

A portrait of a young woman with long, straight red hair, wearing a white t-shirt, with her arms crossed. She is framed by a white rectangular border.

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**WHY ?**

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# Setting a vision for 2025 and beyond




**Increase  
international  
competitiveness  
of  
European  
higher education**

**Bring  
Europeans  
together**



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WHAT?



Deep level of  
inter-university cooperation  
with a joint long-term  
strategy

Structural, Systemic and  
Sustainable impact

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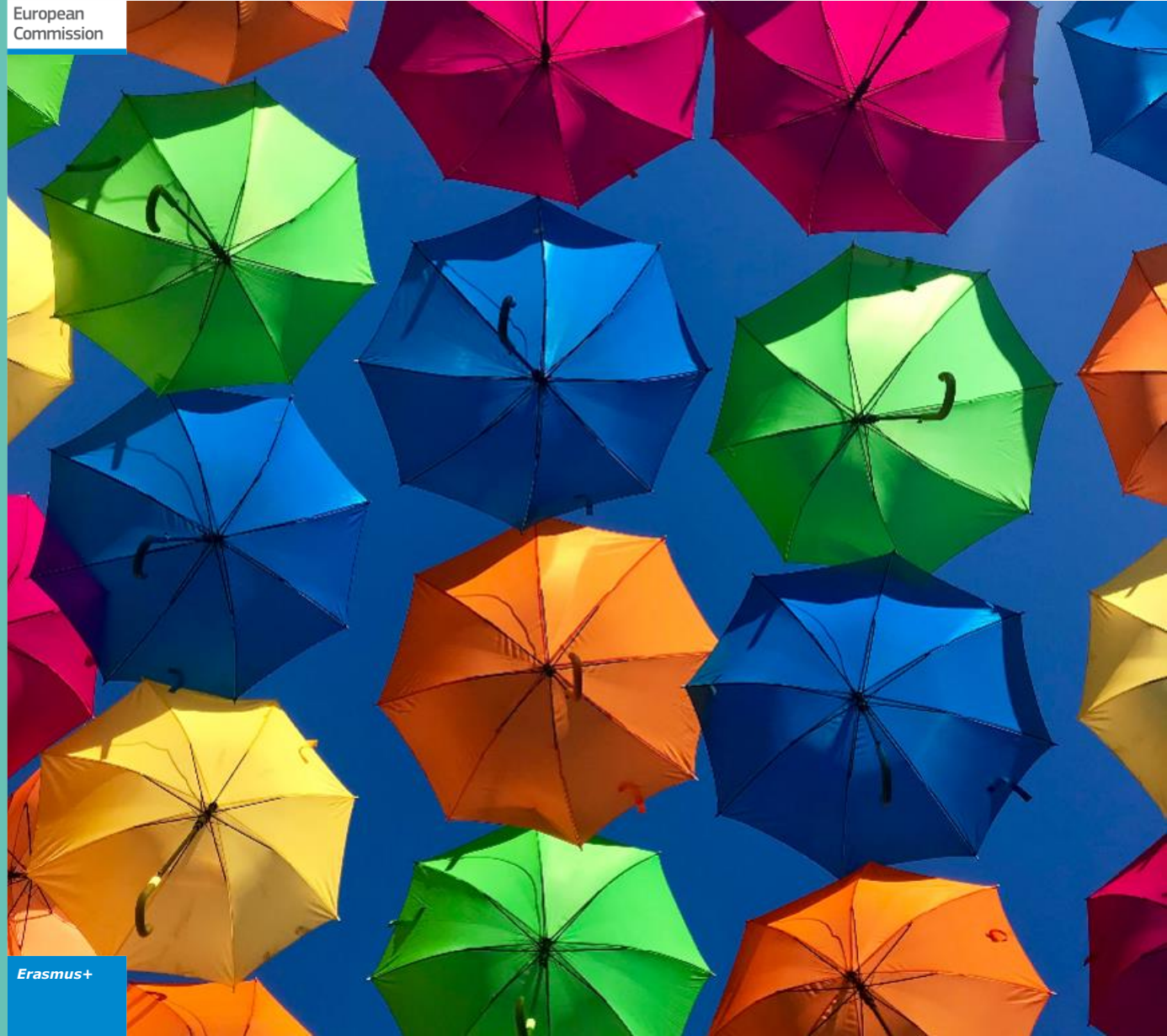


