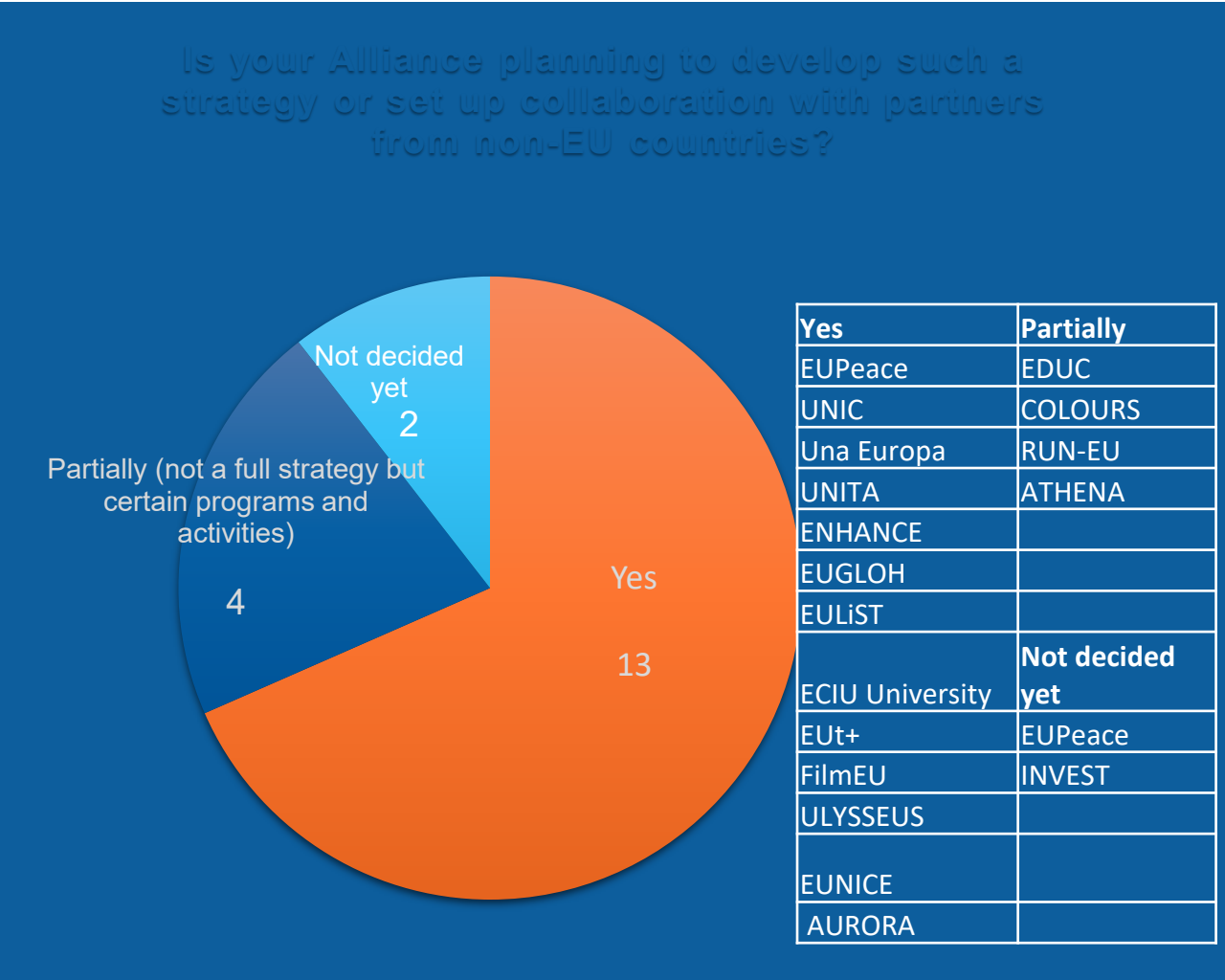


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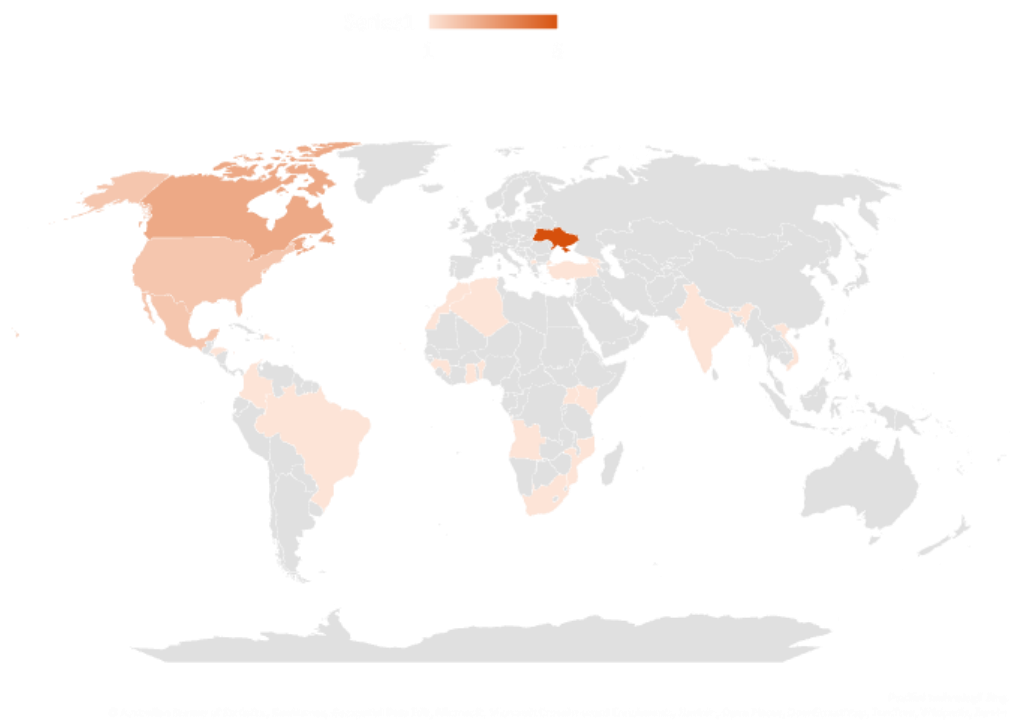


Inclusivity as per Support programmes and Measures for Refugees and Migrants

Strategy for non-EU partnerships



Geographical overview



Geographical areas of interest (Continent / Region)
Africa
America
Latin America
Asia
Eastern Europe
Western Balkans
Eastern Partnership Countries
South Mediterranean countries
MEA
Caribbean and Pacific Group of States
Region 2
Region 3
Region10
Region11
Region 12
Region 14

Key Objectives of collaborations



A. Internationalisation / Europeanisation

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- Promoting European values, knowledge and education models (EUIs as a brand)
- Attracting students to Europe and expanding alliances beyond EU borders
- Enhancing international relations from the pilot phase via joint initiatives
- Mutual exchange and promotion of European values (e.g., Ukraine)

Globalisation and SDGs

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- Mutual learning and tackling societal challenges globally
- Fostering joint research, technology and education
- Building capacity and inclusivity through academic mission and exchange
- Promoting peace and justice through research and social impact

UPJŠ in Aurora
Alliance

AURORA



**Aurora Capacity
Development Support
Program In CEE Region**



Aurora Members

Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam

University of Iceland

University Duisburg-Essen

University Federico II of Naples

University Rovira i Virgili

Universität Innsbruck

Palacký University Olomouc

Copenhagen Business School

Université Paris-Est Créteil

University of Minnesota (USA)

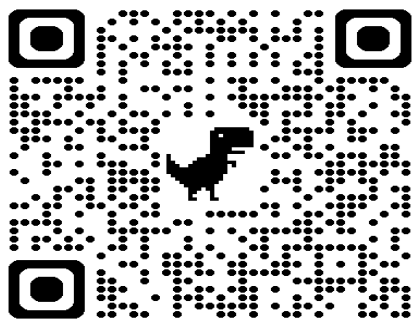
Associate Partners

University of Tetova

South-West University Neofit Rilski

Pavol Jozef Safarik University Kosice

V. N. Karazin National University Kharkiv



CDP AIMS AND HIGHLIGHTS 2020–2025



Strengthening the capacity for academic excellence and societal relevance in Central and Eastern Europe and Neighbouring Countries

