

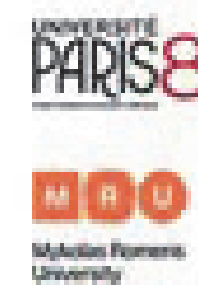


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European Reform University Alliance



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We share a vision of universities as creative spaces, an awareness of the power of experimental approaches, and an understanding of the promises of diversity. To address the challenges and problems of today, we want to bring together academics from all of Europe and students from the top and bottom socio-economic deciles, from rural and urban settings, from local and global backgrounds. Together we aim to shape a more just, open and inclusive society.

UNIVERSITÉ PARIS 8 VINCENNES – SAINT-DENIS, founded in 1969, is the heir to the Centre expérimental de Vincennes and the intellectual and educational effervescence that followed May 1968. Since then, it has been driven by a spirit of democratizing access to knowledge and seeks to give students a better understanding of the contemporary world while providing them with the tools they need to make a lasting contribution to society.

22.486 students/ 1.053 Academics/ 715 Administrative Staff

THE UNIVERSITY OF THE AEGEAN (UAEAEAN) was founded in 1984 and is considered a "peripheral" university, as it operates as a multi-insular network of "academic ports of study and research". It is located on six islands spread across

the Aegean Archipelago, offering a unique natural, cultural, and human environment to experience.

21.206 students/ 319 academics/ 96 staff

NEW BULGARIAN UNIVERSITY, the one of the youngest universities in Bulgaria. NBU was established in 1991 and became the first University in Bulgaria of a credit system, Professional Bachelor's, Bachelor's, Master's and Doctoral Degrees; interdisciplinary programmes and computer-aided forms of training; continuing education; electronic enrolment.

NBU provides a liberal arts education in which the acquisition of knowledge and professional skills is integrated with spiritual and ethical values.

10929 Students/ 900 academics/ 250 staff

SWPS University purpose is to serve people, society, and the environment through endeavors in education, science, art, and public engagement. We fulfill this mission as a robust institution, grounded in a community of employees, students, and graduates.

18.000 students/ 420 academics/ 395 staff

MYKOLAS ROMERIS UNIVERSITY (MRU), has been founded in 1990, and has established itself as a leading academic institution in Lithuania. Established shortly after Lithuania regained its independence, MRU is dedicated to advancing the values of democracy, transparency, human dignity, and inclusivity. Over the years, MRU has grown alongside the nation, playing a pivotal role in fostering public governance, legal expertise, and research that contributes to both national and global progress.

7000 students/ 409 academics/ 272 staff

The **UNIVERSITY OF LAS PALMAS DE GRAN CANARIA (ULPGC)**, is a public university with a wide range of qualifications in all major areas of knowledge, with the aim of providing comprehensive training based on innovation, quality and internationalization. Founded in 1989, stands out in the use of new technologies, in research related to the marine science fields and tourism among others. Is distributed across six Campuses, three of which are located in the city of Las Palmas de Gran Canaria; one in the municipality of Arucas (Gran Canaria) and another two on the islands of Lanzarote and Fuerteventura.

