

European University Alliances - a new  
bridge for European identity

*Opportunities for science advice*

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# EU University Initiative: an ambitious vision

“European Universities are transnational alliances that will lead the way towards the universities of the future, promoting European values and identity, and revolutionising the quality and competitiveness of higher education in Europe and beyond”.

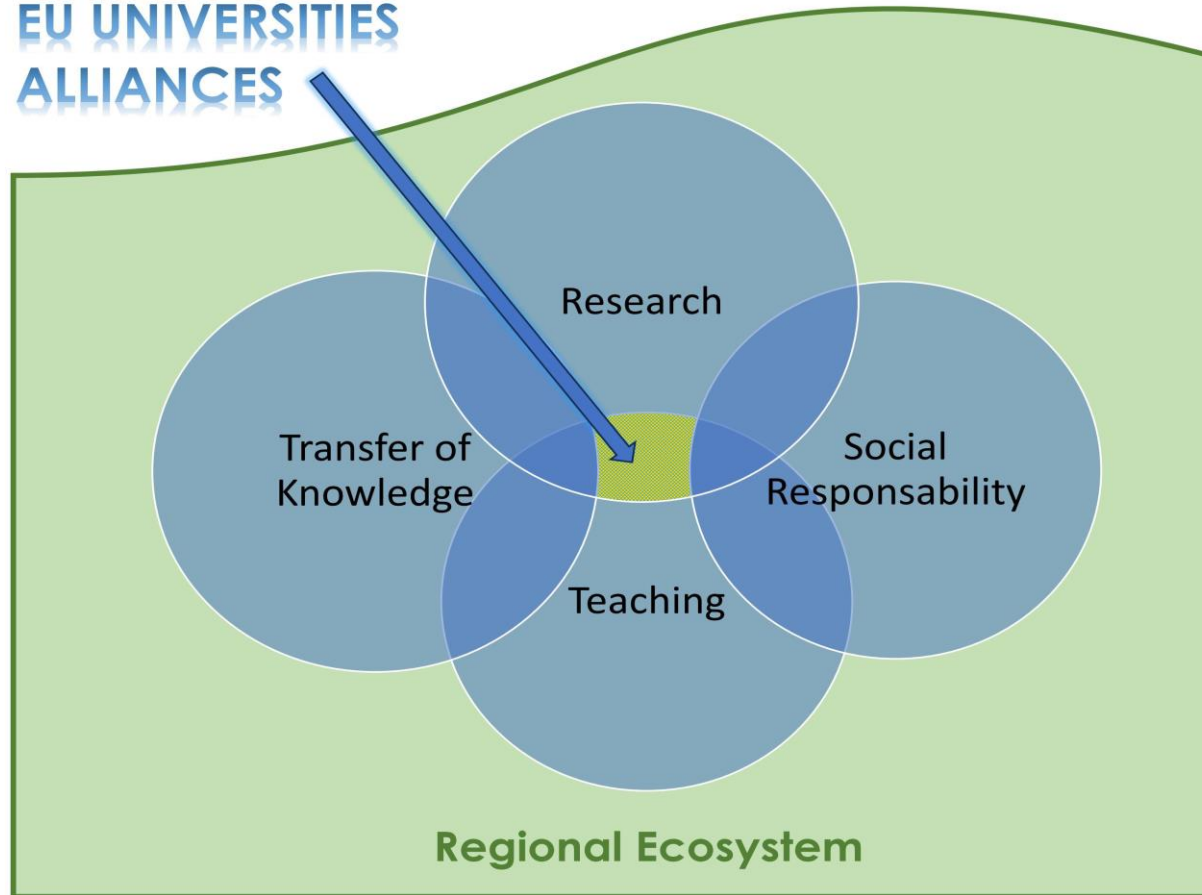
“The COVID-19 pandemic has shown that deeper cooperation across borders, disciplines and cultures is the only way to recover from the crisis and to build a resilient society”

# EU Alliances: actors of change

- 50 European university alliances
- more than 430 HEIs
- 35 countries
- all EU Member States, Iceland, the Republic of North-Macedonia, Norway, Serbia, Turkey, Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Montenegro
- 2000 associated partners (NGOs, companies, national and local authorities)
- EU Alliances as ‘Insiders’

# EU universities alliances: missions

## EU UNIVERSITIES ALLIANCES



# EU universities alliances: from theory to practice

*What is common for all alliances related to research: results analysis*

- Research Hubs with thematic priorities (energy, climate change, health, urban transformation, democracy, biotechnology, cultural heritage etc)
- Shared scientific databases and infrastructures (Digital Interuniversity Campus)
- Joint research project proposals
- Academia-industry collaboration on research
- Connected research communities incubators

# EU universities alliances: from theory to practice

*What is common for all alliances related to research: results analysis*

- Promoting science events
- Workshops & summer schools on research
- Mobility for researches
- Postdoc mobility scheme
- Joint PhD
- Open Access and Open Data Policy

# EU Universities Alliances: potential for influence

- ❑ Critical mass for changing public perception of science
  - ❑ The potential of collective intelligence
  - ❑ The exchange of ideas and expertise
  - ❑ Knowledge accumulated in scientists
  - ❑ Interdisciplinary and transferable skills
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- *Can Alliances influence decisions and political will?*
  - *Can Alliances improve science based political decision-making culture in Europe?*

# EU Science Advisers Network - EU Universities Alliances collaboration

- ❖ Involving ESA in alliances' research hubs as advisers
- ❖ Joint actions to facilitate the mobility of researchers
- ❖ Co-organizing open science events
- ❖ Involving ESA in the analysis of the impact of EU Universities Alliances
- ❖ ESA access to the Interuniversity Virtual Campus
- ❖ Invitation to the meetings of the governance boards of the alliances as science advisers
- ❖ Involving ESA in FOR EU 1 and FOR EU2 forums
- ❖ Providing together valuable policy resources (information, expertise - *The Barometer of Science?*)



# Instead of closing

...as science says:

*the joint effect is the effect of two or more independent variables (ESA & EU Alliances) on a dependent variable (political will) above and beyond the sum of their individual effects*

...SO:

**Joint effort for a joint effect!**

Thank you for paying attention!

Questions? Ideas?

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