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to the 2nd informal NA staff meeting on European Universities (as role models)

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Wordcloud Poll 18 responses 18 participants



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State of play of the LTA – current activities

Beate Körner, NA DAAD

13.30 – 14.00

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LTA EUI - Spreading innovative results from European University Alliances (EUI) to other higher education institutions'

Overarching goal:

NAs have the ambition to facilitate the process of spreading innovative results from EUI to other HEIs in order to fulfill the expectations/role foreseen for EUI

Activity period: 2024 – 2027

Coordination:

Core group of National Agencies: NA OEAD; NA NO HK-dir; NA HU TPF, NA DAAD

Time line	Work Packages	Contents
2024-2027	WP 1 LTA Coordination	Regular LTA-meetings of organising NAs. Point of contact for stakeholders.
2024-2026	WP 2 Surveys and Papers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • survey among NAs about their activities concerning the European University Initiative • General overview on possible benefits/transformational deliverables of EUIs • Survey among non-EUIs on their necessities (2024) • Analysis: re-inforcing the role of Nas as multipliers • Recommendations for the successful transfer of results
2025-2027	WP 3 Conferences + Workshops	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • workshops including stakeholders and alliances (maybe also linked to trainings or NA meetings) • (informal) meeting(s) of NAs on EUIs as Role Models (2 per year, physical/online) • Follow-up conference of Bergen (2025) • Final conference (2027)
2024-2027	WP 4: Networking and Dissemination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • set-up dissemination and monitoring strategy (in 2024) • Networking/ lobbying activities in Brussels to include EU COM, EACEA and other political stakeholders • Setting up a coordinated dialogue among NAs, Commission and EACEA be incorporated into existing structures • Dissemination activities

LTA EUI – current activities of the coordination team

- 6 meetings from April until September of coordination group
- New LTA website: [Project “European University Alliances \(EUI\) as role models - Spreading innovative results to other higher education institutions” as Long-Term Activities \(LTA\) in the Erasmus+ Programme – Nationale Agentur für Erasmus+ Hochschulzusammenarbeit – DAAD](#)
- Monitoring strategy (developed)
- Dissemination strategy (developed)
- EU COM Teams Channel LTA → ‘European Universities Initiatives’ (established)
- Survey on non-EUI’s necessities (questionnaire currently reviewed by experts)
- Overview on possible benefits/transformational deliverables (in preparation phase)

LTA EUI – current activities

- Presentation of LTA at SALTO TCA Officers meeting in April
- Contact to Community of Practice
- Information about the LTA at DAAD Board of Directors and Executive Board
- DAAD Impact Report
- Contribution to the NA Meeting in December (tbc)

Poster presentation at the EAIE

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Erasmus+ Long-Term-Activity: European University Initiative – Spreading Innovative Results to other Higher Education Institutions

Goal: to facilitate the dissemination of experiences of the European Universities Alliances to higher education institutions not involved in the initiative. Acting as role models is a core task of the Alliances and at the same time a challenging mission.

Activity Period: 2024-2027

Consortium: 4 National Agencies (Austria (AT01), Germany (DE01), Hungary (HU01) and Norway (NO01)

KEY FOCUS

- The LTA consists of events, surveys, analyses and the establishment of a structured dialogue

Let us know your opinion



Meetings and Conferences

- Informal NA meetings with interested NAs
- Conferences on 'Spreading innovative results' (follow-up of Bergen) in 2025 and 2027

Surveys and Papers

- Survey on non-EUI's necessities (2024)
- Overview on possible benefits/transformational deliverables (2024/2025)
- Analysis on reinforcing links between NAs, Alliances and non-Alliances HEIs and exploring the potential of transformative impact
- Recommendations for the successful transfer of results

Networking and Dissemination

- Setting up a coordinated dialogue among NAs, Commission and EACEA
- Dissemination activities

Check out our LTA website!



ECIU University is an alliance of 14 universities, where learners, teachers, and researchers work with cities, communities, and businesses to solve real-life challenges – and foster change



What do we want to achieve?