20.000 students/ 1500 academics and staff

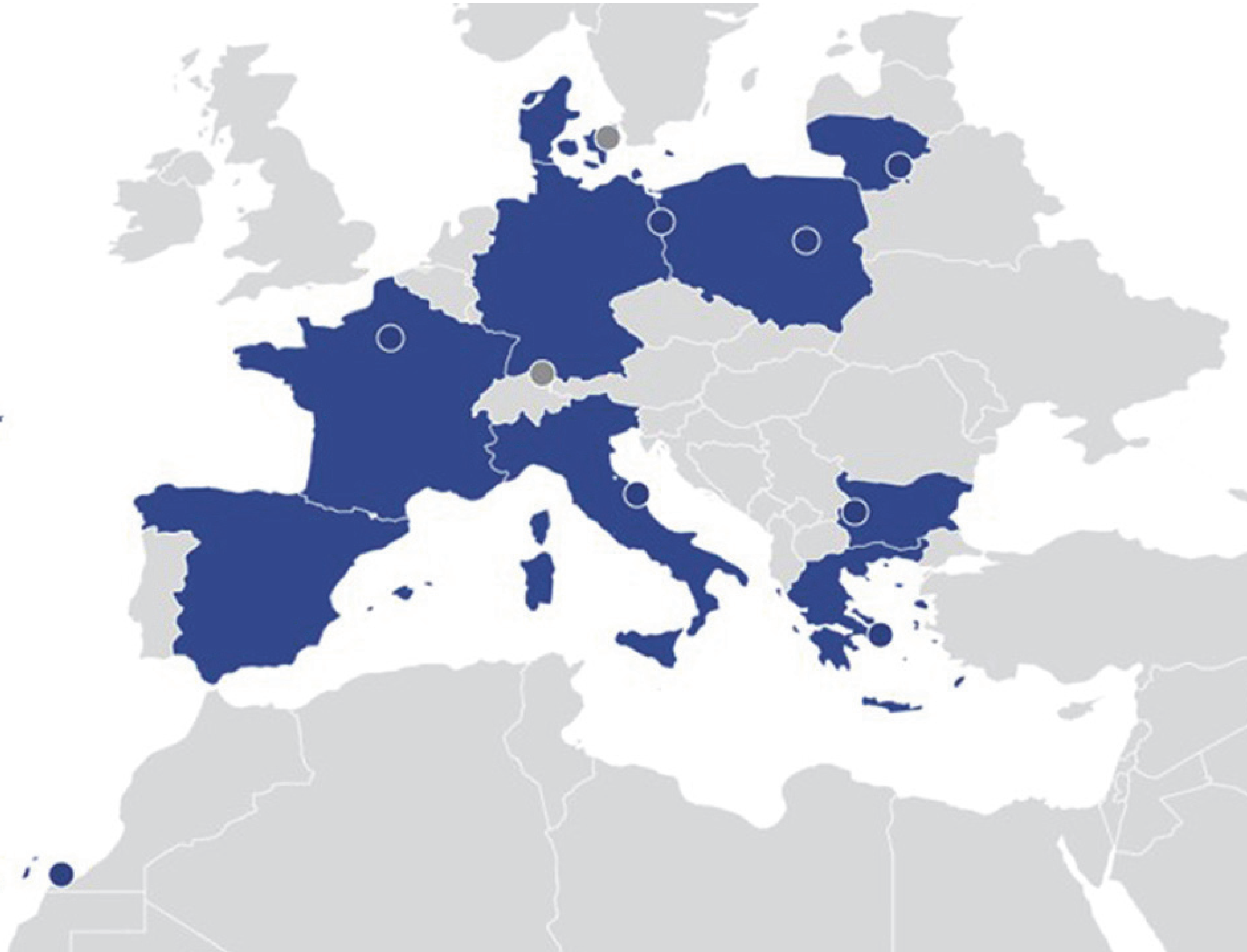
The **UNIVERSITY OF MACERATA** stands out as a distinctive institution in Italy, dedicated exclusively to the fields of Humanities and Socio-economic Sciences (SSH). Renowned for its academic excellence, it is recognized among the nation's top universities, particularly in disciplines such as Humanities, Social Sciences, Law, Political Science, Education, and Cultural Heritage Studies.

9500 students/ 298 academics/ 270 staff

The **EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY VIADRINA FRANKFURT (ODER)** is a young, reform-oriented university that placed internationalisation at the core of its mission. Situated at the German-Polish border, it was re-established after German reunification with the special mission to foster European integration by building bridges and promoting dialogue with its neighbour Poland and other Eastern European countries. This mission was accomplished by becoming a recognized institution for education and research on Europe, European integration, border studies and migration.