Aurora Outreach programmes via Regional HUBS in CEE: Research mini-grants, Staff Training, PhD Workshops, Stakeholder fair, Student collaborations

Led by Palacky University in Olomouc and Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam



**Pavol Jozef Šafárik
University in Košice**



**South-West Neofit
Rilski University**



**V.N. Karazin Kharkiv
university**



**State University
Tetova**

CDP 2020/2023

6 Aurora deliverables introduced to **local HE contexts**
– ACF, COIL, Co-creation/Service Learning, Inclusion and Diversity, Social entrepreneurship, Early career research/PhD

19 joint projects implemented from external funding (UP and VU Mini-grants)

CDS network of universities over 30 reached with Aurora CDP training programme – **Regional Aurora HUBS created** in CEE

Specific support for Karazin University since March 2022



CDP 2023/2027



6 Training Events – 2024: COIL, Inclusion and diversity, Soc entrepreneurship

2 workshops – Early Career Researchers

Stakeholder fair – Ecosystem and collaboration fostering

Karazin University PEACE EDUCATION HUB

AURORA

24/25 Highlights of CDP

Aurora Staff Training in Ohrid Equips Academics for International Teaching



AURORA

Diversity and Inclusion
Ways Forward in Fostering Inclusive and Enriching Practices and Policies at the Aurora Universities

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Košice, Slovensko

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The training is for the staff and the students of P.J. Safarik University

Registration for the training is required.
Deadline: 20.09.2024

VU OLMOUC UNIVERSITY

PAVAL JOZEF SAFARIK UNIVERSITY KOSICE

Co-funded by the European Union

AURORA

Capacity Development Training: Social Entrepreneurship

Hotel Ezeretz
Blagoevgrad, Bulgaria

28 March, 2025

Join us for the third training event of the **Aurora Capacity Development Programme (CDP)** under the ongoing **Aurora 2030** initiative! This one-day training, entitled **"Social Entrepreneurship as a Way Forward in Increasing Academic Activities through Sustainable Business Models"**, will explore how social entrepreneurship can drive innovation and sustainability in education.