- Develop education as a tool for societal impact
- Respond to the skills gap and societal needs through interdisciplinary, transnational cooperation
- By 2030 build an ecosystem for academics, students and stakeholders

How do we approach these goals?

- Systematic use of challenge-based learning in flexible, European teams of learners
- Digital micro-credentials and flexible learning pathways support outcomes for greater individual choices
- ECIU Engage platform (engage.eciu.eu) – digital campus and competence passport

Benefit from our experience:

- Regional innovation ecosystem with mutual benefits
- Co-creation development model brings added value
- Erasmus+ BIP (blended mobility) for connecting with society



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Wordcloud Poll 15 responses 14 participants



Plenary Session:

What's new regarding the NAs' activities for EUI?

Ieva Serapinaite, Norwegian Directorate for Higher Education and Skills

14.00 – 14.45

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What's new regarding the NAs' activities for EUI?

See presentation „Overview of EUI-related activities at NAs“

Follow-up

on NAs' contribution to the LTA /
your suggestions for 2025

Yvonne Schnocks/ Elisabeth Tauch, NA DAAD

15.00 – 15.45

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NAs' contribution to the LTA

1. Summary of NA's contribution – Follow up of 1. meeting in April 2024
2. Your suggestions for 2025 (will be collected on a meeting whiteboard)
 - Bringing together Alliances and non-EUI HEIs to discuss benefits of deep international cooperation - Your activities in 2025
 - Your ideas for the LTA-EUI conference in October 2025
 - As a part of the LTA we want to strengthen the dialogue with EC and other stakeholders concerning the EUIs as role models. What are your experiences? Can you share good practices? Which activities have you planned in communication with EC at national level?

1. Summary of NA's contribution – Follow up of 1. meeting in April 2024

Surveys and Papers

Contribute to surveys on innovative results, needs, difficulties, necessities and expectations in the transfer of innovations to other stakeholders

Provide statistics and share with NAs. Follow the development of national co-funding. Update a country overview of national financing and support

help with identifying innovative results and transfer of innovations to other stakeholders

Consultation/survey among EU's national HEIs about the impact of alliances on their activity

analysing results at national level

Analysis of common challenges and solutions of EUIs

Conferences and Workshops

Co-organising workshops or meetings at events related to the LTA

National (TCA) conference with rectors conference on EUJ and Session of EUJ members and non members to share, e.g. impacts on IEF systems, Alliances as role models

Within E+ national meetings KA1 or KA2 beneficiaries showcase their selected project always highlighting any link to the EUJ they are in (if relevant) for the benefit of all

Thematic workshops including stakeholders and alliances: joint European degree, staff mobility

Inviting Alliances representatives to showcase their experiences and difficulties + non EUIs in LTA NA-meetings

Sharing of EUIs experiences, maybe LTA input or some results in up-coming national Erasmus+ info-days

National Conference of Alliances HEIs (sharing main needs, milestones, next steps, etc.)

Networking and Dissemination

Contribute in disseminating survey among NA and non-EUIs

Set up a dissemination strategy

Communication and spread information about LTA, publications, etc. via usual NAs' channels (newsletters, social media, e-lists)

Creating a library of all deliverables

Create factsheets/ brochure to promote EUIs toward non-involved HEIs

Open call to co-write an article in an scientific journal about the EUIs from the pilot stage to today

Networking with horizon, EEA + ERA, lobby for better inclusion of NAs on European level (high-level meetings)

setting up coordinated dialogues among NAs, EC and EACEA

Other Ideas

Having a meeting of 4 coordinating NAs with DG EACE + EACEA to clarify further communication - Clear mandate

Structured dialogues with EC, stakeholders, national ministry of HE, etc.

LTA repository and library: collecting valuable articles, researches, reports, etc.

Data collection within EUJ members: definition, regular update

Joint publication on existing EU Alliances (promotion, visibility), focusing on main activities, impacts, thematic, etc.