# Inclusive alliances

- **3 higher education institutions** from at least **3 EU Member States** or other Erasmus+ Programme countries
- Diversity of types of higher education institutions
- Wide range of student body

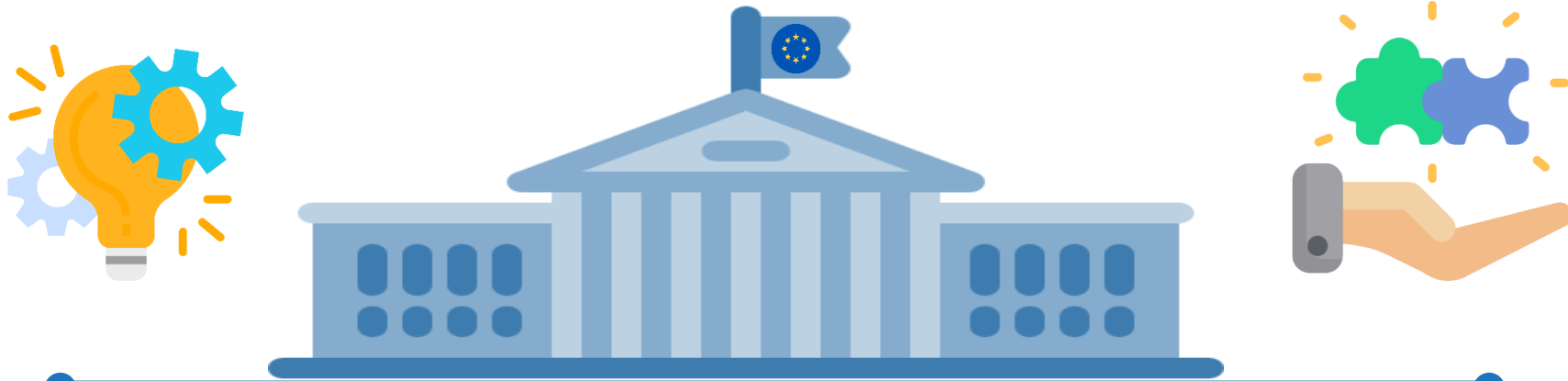
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# European inter-university Campuses

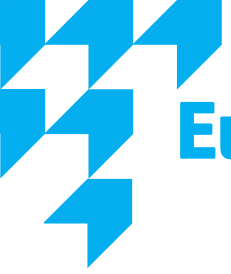
## Bachelor/Master/Doctoral levels



Flexible and personalised European curriculum with embedded mobility leading to a European degree

Innovative pedagogies with challenged-based transdisciplinary approach to foster entrepreneurial mind-sets and civic engagement

Enhanced staff mobility between partner institutions to teach/do research/work and equip students with a broad range of forward looking skills