The event will feature:

- ✔ **Introductory Session:** Understanding the Aurora Social Entrepreneurship and Innovation Scales for Measuring Impact Competences.
- ✔ **Training Workshop:** Strategies for teaching social entrepreneurship and fostering sustainable business models.
- ✔ **Panel Discussion:** Best policies and practices from Aurora universities.
- ✔ **Inspirational Session:** The role of leadership and spirituality in entrepreneurship, emphasizing social relations and community impact.
- ✔ **Hands-on Training:** Analyzing the social entrepreneurship ecosystem and identifying sustainable business models that engage diverse learners.

The event is open to **students, academic and administrative staff, university management, local entrepreneurs, and representatives from local authorities and NGOs** across Aurora associate partner universities and their regional hubs in Central and Eastern Europe.

By attending this training, you will gain insights into sustainable business models and their application in academia, learn from best practices across the Aurora network, and develop skills to create policies that support social entrepreneurship in education.

This event is part of the **Aurora 2030 Capacity Development Programme**, which aims to strengthen academic excellence and societal impact through regional collaboration and knowledge exchange.

Co-funded by the European Union

AURORA

PhD Academy on Publishing Skills and Science Communication

October 6-10th at Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam

Join us for this Blended Intense Learning Programme for early career researchers offering hands on training for PhD candidates in essential skills for scholarly publishing and impactful science communication. This event is organized within the scope of Aurora Capacity Development Programme in CEE aimed at empowering young researchers of four Aurora associate partner universities to effectively disseminate their findings to academic and non-academic audiences, enhancing visibility and societal impact of their work.

This event is organized within Aurora 2030 Programme as part of the Task "Team 2.3 - Aurora Capacity Development Programme in Centra/eastern Europe, led by Palacký University in Olomouc and Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam.

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EUNICE in numbers



European partners associated with the project:

We have 60 European partners formally associated with the project under Erasmus+.

Global partners associated with EUNICE AISBL:

We have also established collaborations with global partners through **EUNICE AISBL** (*legal entity*), as they cannot operate directly under Erasmus+ rules.

This approach is part of our broader internationalisation strategy.

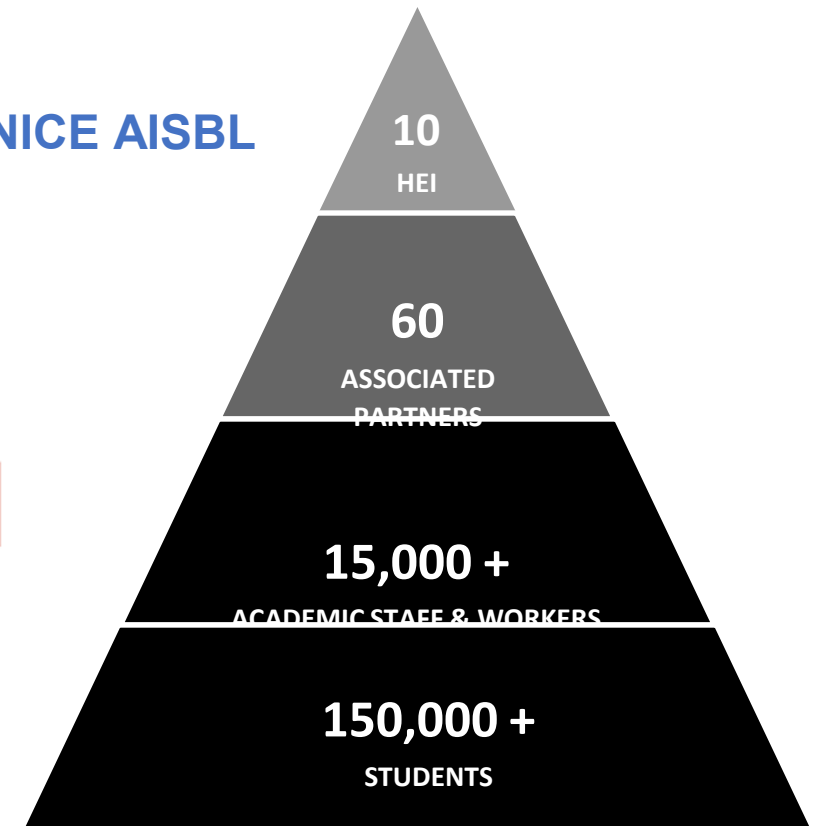
Current global associated partners:

Université Mohammed VI Polytechnique (UM6P), Morocco

Universidade Federal de Viçosa (UFV), Brazil



University
Mohammed VI
Polytechnic



Collaboration with our Global Associated Partners (GAP)