Create Teams' group for European Universities to get connected with responsible persons of NAs

Thematic seminars for NAs e.g. on Horizon to discuss the ERA actions that include EUJ

2. Your suggestions for 2025

Bringing together Alliances and non-EUI HEIs to discuss benefits of deep international cooperation - Your activities in 2025

<p>As I mentioned, we will invite non-EUIs to our "monitoring" meetings</p>	<p>The national network for EUIs will be opened up, so all HEIs will be able to join meetings. Very few EUI topics only concern EUIs...</p>	<p>The Swedish rectors conference is publishing recommendations on EUI and study administration in Nov. These recommendations will be relevant for all HEIs.</p>
<p>Great topic for CZEUCON 2025, we will discuss it:-)</p>	<p>A sort of national forum has yet to be formally set up. Within 2025 the full one envisaged to keep on the same started last year with the conference of rectors' to set up a national forum to focus on thematic topics, administrative impact (BOBART, IMO) Claudia</p>	<p>Meetings with the HEIs management and RDOs, during which HEIs that are members of the alliances will share their experience, good practice and ideas.</p>
<p>Event to put a light on "satellite projects" = projects funded under Erasmus+ KA1 and KA2 and closely linked to EUIs</p>	<p>Continue to organize meetings within the national forum for the members of alliances and non-EUI HEIs to discuss ideas and opportunities and share good practices. Discussion will revolve around opportunities for the economic, funding, regulatory and policy environment with the industry Herwig SE</p>	<p>Continue to promote potential synergies between Erasmus+ and other EU funding programmes and the objectives of the alliances that include universities participation and encourage them to share experience and results with the sector in October - Herwig SE</p>
<p>We already did the rectors' conference this year, where that was a topic, so probably won't repeat it next year. Maybe some informal meeting. Bozidar SI</p>	<p>Organising a national conference for vice- and/or responsible for international relations, EUI topic will be included in order to share experiences between EUI HEIs and non-EUI HEIs (RODR)</p>	<p>An online national pre-conference with participants non-EUI HEIs and EUI HEIs is planned ELO I</p>
<p>Including the Seat of Excellence Holders in the virtual informal exchange meetings ("EUN-Forum")</p>	<p>Take part in Slovenian TGA on EUI (evaluation/monitoring) to evaluate the same for Italian HEIs in EUI the year after. Claudia ITALY</p>	<p>During the 2025 ESN Annual General Meeting the NA will devote a focus to EUI (however it is not a national initiative being it the ESN event held in Italy) Claudia ITALY</p>

Your ideas for the LTA-EUI conference in October 2025

<p>Let's try to invite national authorities, too, so that they could also see the impact and also other countries national funding schemes</p>	<p>In the summer of 2025 the new Erasmus+ proposal will be out, and might influence priorities for the conference. SE Alma</p>	<p>Have a focus on national funding environments and bring together HEIs and representatives of national authorities</p>
<p>stakeholders are crucial to let EUN be involving as much as possible towards the future academic society</p>	<p>For us it would be also very interesting to better understand the selection process of the European University Alliances. Bozidar SI</p>	<p>Impact of EUIs actions on students (academic added value, future perspectives) and possible further students engagement.</p>
<p>EUI in the next E+ generation? How will it work/how it should work. Bozidar SI</p>	<p>I wish EACEA would share more info with us, such as the final reports and interim reports that have been handed in. Aggregated data from them would be interesting</p>	<p>Impact study - 1st EUI generation, for instance</p>
<p>Do we have some info yet on the next E+ programme period and the EUI funding? European degree is an important topic. Laura, FI</p>	<p>Future of EurUniv, also after 2027? Joint legal status compulsory at some stage or not at all? EC ppt/night most probably could</p>	<p>Invite members of the Forum of EUIs to think all together about ways to disseminate to non-EUIs</p>
<p>Maybe including even more students than in 2023</p>	<p>Including at least city representatives of the city where the LTA will take place to reach out more to the non HEI sector</p>	<p>EUI-fatigue. Are the alliances moving forward in the same speed as in the beginning? Which cooperation issues are and how can they be addressed? Talk about it openly Alma SE</p>