# European inter-university Campuses acting as role models

Automatic recognition

European Student Card Initiative

Bologna commitments

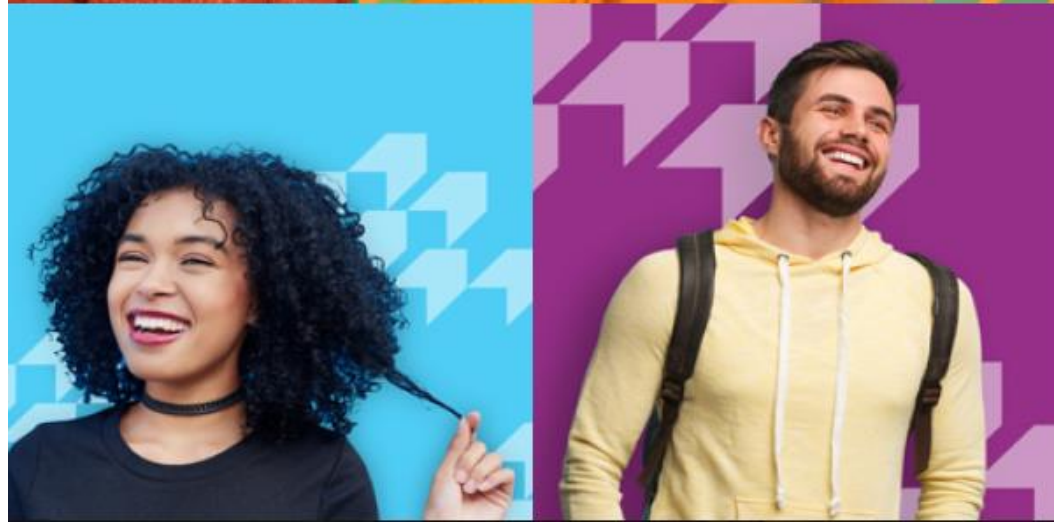






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# Results of Erasmus+ 2019 & 2020 Calls for proposals



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Building the universities  
of the future

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**284** higher education institutions  
in **41** alliances

**31** European countries

Up to EUR **5 MILLION** from Erasmus+  
Up to EUR **2 MILLION** from Horizon 2020 | per alliance



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# Transdisciplinary long-term visions



**European identity**



**Active citizenship**



**UN SDGs**



**Multilingualism**

**Biodiversity**



**Global Health**

**Migration**



**Fine arts**

**Social sciences**

**Climate change**



**Sustainable Blue Growth**



# Diversity of innovative governance models

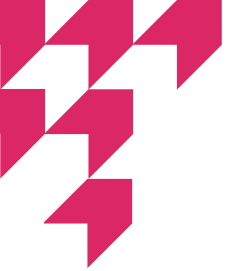
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- Common **management and support structures**
- Administrative, management, infrastructure and cultural **changes**
- **Joint** high-level boards, steering committees, strategy boards
- **Co-creation** governance model with **students and staff**



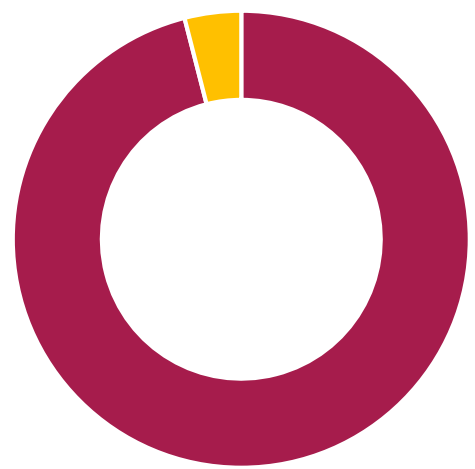
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# Impact of COVID-19

