E³UDRES² – Engaged and Entrepreneurial European University as Driver for European Smart and Sustainable Regions

WHO WE ARE

6 pioneers

- St. Pölten University of Applied Sciences (Austria)
- Polytechnic Institute of Setúbal (Portugal)
- Polytehnica University Timisoara (Romania)
- Hungarian University of Agriculture and Life Sciences (Hungary)
- University College Limburg (Belgium)
- Vidzeme University of Applied Sciences (Latvia)

9 associates

- 1 business
- 2 regional authorities
- 5 associations
- 1 research centres

OUR VISION FOR THE FUTURE

E³UDRES², the Engaged and Entrepreneurial European University as Driver for European Smart and Sustainable Regions, promotes the development of small and medium-sized cities and their rural environments into smart and sustainable regions and shapes a prosperous future with the best possible quality of life for self-determined people in a progressive European society.

E³UDRES² aims to train, motivate and involve smart and ambitious people – learners, educators, researchers, entrepreneurs, non-academic staff and various other collaborators – to act as change agents transforming their neighbourhoods into smart and sustainable regions and contributing solutions to global challenges, e.g. circular economy, well-being and the human contribution to artificial intelligence.

E³UDRES² co-creates outstanding ideas and concepts for future universities, integrates challenge-based education, mission-oriented research, human-centred innovation as well as open and engaged knowledge exchange as interrelated core areas and establishes an exemplary multi-university campus across Europe.
E³UDRES² enables students and staff to gain intercultural competences (including language competences) and broaden their horizons from a regional to a European perspective.

E³UDRES² is based on the commitment to free and open science, future-oriented excellent scientific expertise, learner-centred education, transnational and transcultural learning environments, future-oriented, life-long learning, responsible research, sustainable innovation and progressive education. Furthermore, E³UDRES² promotes creative, curious and inspired co-ideation; problem-based, solution-oriented and efficient approaches; human-centred, inclusive and participatory action, team-oriented-collaboration; outcome and impact-oriented co-creation.

PUTTING OUR VISION INTO PRACTICE

KEY DELIVERABLES / ACTIVITIES

- Co-ideating an exemplary model for the governance of a progressive European University
- Developing a common educational model for students by offering open educational resources, shared modules and joint degrees with mobility opportunities.
- Establishing I-Living Labs, I-research networks and I-cubator programmes for future universities and smart and sustainable regions. The “I” stands for inspiring, innovative, intercultural, international, interdisciplinary, inter-sectoral, inclusive and intense.
- Co-creating activities that promote open and engaged knowledge exchange that contribute and interact with regional communities, and are acknowledged as good practice on a European level.

HOW OUR ALLIANCE WILL TRANSFORM OUR UNIVERSITIES

- Deepening the collaboration in teaching, research and knowledge exchange by applying co-ideation and co-creation methods
- Implementing agile and holistic alliance management and decision-making approaches to include all relevant stakeholders (higher education institutions management, staff, students, regional stakeholders) and to overcome institutional boundaries.
- Sharing, pooling, further developing and scaling the various promising approaches of its members and (associated) partners to gain the critical mass necessary to be visible and recognised at a European level and beyond.