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<p>It is important to constantly inform the DG EAC and EACEA what we are doing to give our topic more visibility</p>	<p>We will continue to explore the "voice of the European University Alliances" around it. How to raise awareness to both the HEI community but also to other and rectors</p>	<p>We will continue to share constructive feedback shaped by practical experiences of the NA to improve the initiative and help create synergies and connections between Erasmus+ (and other EU programmes) and the EU. Herwig SE</p>
<p>Very difficult to reach out to EAC directly, as an NA. But we can rely on some fellow organisations, other NAs and for instance</p>	<p>"Joint communication flow" with EC/EACEA/NAs and also with the newly established Council of Pract. (for EUMAs) would be very helpful for coherent approach/info, not</p>	<p>the community engagement dimension of the alliances might be a good venue to include other non-EUIs in the regions to join activities. Are there any examples of that? Alma SE</p>
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That is true, EUI/EUN has an advantage of being connected to Brussels and the Commission and EACEA are very involved - it can be to build the cooperation further to have in addition meetings of experts in Brussels, or involving members of LTA, a meeting with EC, etc. Herwig, SE

Plenary Session:

Support of non-EUI HEIs and transfer of results

Dr. Márton Beke / Bettina Ugrósdý-Beregi, Tempus Public Foundation Hungary

15.45 – 16.25

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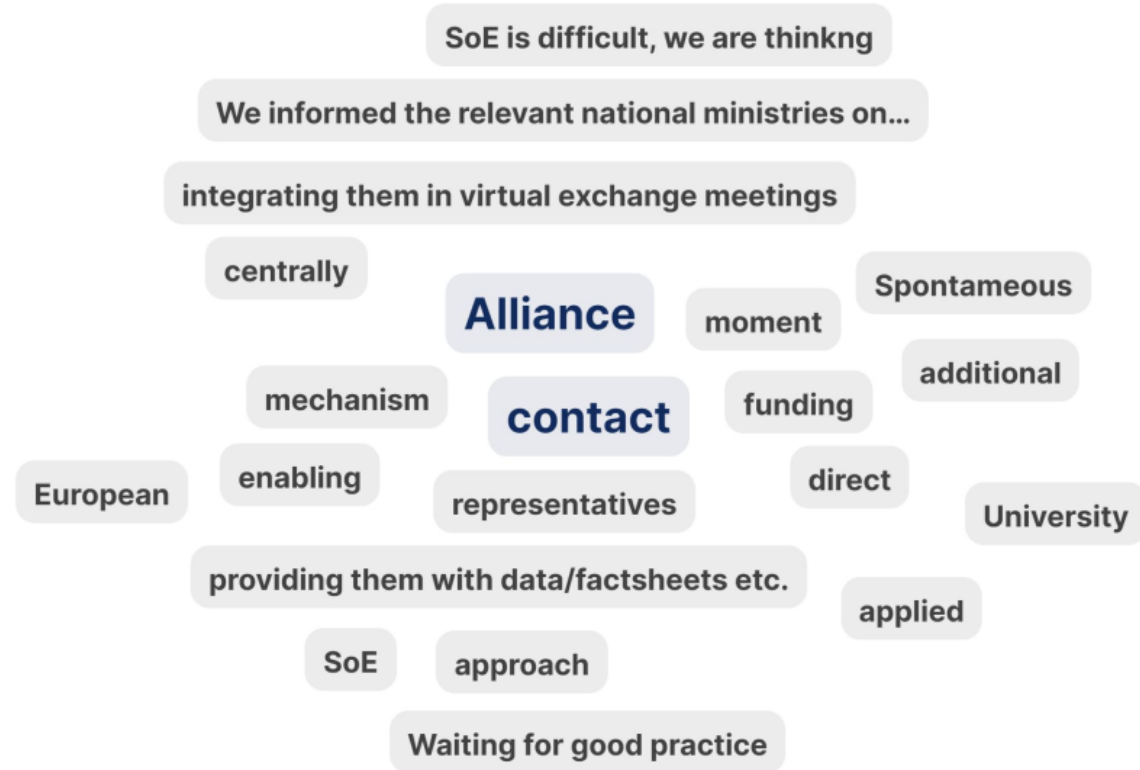
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Brainstorming and exchange of experience

Do you have a strategy / ideas to support non-EUI universities in your country so that they can benefit from the outcomes of the initiative?

(see summary of discussion in meeting report)

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