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UNIVERSITY
ALLIANCE



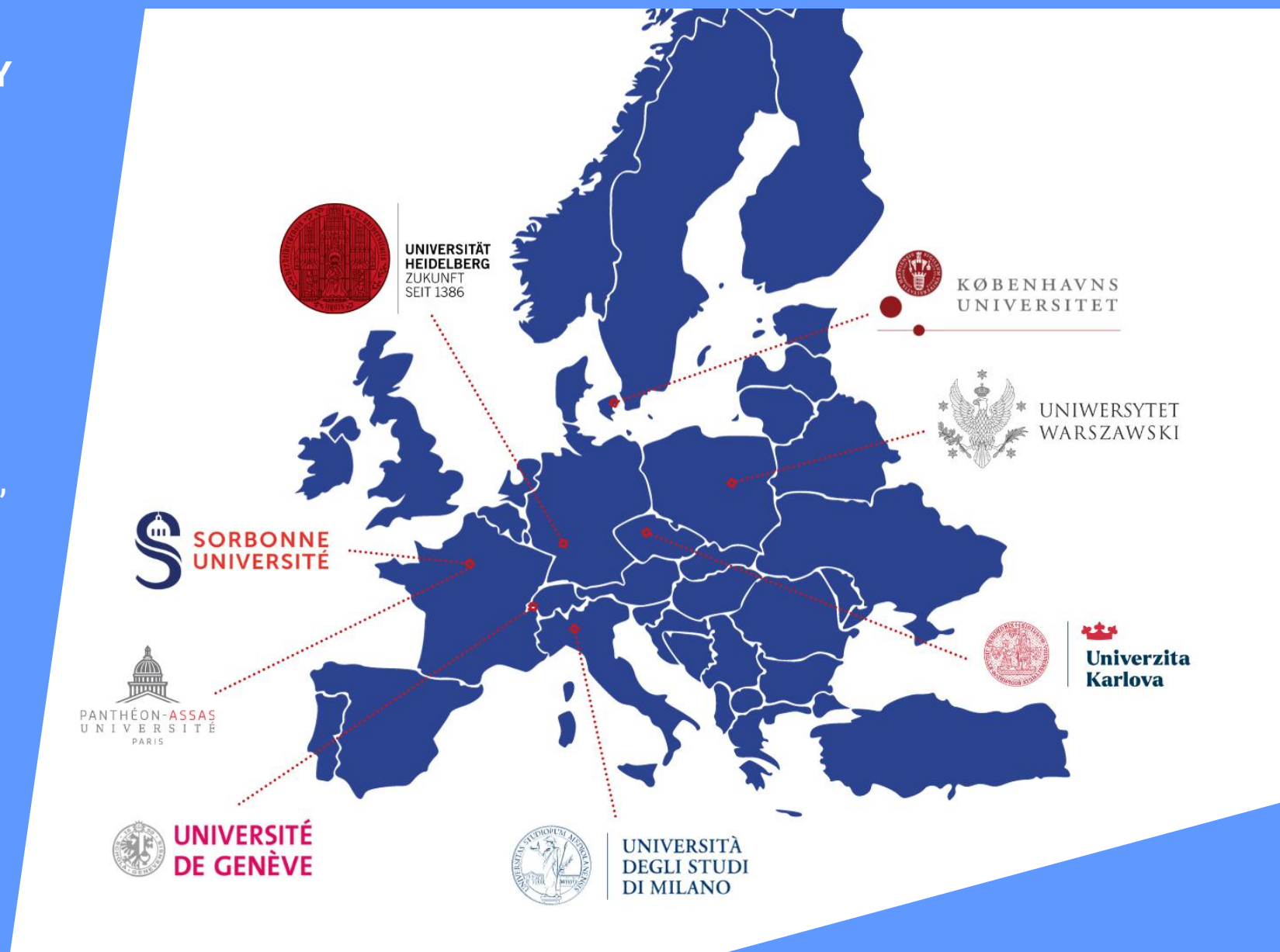
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4EU+ Alliance

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- **Strategic partnership** (*2018) of eight universities
- Long-term **process**, not just a project
- **Integration** in all areas: education, science, administration
- **Connecting** students, academic and administrative staff, infrastructure, data...