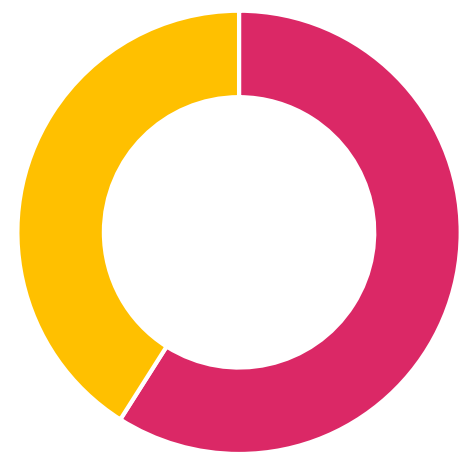


# European Universities

Survey May 2020 – 17 Alliances – Impact of COVID-19 pandemic



**More than 96%** think they would have been better prepared if their European University had been fully operational



**More than 60%** consider that being part of a European University has put them in a stronger position

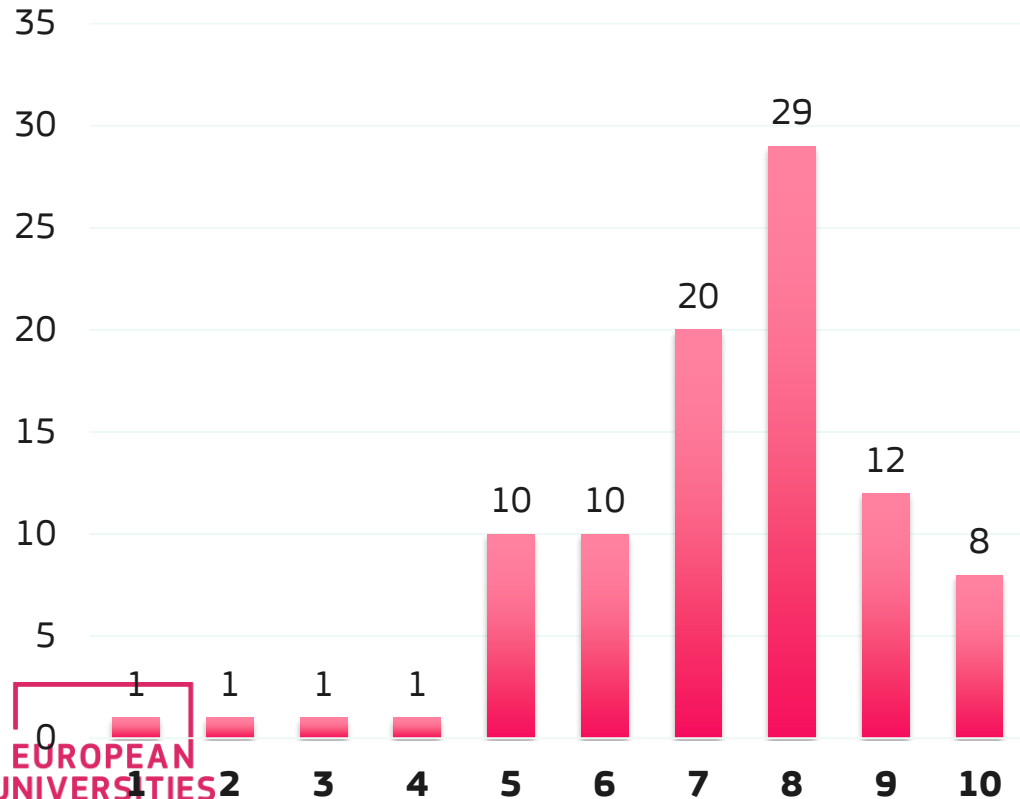


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Survey May 2020 – 17 Alliances – Impact of COVID-19 pandemic



1 = not at all, 10 = to the fullest extent possible



96% of the institutions think they would have been better prepared to face this pandemic:

- A fully-functional digital EU inter-university campus with a challenged based approach
- Fully working infrastructure, tested methodology for joint blended courses and recognition mechanisms for students and staff.
- Short learning courses leading to micro-credentials, to equip the European workforce with skills that are essential in the context of the recovery, allowing anyone to up-skill and re-skill at any stage of their career.



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**What's next?**





## KEY PRIORITY

Skills Agenda

European Education Area

Digital Education Action Plan

European Research Area

Future Programmes 2021-2027



## MONITORING & COOPERATION

Monitoring and evaluation of each European University during the 3 years

Regular meetings with all European Universities

Brainstorming & co-creation of next steps with ministries, European Universities and stakeholders



## For more information, please visit:

- Commission website European Universities initiative: [https://ec.europa.eu/education/education-in-the-eu/european-education-area/european-universities-initiative\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/education/education-in-the-eu/european-education-area/european-universities-initiative_en)
- Factsheets on selected European Universities: [https://ec.europa.eu/education/european-universities-factsheets\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/education/european-universities-factsheets_en)
- Website of Executive Agency, including link on how to apply for the second call for proposals: [https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus/actions/key-action-2-european-universities\\_en](https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus/actions/key-action-2-european-universities_en)
- Event page of 7 November conference, including webstream with information session on the 2<sup>nd</sup> call for proposals: [https://ec.europa.eu/education/events/european-universities-initiative\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/education/events/european-universities-initiative_en)

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Universities of the Future!**