Joint workshops

Monthly online meetings, different topics and specialized areas

Mobilities

KA171,
Short-term exchanges, Internships,
PhD exchanges, Staff exchanges

Shared courses

Participation of partner university in
EUNICE courses and vice-versa

EUNICE General Assembly

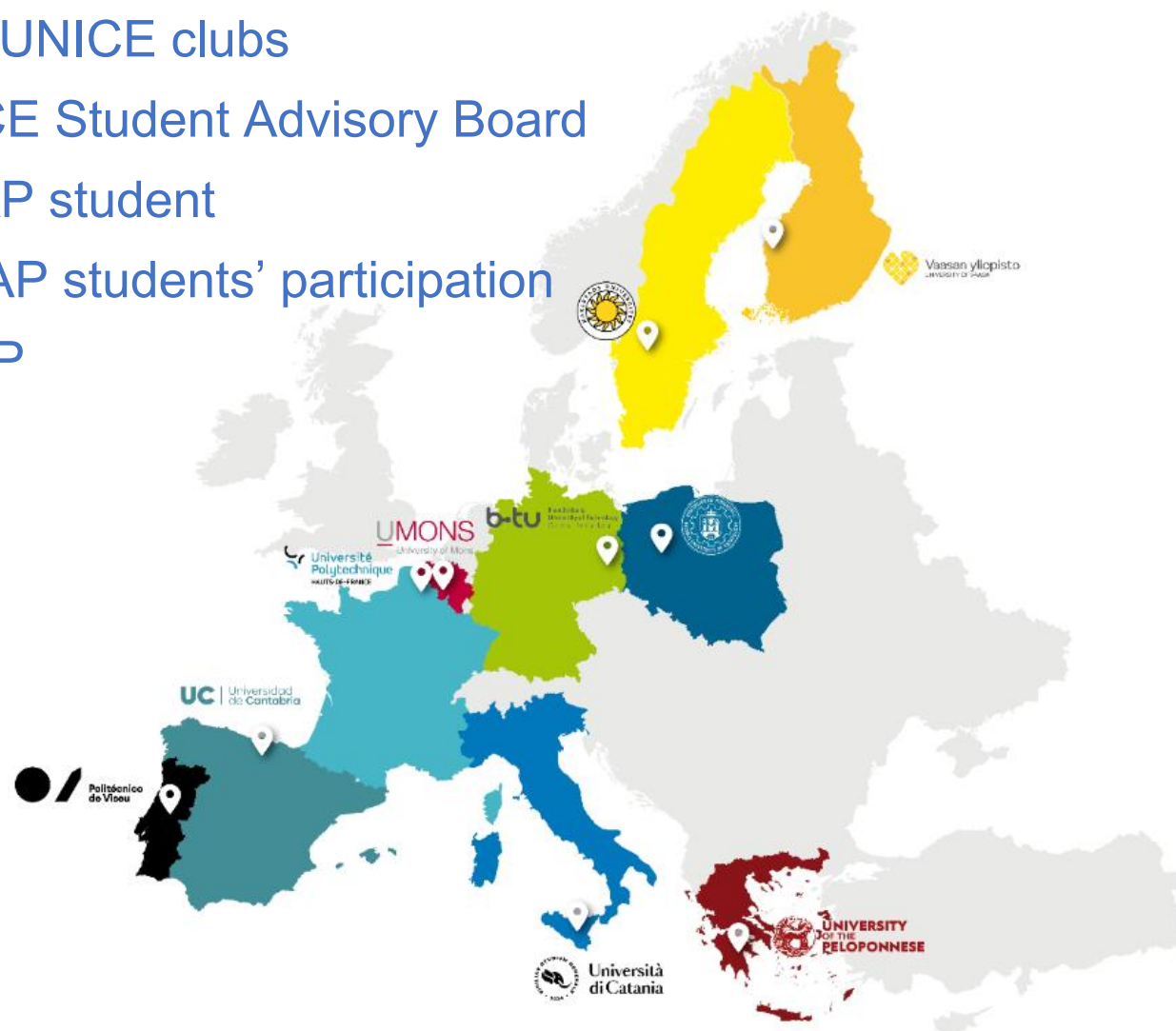
Planned with the participation of most
active EUNICE APs



Proposed Additional Initiatives



- GAP Students' participation in Pan-EUNICE clubs
- GAP students' participation in EUNICE Student Advisory Board
- Open Excellence Programmes to GAP student
- EUNICE summer schools open to GAP students' participation
- Internship portal – add offer from GAP



