

# EUROPEAN UNIVERSITIES

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Uniting over...

**260 000**  
STUDENTS

**30 000**  
STAFF INCLUDING  
OVER 18 000  
ACADEMIC STAFF/  
RESEARCHERS

## Aurora European University



### WHO WE ARE

#### 9 pioneers

Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam  
(The Netherlands)

Háskóli Íslands: University of Iceland  
(Iceland)

Universität Duisburg-Essen (Germany)

Universitat Rovira i Virgili (Spain)

Universität Innsbruck (Austria)

Università Federico II of Naples (Italy)

Univerzita Palackého v Olomouc  
(Czech Republic)

Handelshøjskolen i København (Denmark)

University of East Anglia (United Kingdom)

#### 12 associates

1

international  
voluntary  
organisation

4

international  
non-profit  
organisations

3

national  
non-profit  
organisations

1

global  
company

3

higher education institutions  
in Central and Eastern Europe

### OUR VISION FOR THE FUTURE

The Aurora European University aims to equip a diverse student population with the skills and mindset to contribute to addressing societal challenges as social entrepreneurs and innovators.

Collaboration between academic and other staff, students and external stakeholders characterises how we operate. Sustainability of our campuses and our education, research and outreach places us in the forefront of sustainable universities. These are our three objectives.

This vision fits our overall strategy of 'matching academic excellence with societal relevance': Aurora rejects the popular assumption that academic excellence equals exclusivity. Making our education, research and innovation as responsible and beneficial as possible to our society is the common quest on which Aurora universities found each other in 2019 and will continue to support and stimulate each other.

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## PUTTING OUR VISION INTO PRACTICE

### KEY DELIVERABLES / ACTIVITIES

- **Aurora Competence Framework**, to equip a diverse student population with the skills and mindset to make them social entrepreneurs and innovators, willing and able to tackle the major challenges of our societies.
- **Aurora Education Area**, giving students a meaningful international experience through embedded mobilities.
- **Aurora Co-creation and topical platforms** making inclusive collaboration with external stakeholders and students regular practice in education, research and outreach - at local, national, European and global level.
- **Aurora Capacity Development Support**, contributing to an even distribution of higher education & research excellence across all regions of Europe.
- **Aurora Sustainability Pioneers**, with Aurora SDG (Sustainable Development Goals) Research and Education dashboards, Alliance-level SDG education and a jointly implemented Aurora Sustainable Campus plan.

### HOW OUR ALLIANCE WILL TRANSFORM OUR UNIVERSITIES

- **The Aurora Alliance Board and Aurora Student Board** will form the core governance body of the Aurora European University. With students in each and every Work Package team and task team, the student voice will be firmly embedded in the Alliance.
- **The Aurora Competence Framework** will allow integration of transversal skills and development of mind-sets throughout the portfolio of educational offerings at all levels (Bachelor, Master, PhD, Micro-credentials).
- Through our pilot domains and SDG dashboards **the focus on societal challenges and the SDGs** will guide education, research and innovation, and service to society throughout our campuses.
- Through our network with universities in parts of Europe with less strong higher education and research institutes, we will make the contribution to **balanced knowledge development in Europe** part of our common culture and practice.
- The **Aurora Institute and Aurora Expert Centres** will be the articulation and support infrastructure for the transformation of the Aurora European Universities Alliance into a common new identity.

> [www.aurora.network-global](http://www.aurora.network-global)

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