327 000

Students



28 000

Doctoral
candidates

26 000

Academic staff



27 000

Administrative
and technical
staff

4EU+ vision: one comprehensive research-intensive European University



Short History

- Originally 4EU, the Alliance was founded in **March 2018** by **Charles University** (Czech Republic), **Heidelberg University** (Germany), **Sorbonne University** (Paris, France), and the **University of Warsaw** (Poland).
- In **October 2018** it became 4EU+ with the addition of the **University of Copenhagen** (Denmark) and the **University of Milan** (Italy).
- In **August 2022**, the **University of Geneva** (Switzerland) joined 4EU+.
- In **July 2023**, the **Paris-Panthéon-Assas University** joined 4EU+.

4 FLAGSHIPS



1) Urban Health and Demographic Change



2) Europeanness: multilingualism, pluralities, citizenship

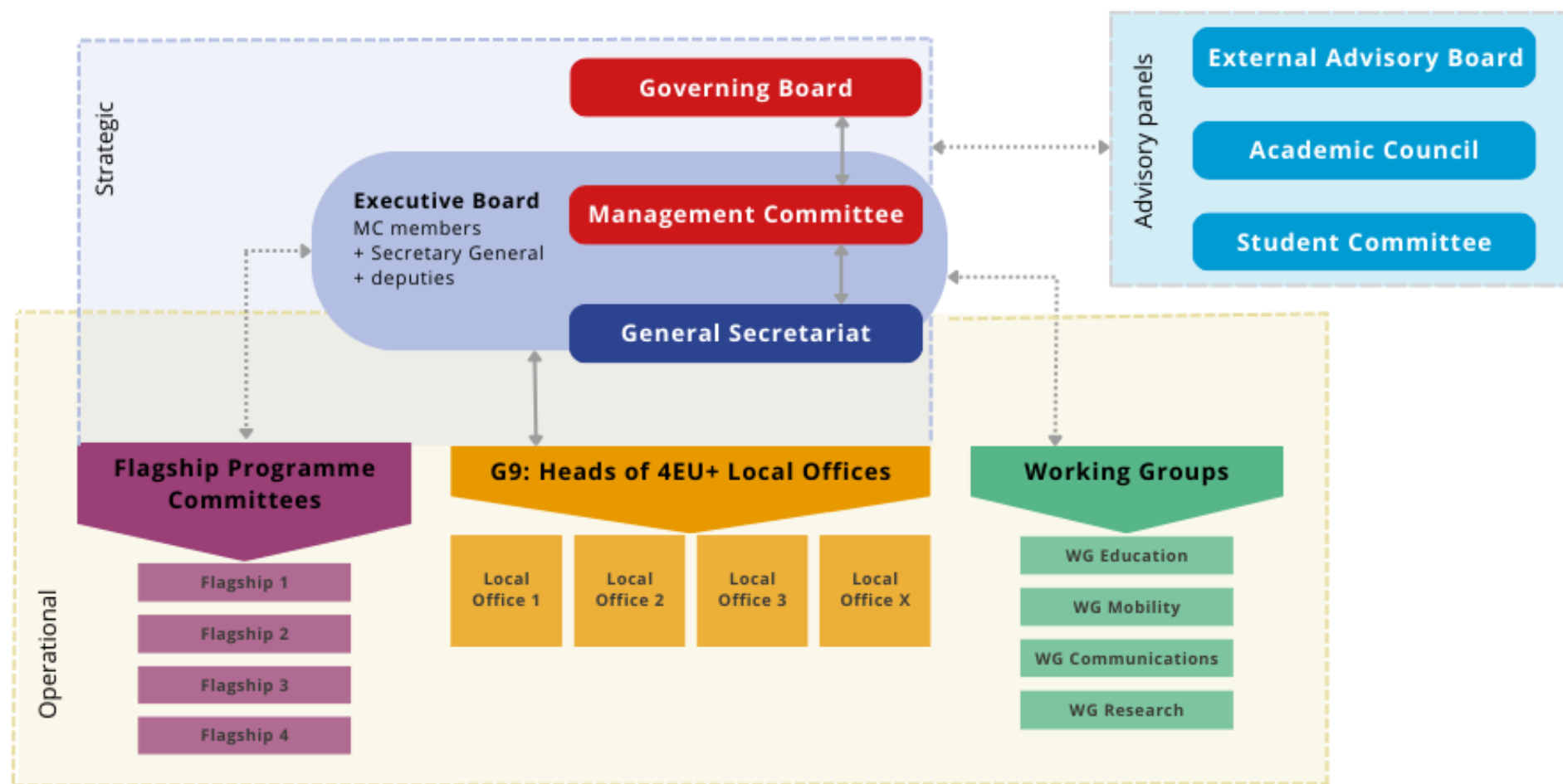


3) Digitisation - Modelling - Transformation



4) Environmental transitions

4EU+ Governance Model



Strategy 2025-2035

Core values:

- **academic freedom**
- **accessible higher education for all**
- **student-centred approach**
- **service to society**
- **diversity and inclusion**