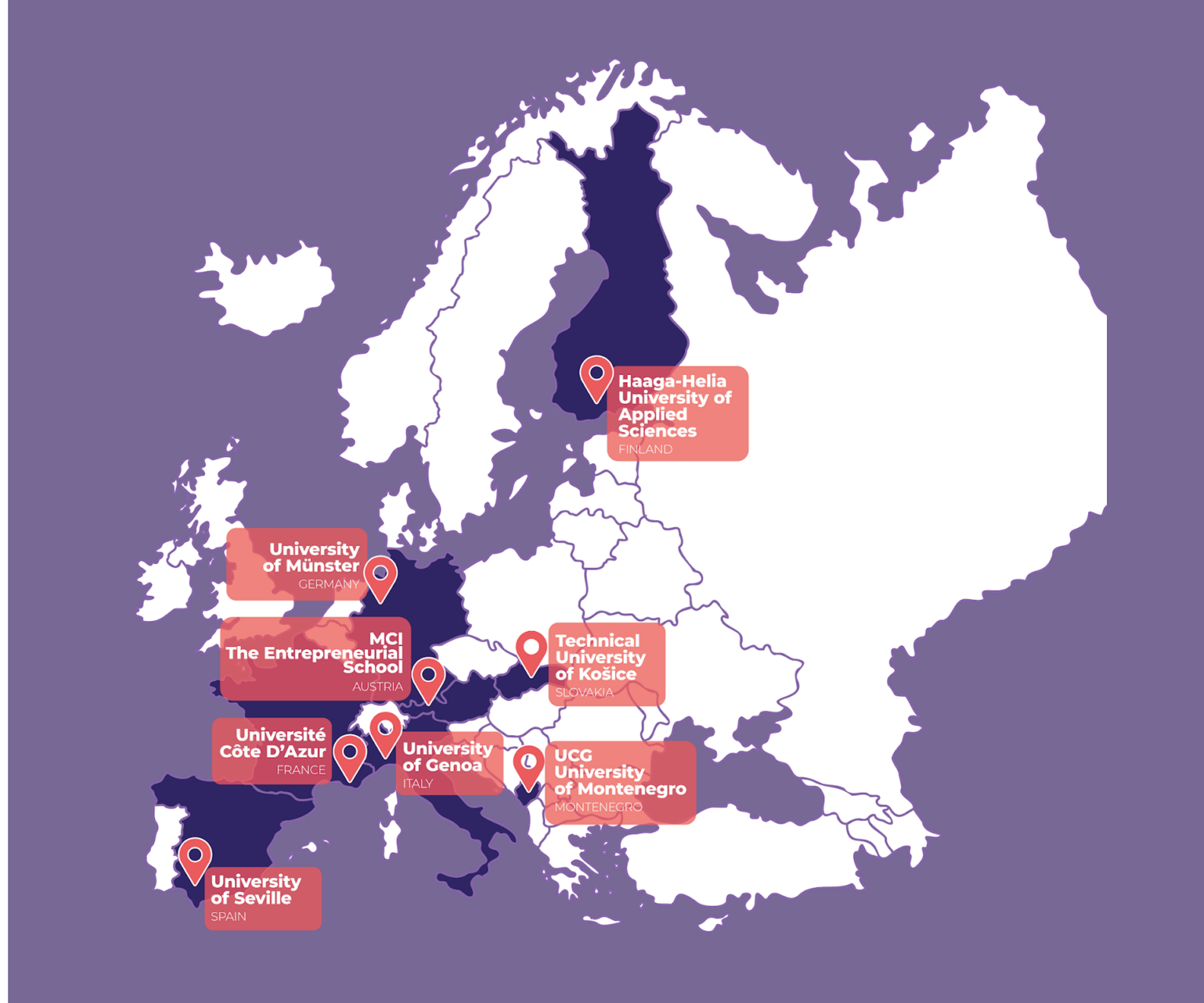
Ulysseus Internationalization Strategy



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Who We Are

- 1 Campus
- 8 Universities
- 8 Countries

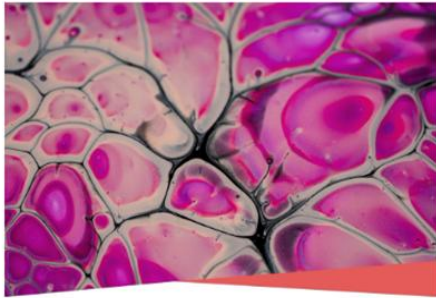


Ulysseus Internationalization Programme



Innovation Hubs

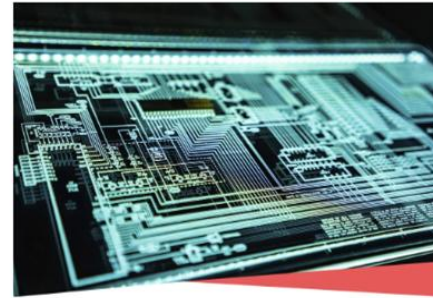
Innovation Hubs



Ageing & Well-Being



**Applied Artificial
Intelligence for Business
& Education**



Cybersecurity



**Digital Transformation of
Industry**



Robotics



**Socio-Ecological
Sustainability**



**Sustainable Energy,
Transport, Mobility for
Smart Cities**



**Sustainable
Entrepreneurship &
Impact**

Q&A Session



Survey Results

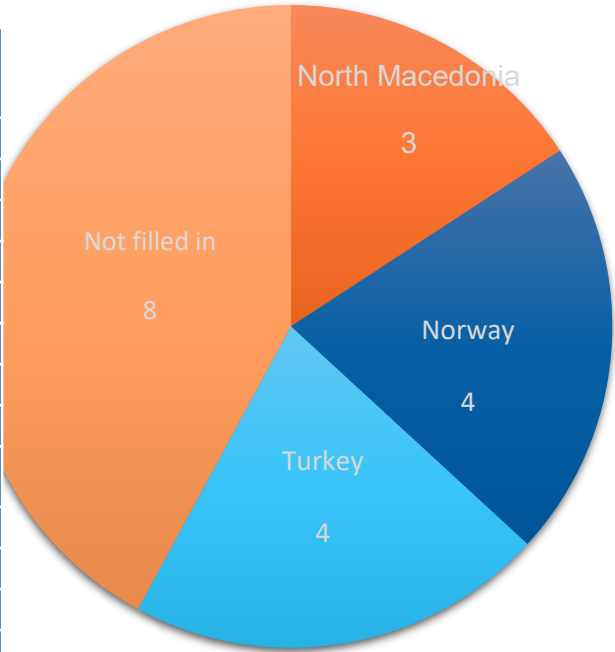
Alliances' Survey: Funded Activities as per Alliance Priorities

- ❖ Mobility and exchange of staff and students (virtual & blended)
- ❖ COIL and micro-credentials, hackathons and summer schools
- ❖ Research & innovation projects (Open Science, R&I reforms)
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- ❖ Capacity building and training for global outreach
- ❖ Institutional cooperation and networking activities

