European Universities

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European Universities

A quantum leap in European higher education.

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The flagship initiative of the European Education Area
Based on a strong political mandate

December 2017
European Council Conclusions

2017 Gothenburg Summit
Setting a vision for 2025 and beyond

Bring Europeans together + Increase international competitiveness of European higher education
How was the concept developed?

Co-created by HEIs, student organisations, Member States and the European Commission
Key elements of European Universities by 2025

A shared, integrated, long-term joint strategy for education with links, where possible, to research and innovation, and to society.
European curriculum customised by each student leading to a European degree

Innovative curricula with innovative pedagogies + embedded structured student mobility

Enhanced staff mobility between the partner institutions to teach/do research/work

= European inter-university Campuses

Bachelor/Master/Doctoral levels
“Challenge based” approach

Transnational knowledge-creating teams of students/teachers/researchers addressing big societal challenges

Acting as role models
These key principles will guide efforts towards this vision

- **Inclusive**: broad student body
- **Inclusive**: at least 3 HEIs from all types of institution
- **Bring Europeans together**: minimum 3 MS/Programme Countries
- **Higher quality and competitiveness**: innovative teaching and learning, cross-disciplinary
And how will this be achieved?
It's up to you to translate this into your own vision and strategy
This pilot call will test **different innovative** and structural models for implementing and achieving the long-term vision through a **step-by-step approach**.
to lay foundations towards your long-term strategy and test the concept.
The vision is translated into these award criteria:

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Relevance of your proposal

- How **ambitious** is your vision?
- What is **special** about your alliance?
- Is your mission statement **relevant**?
- Are you aiming at a **higher level of cooperation**?
• What is the **strategy** behind the choice of your partners?

• Is it linked to your **long-term vision**?

• Is your alliance **geographically inclusive** and balanced?
Quality of your proposal and implementation

- Which activities will **drive the realisation** of your long term strategy?
- Are they well and realistically **planned**?
- How will you **measure success**?
• How will you cooperate effectively, involving all levels of the institution?

• How will you ensure an active and relevant role of each partner?

• How will you ensure that the alliance is bottom-up, with students and staff playing an active role?
How will your alliance:

• Act as an example to other HEIs across Europe?

• Contribute to building the European Education Area?
Next Steps

- **18/12/2018**: Information Session – web streamed
- **28/02/2019**: Deadline to apply
- **Spring 2019**: Analysis of applications received
- **June 2019**: Preparation of 2nd call
- **09-11/2019**: Start of the first 6 European Universities
- **10/2019**: Launch of the 2nd call
Tips for applying

- Map your vision
- Define your mission statement
- Choose the right partners
- Be creative and innovative!
- Apply to the right instrument
Choose the right instrument

Ambitious

Strategic partnerships

Knowledge alliances

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Long-term Strategy
You are writing the future of higher education.
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François Willekens, Head of Unit A2, EACEA
1. How to submit your proposal?

2. How will your proposal be evaluated?

3. How will the grant agreement look like?
How to submit your proposal?

1. Register in the Participant Portal/ search your PIC and login

2. Create and fill in your e-form

3. Prepare and attach the compulsory annexes

4. Submit your e-form!
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Organisations wishing to apply for European Universities are invited to submit applications online by 28 February 2019, 12:00 (midday, Brussels time) to the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency ‘EACEA’ in Brussels.

The Guidelines for applicants are intended to help applicants for European Universities to find information they need to complete their applications.

- Guide for Applicants
- Visual eForm as a sample

Before starting your application:
1. Read the Call for proposals / Erasmus+ Programme Guide carefully.
2. Applicants must have an EULogin (European Commission Authentication Service) account. If you already have an EULogin account, you may use it, otherwise, click here to create an EULogin account. When you have created your EULogin account, return to this page.
**Detailed Project Description**

**Detailed Budgetary Annex**

**Mission statement & Declaration of Honour (as one scanned file)**

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**Generic e-form for a project grant**

**Before you begin completing this eForm:**

- Test your connection to the Agency’s online submission service. Click on the ‘Test your connection’ button in the footer of the eForm. This is not to submit your form but merely to test that your software settings and internet connection allow an application to be submitted. If having clicked on this button, you do not receive a confirmation that your connection was successful, please consult the ‘Known issues’ section of the eForm homepage. Here you can find, amongst other things, advice on internet settings and Adobe (Reader or Acrobat) security settings, neither of which can prevent a successful connection to the Agency’s online submission service. Please note that, if after performing a successful test, you move your eForm to a different computer or upgrade your version of Adobe Reader, you will need to perform the test again. This is because the original test result will no longer be valid. For a fuller description of how the ‘Test your connection’ function works please consult the eForm User Guide.

- Check that you have the latest version of the eForm. In the event of a significant eForm problem arising, the Agency may decide to make available an updated and corrected version of the eForm. The latest version number of each eForm is displayed on the eForm homepage whilst specific details of any problem and its impact would be published on the funding opportunity webpage of the programme concerned.

These resources and other useful links can be found in a table located at the end of this eForm. Click to access table.

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**Deadline for submission:**

| 20/02/2019 |
| 12:00 midday (Brussels time) |

**Project title:**
• No maximum blocking ceiling for Staff costs, Individual support and Travel costs
• Max. 5% of total direct eligible costs for Equipment and Other costs
• Max. 7% of total direct eligible costs for Indirect costs
How will your proposal be evaluated?

- Decisions will be taken by an Evaluation Committee - composed of European Commission (DGEAC) and Agency (EACEA) staff - with the assistance of external independent experts

- Experts will be briefed on the call

- Each proposal will be assessed by 3 experts (each working independently)

- The 3 experts will have to reach consensus on a consolidated assessment and to propose a score
All experts will meet in Brussels to finalise the consolidations and to propose a ranking list by order of scores.

The Evaluation Committee will:
- review all applications and all experts' assessments
- establish a ranking list
- recommend the proposals to be financed

On this basis the award decision is taken.
The five award criteria

Experts and Evaluation Committee will only look at your proposal and will assess them only against the five award criteria.

- **Relevance of the proposal (max 25 pts)**
- **Geographical balance (max 15 pts)**
- **Quality of the proposal and implementation (max 20 pts)**
- **Quality of the alliance cooperation arrangements (max 20 pts)**
- **Sustainability and dissemination (max 20 pts)**
Timetable

Publication of the call for proposals: 24/10/2018

**Submission deadline**: 28/02/2019 (at 12:00 midday Brussels time)

Evaluation period: 5 months

Information to applicants: July 2019

Project start date: Between 01/09/2019 and 01/12/2019
How will the grant agreement look like?

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Call notice

Guidelines

How to apply

The Erasmus+ Programme Guide is available online. This guide presents the European Universities and explains the rules and conditions for setting-up an application.

For information

Grant agreement model – the special and general conditions
How will the grant agreement look like?

- A multi-beneficiary agreement with all full partners giving a mandate to the coordinator to sign the grant
- Support by associated partners is possible, but they do not sign the grant and are not financed
- The budget is actual costs-based
- 80% of actually incurred eligible costs are reimbursed
Reporting and monitoring

- Reporting obligations: 1 mid-term report (after 18 months) and 1 final report
- Meetings with the financed alliances during the 3 years of implementation
Questions? - Contact us

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Related Action(s):
Erasmus+ - Key Action 2 - European Universities

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If you are looking for additional information about European Universities Alliances, or if you have specific questions on the application process, you can send an email to the following mailbox:

EACEA-EUROPEAN-UNIVERSITIES@ec.europa.eu
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