EDUCATION

- Expand the 4EU+ educational offer with **joint degrees, shared courses**, and lifelong learning opportunities such as a catalogue of **micro-credentials**.
- Increase **mobility opportunities** (physical, virtual, hybrid) and align administrative and **credit recognition** processes.

RESEARCH

- Create an integrated framework to enhance long-term **interdisciplinary** research through 4EU+ Flagships, Virtual Institutes, and **durable partnerships** across Europe and beyond.
- Support **early-career researchers** with skills training, joint supervisions, and mobility initiatives.

INNOVATION

- Develop a shared culture of innovation through specialized training and the **4EU+ Virtual Innovation & Entrepreneurship Centre**.
- Promote interdisciplinary collaboration and **joint applications** for EU funding opportunities.

GLOBAL OUTREACH

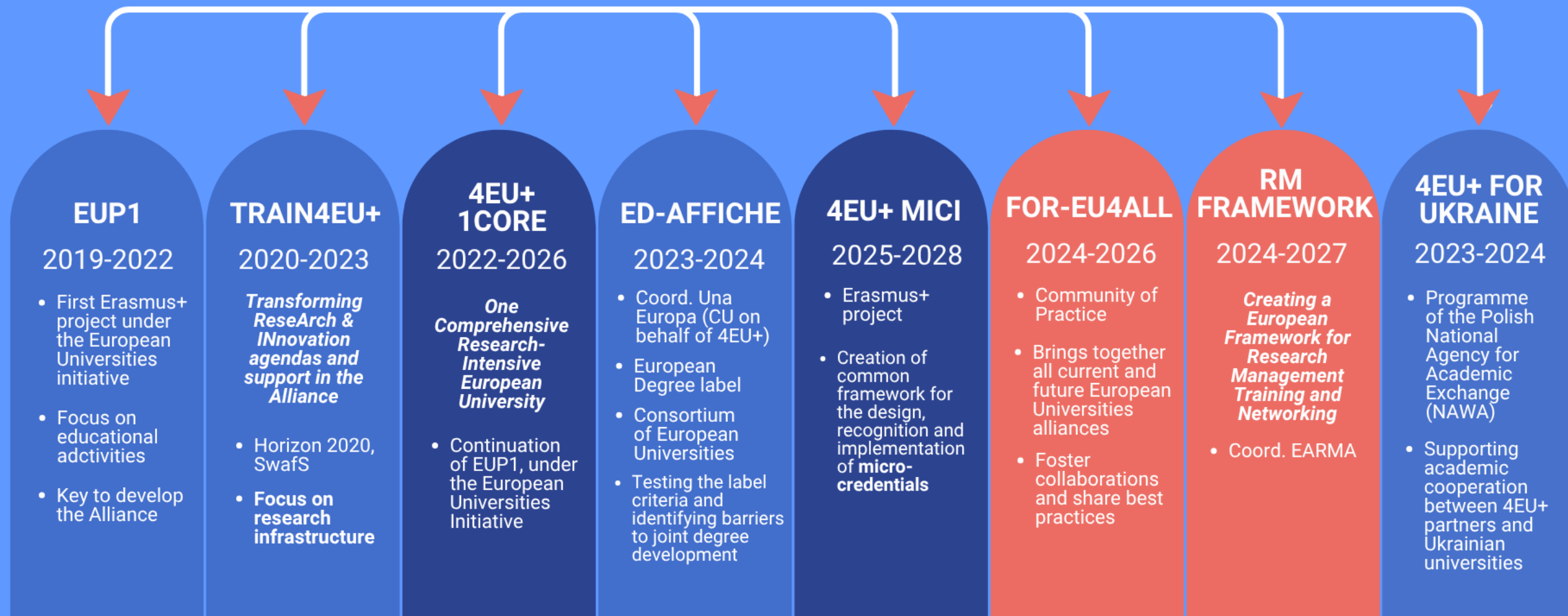
- Strengthen partnerships with **international organizations** and enhance **public engagement** through citizen science activities.
- Foster dialogue with **EU institutions** and collaborate with other European University Alliances to share **best practices**.