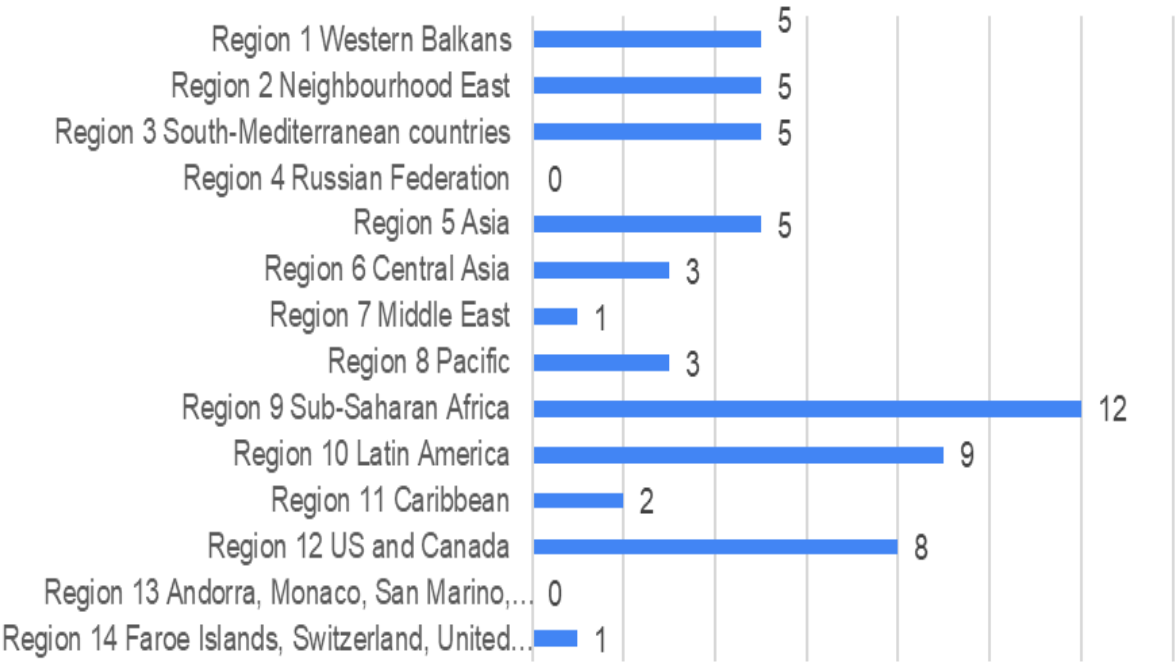
Geographical areas – Erasmus+ and beyond

Present and/or Future strategy Third countries Associated with the Erasmus + Programme

North Macedonia	Not filled in
EDUC	RUN-EU
COLOURS	ENHANCE
AURORA	EUGLOH
	EULIST
Norway	EUt+
Una Europa	
INVEST	Ulysseus
UNITA	EUNICE
ECIU University	ATHENA
Turkey	
EUPeace	
UNIC	
FilmEU	



What are the geographical areas of interest in your present and/or future strategy? hird countries not associated with the Erasmus + Programme

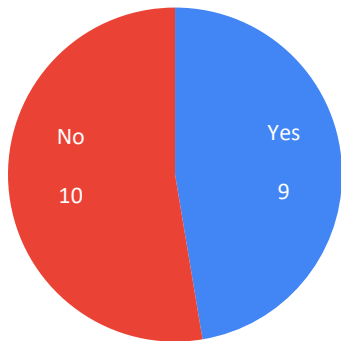


Alliances' Survey: Collaboration Challenges

- Lack of an EU-wide framework for non-EU collaboration
- Funding fragmentation and sustainability gaps (KA 171-CBHE, EMundus, etc.)
- Legal and administrative barriers to joint education and mobility (no legal entity)
- Cultural and communication differences in management, incl. a lack of infrastructure
- Limited internal strategies and resources, HR, coordination and decision-making within Alliances

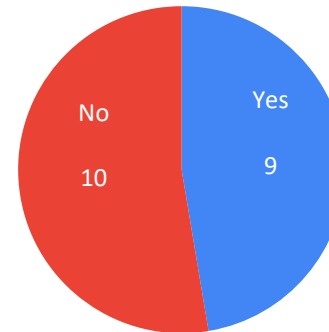
Cooperation – funding overview

Is your Alliance cooperation strategy with non-EU countries linked to specific funding?



