FORTHETM consists of multidisciplinary public research universities that are situated (all but one) outside capital regions. FORTHETM is developing, adopting and implementing a long-term Transnational Higher Education Strategy. Key aims of this strategy are to:

- **educate future generations of open-minded people**, committed to common values: democracy, student and staff participation, academic freedom, institutional autonomy;
- institutionalise permanent and deeper academic cooperation by setting up **joint management structures**, reducing administrative hurdles and harmonising processes;
- build up a **joint campus**, allowing seamless physical, virtual and blended mobility and an increasing amount of joint study programmes;
- encourage reflexivity surrounding classroom practices and stimulate motivation to tackle pedagogical challenges using **innovative, student-centred methods**;
- provide **support and innovative incentives** for educators and learners;
- **foster multilingualism**, understood as a variety of language resources, including proficiency in mother tongue, several other languages and versatile literacy skills.
address societal challenges;
enhance the vision of open society for tomorrow’s European citizens as well as increase media literacy and critical thinking; and
reach out to the entire community making up the economic and social fabric of the alliance regions.

By creating FORTHEM Labs – which reflect the member universities’ areas of special expertise – FORTHEM is pursuing an innovative research approach. The FORTHEM Labs comprise of university staff, students, and public and private sector representatives, and they work on answering questions related to crucial societal issues such as Diversity and Migration, Experiencing Europe, Multilingualism in School and Higher Education, Food Science and Digital Transformation.

PUTTING OUR VISION INTO PRACTICE

KEY DELIVERABLES / ACTIVITIES

- Provide students and staff with the ‘FORTHEM Digital Academy’, offering innovative online and blended learning opportunities and staff training courses.
- Offer innovative forms of physical mobility.
- Seven FORTHEM Labs will produce output such as new e-learning material, joint scientific publications, reports on the supervision of bachelor/master/doctoral candidate theses, new double degrees, summer schools, public dissemination events and support for civic engagement projects.
- Establish a network of schools, companies and public & third-sector organisations and tailored in-service training for school teachers.
- Conduct civic engagement projects.

HOW OUR ALLIANCE WILL TRANSFORM OUR UNIVERSITIES

- Three missions, a Mobility Mission, a FORTHEM Labs Mission, and an Outreach Mission steered by Mission Boards, are bringing FORTHEM’s strategy to life.
- A joint Steering Committee ensures non-bureaucratic management and common academic and administrative processes.
- By 2025, 50% of the alliance’s members will be involved in mobility, both virtual and physical mobility.
- FORTHEM Website is coming soon

The FORTHEM Digital Academy is offering extensive opportunities for online language learning, subject-specific MOOCs and training modules for students and staff. Moreover, the FORTHEM alliance is piloting innovative forms of student and staff mobility, including virtual mobility. FORTHEM is also enhancing outreach activities; professional support goes to students performing volunteer work in alliance countries, whereas a network of schools, companies and public & third-sector organisations provides internship placements for students. A programme to bring Europe into classrooms by providing in-service training opportunities for school teachers is also being implemented.