“Together, we aim to create an integrated interuniversity campus, contributing to the development of European University Alliances as universities of the future.”

NAVIGATING 4EU+ PROJECTS



EXTERNALLY FUNDED PROJECTS





EDUCATIONAL PROJECTS

- Continuous funding since 2019
- 2023/2024: 36 educational projects co-funded



4EU+ COTUTELLES

Co-supervised PhD contracts for 3 years across various disciplines, with funding for mobility between the 4EU+ member universities



OUTREACH PROJECTS

INTERNATIONAL GENEVA STUDY TRIP 2024:
ENVIRONMENTAL GOVERNANCE

SDG OLYMPIAD

GLOBAL HEALTH ACADEMY



ENTREPRENEURIAL & INTRAPRENEURIAL PROJECT MANAGEMENT

- Coordinated by Sorbonne University in partnership with other 4EU+ universities
- 4 editions
- collaboration with associated partners



MINI-GRANTS

CHARLES
UNIVERSITY

- Since 2019, funding for students and academics
- 4EU+Synergy and 4EU+Bridging projects

UNIVERSITY
OF GENEVA

- Internal call for 4EU+ projects
- CHF 40,000 per project

UNIVERSITY
OF WARSAW

- 3 editions
- 12 minigrants selected for funding

**INTERNALLY
FUNDED**

4eu+

ACTIVITIES



**VISITING
PROFESSORSHIP
S & SEED4EU+**

SEED4EU+

- SEED4EU+ is an initiative launched by the 4EU+ to support out-of-the-box collaborative projects.

The SEED4EU+ initiative aims to:

- Promote cross-institutional and cross-disciplinary collaboration within the 4EU+ Alliance
- Enable the academic community to explore creative and impactful approaches that go beyond traditional project formats
- Contribute to the long-term sustainability and strategic development of 4EU+
- Supported projects may include research-focused activities, educational innovation, or a combination of both. All proposals must be aligned with the vision of the Alliance and fall within one or more of its Flagships (thematic areas).



Visiting professorship

- The 4EU+ Visiting Professorships is an initiative designed to foster collaboration, knowledge exchange, and innovation among the academic staff of the eight universities within the 4EU+ European University Alliance.
- This programme supports academics in undertaking a short stay at another 4EU+ university to carry out joint educational and research activities that advance cross-border and cross-disciplinary cooperation.