Yes	No
EDUC	EUPeace
Una Europa	EUPeace
UNITA	UNIC
RUN-EU	INVEST
ECIU University	COLOURS
EUt+	ENHANCE
FilmEU	EUGLOH
Ulysseus	EULIST
Aurora universities	EUNICE
	ATHENA

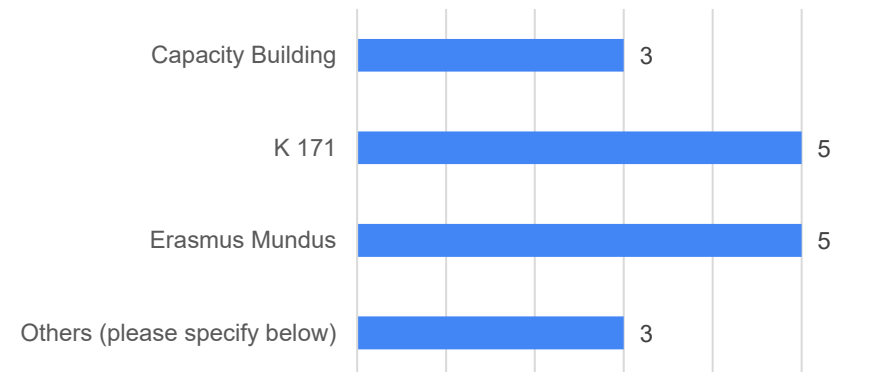
Have you applied for additional funding sources?



Does your National Agency prioritize the co-funding for the European Alliances?



If yes, which ones:



Q&A Session



UPJŠ Associate Partners Views on Benefits & Challenges

COOPERATIONS BETWEEN UPJŠ AND AURORA

Partner university	Form of cooperation
EURIDICE Consortium members from Aurora: University of Iceland, V. N. Karazin Kharkiv National University, University of Innsbruck, Palacký University Olomouc, University Federico II of Naples, UPEC Paris	Participation in all key activities and planned outputs, including the EJM and courses for teachers and practitioners. Responsible persons Silvia Ručinská (Faculty of Public Administration) and Martin Pekár (Faculty of Arts).
University of Iceland	EEA grants – Bilateral relations and common knowledge between Slovakia and Iceland research at Universities on topic “Genomic instability and cancer “GenlCa“, Martina Šemeláková (Faculty of Medicine)
	April 2025 – initial meeting of representatives of the Faculty of Arts Markéta Andričíková and Marianna Sedláková (Faculty of Arts) with Renata Emilsson Pesková, possible cooperation in Second Language Teaching and Studies
V. N. Karazin Kharkiv National University	Long-term cooperation EEA grants – cooperation with the Faculty of Public Administration – Ondrej Mital’, Eliška Zásadová, Faculty of Science (Physics, Informatics)
University of Innsbruck	Faculty of Arts, Faculty of Public administration
Palacký University Olomouc	All faculties
The Universitat Rovira i Virgili (URV)	Faculty of Public administration Silvia Ručinská, Ondrej Mital’, Michaela Lukačinová (COIL)
University Federico II of Naples	Faculty of Arts, Faculty of Public administration, Faculty of Law

UPJŠ IN AURORA PROJECT WORK PACKAGES

Work Package	Task	Activities
WP3 Societal Entrepreneurship and Innovation	3.4 Engaging Regional Ecosystems and Stakeholders	participation in TT meetings
		UPJŠ signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on Cooperation within the Aurora European Universities Alliance on Sharing Infrastructure and Resources
WP5 Enhancing Quality of Research through an Aurora Research and Innovation Community	5.3 Support and Infrastructure for Open Science	Participation in meetings
WP7 Capacity Building and Community Engagement	7.2 Development of Aurora Student Community	April 2025 – team of Aurora Ambassadors created Presidency of SC
	7.3 Implementation of Capacity Development Programme in CEE	September 2024 – UPJŠ hosted Diversity & Inclusion workshop
	7.4 Creation of Karazin University Peace Education HUB	participation in Aurora Peace Talks 2025
WP8 Enabling Mobility and Exchange	8.2 Internationalisation at home	April 2025 – participation in Aurora Global COIL Online Fair COIL course URV - UPJŠ
W10 Impact and Dissemination	10.1 Aurora Communication and Dissemination	UPJŠ joined regular sessions of TT

