4EU+ consists of large, comprehensive, public European research universities that are strongly embedded in their local territories and share European values and a global outlook. The first responsibility of 4EU+ is to form the next generations of citizens to face and solve global challenges.

4EU+ aims to create a truly integrated European University System by 2025. It will empower students, researchers and society as a whole as it strives to address the great social challenges of today, from social inequality and declining trust in the value of knowledge to climate change and the impact of artificial intelligence.

To do this, 4EU+ will implement a common approach to education, research and third-mission activities around four flagship themes in fields linked to Health, Europe, Information science and Sustainable development. The four flagships will form the basis on which both bachelor’s and master’s degree programmes will be developed to ensure students have 21st-century skills when graduating, built on a strong 4EU+ brand, combining research-based
education, diverse language skills as well as an informed global and European outlook.

This will enable 4EU+ to develop a comprehensive mobility framework based on integrated academic programmes and closely linked to research excellence. It will make mobility meaningful from an academic perspective by creating a common core curriculum. This will also imply building a solid infrastructure at the 4EU+ level, deploying shared platforms and services (such as infrastructure, housing and resource repositories). At the same time, 4EU+ will provide university staff with incentives to co-design and co-teach courses, conduct research projects and build new competencies.

A single knowledge and technology transfer hub will facilitate exchanges of knowledge and expertise with associated partners, including enterprises, NGOs and municipalities.

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KEY DELIVERABLES / ACTIVITIES

- A common 4EU+ Graduate Skills, Competences and Values portfolio, defining the expected profile of a 4EU+ student and a 4EU+ framework for educational activities and common joint curricula, corresponding to the four flagships.
- A 4EU+ flexible ‘learning pathway’, providing a range of different measures to enable individualised curricula and the shared use of resources, facilities and infrastructure.
- A 4EU+ mobility charter, ensuring the streamlining of administrative processes and recognition of the outcomes and qualifications of 4EU+ students.
- A 4EU+ platform with training tools to prepare teachers and students for effective online collaborative teaching and learning.
- A 4EU+ life-long learning ambition and tested collaboration formats concerning life-long learning with the associate partners.

HOW OUR ALLIANCE WILL TRANSFORM OUR UNIVERSITIES

4EU+ is committed to developing an enabling framework that will gradually transform its member universities and impact the way the institutions operate, individually and collectively. This framework ensures:

- Pooling expertise and platforms. Integrating existing platforms and building one at the 4EU+ level will form the backbone of a flexible learning and working environment, provide open access to resources and enable the sharing of infrastructure for 4EU+ students and staff. 4EU+ will develop a common online platform that gathers information and content of all 4EU+ teaching activities.
- Creating joint faculty and administrative positions, boosting their skills and capabilities, encouraging staff mobility and sharing of best practices.

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- Developing and implementing a common evaluation framework and certification process together with national agencies.
- Setting up a true university governance for 4EU+, rather than a project governance. 4EU+ is run by a permanent management team under the leadership of the Secretary General; actions are locally implemented within each university by a 4EU+ team.

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