INTERNATIONALISATION FOR ALL

Doctoral candidates & academics

4EU+ Against Cancer



Summer school of practical ophthalmology



SEED4EU+ project on 3D teaching



Thinking AI: Bringing together ethical, legal and social aspects of AI



Flagship 2 conference



4EU+ Prague Summer Scientific Symposium





Opportunities for PhD and early career researchers

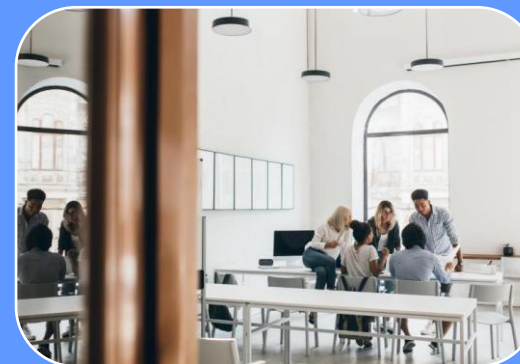




Specific track for
ECR in SEED and
VP



Students minigrants



Trainings in open
science



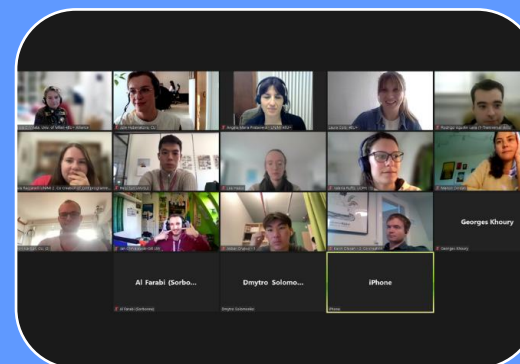
Flagships PhD
workshops



Entrepreneurial and
Intrapreneurial
project management



Research
conferences /events



Shared courses



4EU+ cotutelles

INTERNATIONALISATION FOR ALL

Students & doctoral candidates



4EU+ Student Network @CU



Student Committee at the Annual Meeting in Milan



Student Ambassadors in Geneva



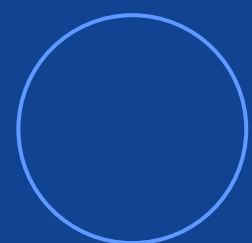
Student Start-ups Meeting in Prague



Sports Event in Paris



European Student Assembly



Charles University FoCUs4EU+

Rector's Measure No. 4/2026



4EU+Bridging

- intended for staff and students of Charles University
- **short-term visits** to partner universities or to represent the 4EU+ Alliance externally
- These visits take place **independently of other approved 4EU+ projects**. 4EU+Bridging does not serve as a replacement for Erasmus+, the Mobility Fund, etc.
- Funding is provided **exclusively for travel expenses** related to the visit.
- Calls for 4EU+ Bridging Project proposals are held four times a year, covering the two subsequent quarters
 - 1–15 March for visits starting between 1 April – 30 September
 - 1–15 June for visits starting between 1 July – 31 December
 - 1–15 September for visits starting between 1 October – 31 March
 - 1–15 December for visits starting between 1 January – 30 June

4EU+Bridging

- **WHO CAN APPLY?**

- Academic and administrative staff of Charles University (with an employment contract at CU)
- Students of Charles University (full-time or part-time, all levels of study)

- **FUNDING AND CONDITIONS**

- Funding covers **travel expenses only**, in accordance with the approved rates specified in the Rules for the use of 4EU+ funding
- For Charles University employees, funding is provided in **the form of an official business trip**
- For Charles University students, funding is provided as a **mobility grant stipend**

- **SUPPORTED ACTIVITIES**

- Visits to partner universities of the 4EU+ Alliance
- Participation in activities representing the Alliance outside partner universities

4EU+Synergy

- institutional support provided by Charles University
- project teams must consist of **colleagues from at least three partner universities**, with **Charles University** acting as the **coordinating institution**
- **academic and student joint research, educational, and innovation activities**
- Applications may be submitted **twice a year**, by 15 April and 15 October
- project duration may range from **12 to 36 months** (the project end date must fall within the period 1 January – 31 August)

4EU+Synergy

- **WHO CAN APPLY?**

- Academic staff of Charles University employed at a minimum of 0.5 FTE
- Students of Charles University (full-time or part-time, across all levels of study)

- **AMOUNT OF SUPPORT**

- up to CZK 300,000 for 12 months of project duration (academic projects)
- up to CZK 150,000 for 12 months of project duration (student projects)
- **Budget is allocated to the team at Charles University, it may also be used to cover travel costs for partners to Czech Republic.** Budget must be broken down into calendar years.
- Funds may be used in accordance with the harmonized rules for the utilization of funds and reimbursement of expenses for 4EU+ projects for travel expenses, personnel costs, and other costs

- **SUPPORTED AREAS**

- research and science
- education
- innovation
- activities with global outreach and the university's "third mission"

Calls & Grant Support Service

The 4EU+ Grant Support Service (GSS) is a team of professional grant support officers who help the academic staff of the 4EU+ member universities with questions about funding opportunities within the 4EU+ network.



INTERNATIONALISATION FOR ALL

Administrative Staff



Meeting of Technology Transfer Offices



4EU+ Staff Training Week in HR



4EU+ Working Groups



4EU+ Local Offices



Staff exchanges



Sparking International Collaboration – Sharing Best Practises from the European Universities Alliances

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