4242 students/ 70 academics/ 217 staff

ERUA community: 120.550





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The “European Reform University Alliance” (ERUA) is a consortium of eight European reform universities committed to exploring innovative approaches in research, teaching, and institutional advancement. As part of the European Universities Initiative (EUI), one of the key initiatives of the European Commission, ERUA aims to advance the development of a European Education Area and the implementation of the European Strategy for Universities.

ERUA is unique due to its geographical diversity and focus on social sciences, humanities, and arts, while also integrating perspectives from science, technology, engineering, and medicine to address contemporary challenges in Europe. Being a network of reform-oriented universities, we strive towards fostering critical thinking of the university community by reflecting upon, assessing and advancing alternatives to current models in higher education. We are a community that wants to promote our critical ideas and develop our sustainable concept of academia, while defending a strong student-centered focus at the core of our academic reform approach and practices.

We view ERUA universities as standing ‘on a critical edge’– both in terms of values and geography, due to our expertise in educational strategies and partnering nations. Now, stronger together with our common vision, we are in a position to better

contribute to the development of a sustainable society, and to promote European values.

All eight partners strongly believe that universities must give all demographics the agency to tap into novel ways of thinking in response to the structural transformations happening in our contemporary world. With this shared common vision in mind, the European Reform University Alliance (ERUA) will continue to enable the development and the refinement of ideas leading to international and interdisciplinary learnings and innovations.

Through its mission, vision and core values ERUA strives to become a “role model” for other alliances in terms of diversity, inclusion and ethos on participation, but also to develop educational programmes and research projects geared towards societal impact.

ERUA MISSION

We, the European Reform University Alliance (ERUA), have set up and developed our consortium around our foundational principles as a reform alliance. By pooling our individual strengths and past achievements, we will increase our societal impact by creating a powerful academic hub for critical and innovative contribution to a free, more equitable and democratic Europe. We believe that to shape peaceful, just, and

sustainable futures, higher education and research must be transformed.

ERUA VISION

By bringing together academics from Europe’s East and West, North and South, and welcoming students from top and lower socio-economic deciles, from rural and urban, insular and mainland settings, local and global backgrounds, ERUA aspires over the coming years to create a genuinely integrated European community, in which each university will retain its individual traits while working together to create a common, transformative and long-term vision of education, research, innovation and service to society in Europe. ERUA is one in a kind amongst European Universities thanks to our focus on the social sciences, humanities and arts. Our public value lies in our capacity to critically reflect and contribute to solving the global challenges of our times with an interdisciplinary perspective, which draws on our ongoing and fruitful dialogue with science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM).

ERUA VALUES

Openness

We are open by default. As an alliance we adopt innovative

policies and solutions, flexible and effective joint structures, and stream-lined operational models that are as transparent as possible. Together we promote Open Science and Open Societies.

Student-centered

Training tomorrow’s citizens is our primary driver. This is why ERUA will continuously seek the active engagement of our students, both as learners and partners in teaching and research and as agents of change.

Inclusiveness

ERUA is deeply inclusive. We are proud of our geographical, cultural, economic, and linguistic diversity and constantly strive to ensure that no one is left behind.

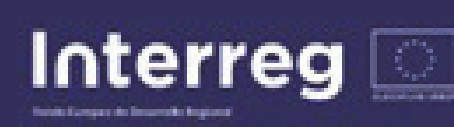
Humanism

A thriving civil society requires a caring approach that fosters human wellbeing in a sustainable, respectful, and forward-looking manner. We promote this through our roots in the humanities, social sciences and arts and our deep commitment to academic freedom.



BRIDGE to AFRICA

LAS PALMAS de GRAN CANARIA



UNIVERSITY OF LAS PALMAS DE GRAN CANARIA

The ULPGC is a young university that this year celebrates its thirty-fifth anniversary, having trained more than 80,000 young people who have joined the professional sector in the Canary Islands and the rest of the world. Located in the province of Las Palmas, it is positioned in the eastern islands of the Canary archipelago, with an academic structure that is distributed in the islands of Gran Canaria, Fuerteventura and Lanzarote. With one of the best climates in the world, and a melting pot of diverse and protected landscapes in more than 40%, all its islands are Biosphere Reserves, displaying a valuable natural and cultural heritage recognized by UNESCO.