NEW PROJECTS AND STUDY PROGRAMMES – EURIDICE

**EUropean Inclusive education for Digital society, social
Innovation and global CitizEnship**

- EURIDICE Consortium – 25 partner organizations from 11 countries and 3 Global South countries
- Specific tasks:
 - Academic participation and content creation
 - Education quality and evaluation
 - Training and workshops
 - Translation and localization of education materials
 - Collaboration and dissemination
 - Joint Master Degree



EVENTS IN PRIORITY AREAS



DIVERSITY & INCLUSION WORKSHOP (09/2024)

Ways Forward in Fostering Inclusive and Enriching Practices and Policies at the Aurora Universities

hosted by UPJŠ within CDS programme
organized in cooperation with Palacký University (UP)
and Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam (VU)

more than 70 participants

focus: socio-economic, ethnic, gender and cultural
diversity, sharing examples of good practice at
universities

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HUMAN RESOURCES

Diversity and Inclusion

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Pavol Jozef Šafárik University in Košice (UPJŠ) in collaboration with the Aurora CDS Task Team at Palacký University (UP) and Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam (VU) organises a hybrid training event:



AURORA CDS TRAINING EVENT

Mentorship programme for PhDs and early stage researchers:
learning from practice

26-27 October 2022

REGISTRATION

- available via the [online form](#)
- is open until **18/10/2022**

TARGET GROUPS

- Target group of the workshops on mentoring - R3 and R4 researchers (docents/associate professors, independent researchers, professors and senior researchers)
- Target group of the workshop for mentees - R2 and R1 researchers (assistants with PhDs, young researchers, young teachers, PhD students and assistants)

PROGRAM OF THE EVENT
[click here](#)



STUDENTS' VOICE

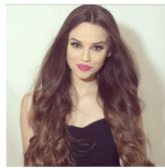
- January 2024 – two members of the Aurora Student Council nominated
- May 2024 – Aurora Spring Biannual in Naples
- October 2024 – first ambassadors nominated
- January 2025 – Aurora Student Conference in Olomouc
- May 2025 – Aurora Annual Conference in Paris
- June 2025 – Aurora Student Conference in Innsbruck - Simona Gibalová (4th year General Medicine student) elected for the President for the upcoming year
- September 2025 – EUSAF Warsaw
- October 2025 - Aurora Icebreaking at UPJŠ



ANTONIOS KARAISKOS

My name is Antonios Karaikos, I am 21 years old, and I am currently a fourth-year student at the Faculty of Medicine, Pavol Jozef Šafárik University in Košice. As an international student, I enjoy meeting people from various cultures, and therefore I consider the opportunity to serve as an ambassador to be an invaluable experience. I believe that interacting with students from different universities will significantly improve our studies through the implementation of many innovative methods into our study programmes.

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LENKA JAKUBCOVÁ

I am a PhD student at the Faculty of Public Administration of Pavol Jozef Šafárik University in Košice, Department of Public Policy and Public Administration Theory. My academic and research interests focus mainly on innovation, regional policy and the functioning of regional innovation ecosystems. I am very pleased to have the opportunity to be part of the Aurora Alliance – not only from a personal and professional growth perspective, but mainly because I see its potential to expand the possibilities and opportunities for students of the Faculty of Public Administration, as well as our entire university. I believe that international cooperation, knowledge sharing and active participation in joint projects can significantly contribute to the development of the academic environment.

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KATARINA ĐURČIANSKI

My name is Katarina Durčianski, I am 22 years old, and I am currently in the second year of my Master's studies in Psychology at UPJŠ. My love for music, sports, and animals is a part of my everyday life, while travelling and meeting people from different cultures shape my personality and deepen my understanding of the world. Being part of the Aurora Student Council allows me to actively contribute to internationalisation and to the creation of a more open space for knowledge and experience exchange among students.

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ENGLISH FRIENDLY

22 OCTOBER, 2025

MINERVA building, Moyzesova 9, Košice

AURORA ICEBREAKING

Programme:

15:00 Opening & introduction of Aurora alliance

15:30 Icebreaking activities

16:00 Peer-to-peer learning workshop: *"Inclusivity is the key"*

17:00 **NFDP: National food & drinks party** - bring foods & snacks from your country & share your culture!



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PAVOL JOZEF ŠAFÁRIK
UNIVERSITY
IN KOŠICE

Q&A Session



Ulysseus Partnership Framework Defined

Defining Our Global Partnerships



Full Partners (Core Members)

Form Ulysseus' European foundation and co-lead governance & projects

- Drive joint degrees, innovation hubs, and EU initiatives
- i.e. University of Montenegro (Montenegro) – most recent established full partner



Strategic Partners

Long-term, multi-dimensional collaborations within Ulysseus governance

- Africa (selected universities under development)
- Latin America (structured engagement under discussion)
- Asia (i.e. University of Da Nang -Vietnam) – MoU established



International Network Partners

Broader cooperation aligned with Innovation Hubs

- Partnerships in target regions under exploration
- i.e. Université Laval (Canada)



Q&A Session



EUNICE GAP Data

Internationalisation and
Global Outreach
Working Group
ForEU4All



**Ways forward with responsible and
sustainable internationalisation and global
outreach programmes in European HEA**

Q&A



Thank you for your attention!

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