In 50 years, the archipelago has become a magnet for 16 million tourists per year. The geostrategic position of the Canary Islands, a hundred kilometers from the African continent, an outermost European region and historically linked to America, makes it a point of intercontinental multicultural confluence favored by infrastructures such as the Port of La Luz, the most important in the mid-Atlantic. At present, the ULPGC has around **19,000 students** studying official undergraduate, master's and doctoral degrees, as well as Master's degrees, University Experts and Special Training Programs. Our institution has more than 1,500 teachers who also carry out an important research activity, supported by 117 research groups, some of which are international references.

The range of studies offered by the ULPGC is wide and covers all branches of knowledge: Arts and Humanities, Sciences, Social and Legal Sciences, Health Sciences and Engineering and Architecture. All official degree courses offered by the ULPGC have a plus of quality and excellence, endorsed by the European Commission through the Erasmus University Charter, which allows students enrolled in any of the degree courses to participate in the Erasmus + Program in more than 250 partner universities for exchanges in Europe. Likewise, the ULPGC has signed collaboration agreements with Spanish universities, within the framework of the SICUE Program, as well as with universities in the United States, Latin America, Canada, Switzerland, South Korea, Taiwan, Malaysia, Japan and Australia, among others, which also allows it to offer intercontinental mobility. In addition, the ULPGC stands out for offering International Double Degree programs, thanks to the agreements established mainly with universities in the United Kingdom, Germany and France. It also has five UNESCO Chairs, linked to marine studies, local health systems, human rights, sustainable tourism and creative cities.

ERUA. EUROPEAN UNIVERSITIES

Since the end of 2023, the ULPGC joined the **European Universities initiative**, forming part of the ERUA alliance, with

seven other universities coordinated by Paris 8. This is a proposal of great continental academic impact, since only 10% of European universities are part of this ERAMUS+ funded program that aims to shape the European academic future. This allows students who wish to do so to obtain two official degrees accredited in the European Higher Education Area, one from each university. The ULPGC has a Science and Technology Park that promotes the transfer of R+D+i results to the surrounding society and serves as a base for the creation of technology-based companies. The ULPGC offers quality education at public prices and all the services you need for your university studies that will allow you to achieve your goals. For new students, the ULPGC provides, through its Mentoring Program, assistance to its new students. Mentored students have the support of veteran students or mentors, who guide them during the first semester in the incorporation to the university world.

CAMPUS

On the island of **Gran Canaria** is the Tafira Campus, the largest, located on the outskirts of Las Palmas de Gran Canaria, where you can study: Engineering, Architecture, Law, Economics, Business Administration, Tourism, Marine Sciences, Physical Activity and Sport. The Obelisco Campus, located in the center of the city, houses the Humanities, Education and the headquarters of the Teletraining Structure, including Translation and Interpretation, Languages and Litera-

ture, Geography, History, and Education. The San Cristobal Campus, facing the Avenida Marítima, houses the Health Sciences studies, while the Montaña Cardones Campus, near the town of Arucas, houses the Veterinary Studies. On the island of **Fuerteventura** and **Lanzarote**, nursing studies are offered, and on the latter, with the Cabildo de Lanzarote, tourism studies. In short, a hospitable university located in a paradisiacal place, connected to the world and a place of opportunity to project the talent of its community.

AFRICA

The ULPGC has 35 years of **commitment to the African continent**, which must be consolidated in a project that allows these academic initiatives to be brought together and reinforced in an **International Knowledge Hub in Africa**, which allows the constitution of an international reference center for other academic institutions, that, under the commitment of the ULPGC, allow us to constitute the seed of opportunity through a service infrastructure that contributes to growth and mutual learning through this bridge of international knowledge towards Africa.

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