



# EUROPEAN UNIVERSITIES

Erasmus+



Uniting over...

**165 000**

**STUDENTS**

**15 000**

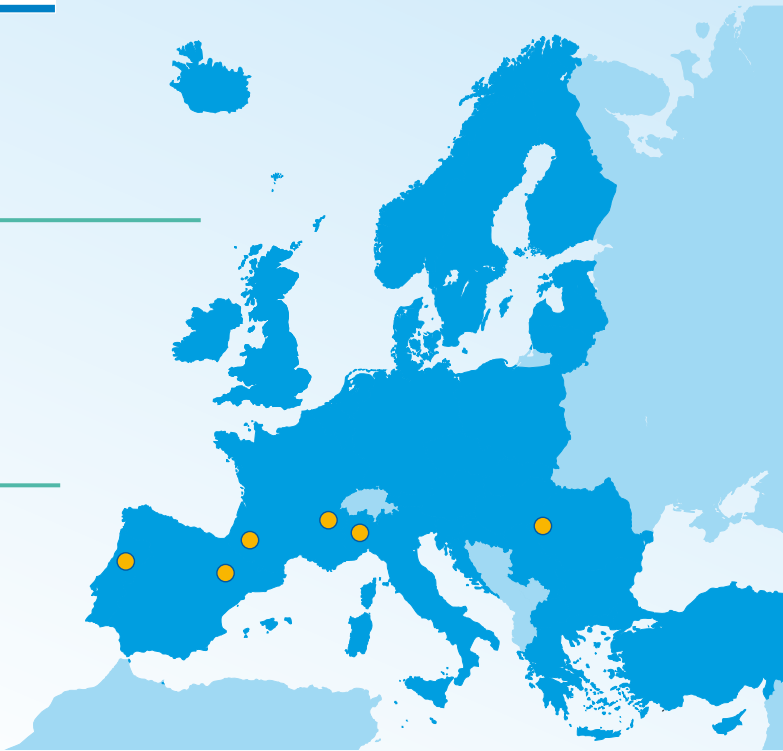
**STAFF, INCLUDING  
10 100 ACADEMIC  
STAFF/RESEARCHERS**

**55**

**RESEARCH AND  
INNOVATION  
CENTRES**

## OUR VISION FOR THE FUTURE

## UNITA – *Universitas montium*



### WHO WE ARE

#### 6 pioneers

- Università di Torino (Italy)
- Universidade Beira Interior (Portugal)
- Université de Pau et de Pays de l'Adour (France)
- Université Savoie Mont Blanc (France)
- Universitatea de Vest din Timisoara (Romania)
- Universidad Zaragoza (Spain)

#### 30 associates

- 9 businesses/clusters
- 3 international associations
- 8 regional authorities
- 1 higher education institution
- 2 national authorities
- 1 chamber of commerce
- 3 NGOs
- 1 quality agency
- 3 cities

### OUR VISION FOR THE FUTURE

The UNITA Alliance intends to build a fully-fledged European inter-university campus based on excellence in teaching and learning, research and innovation, and on civic engagement. Its goal is to drive excellence in the European Higher Education area and become attractive also for students from other continents, especially Africa and the Americas, with whom we share common languages.

UNITA students will experience a challenging multilingual and student-centred environment, closely linked to research and entrepreneurship. They will be able to build flexible personalised curricula across the uni-

versities of the Alliance based on increased mobility – physical, blended and virtual –, thanks to new tools and new digital spaces, and to the development of micro-credentials on inter-comprehension methods, especially among Romance languages.

UNITA aims to respond to societal challenges and empower its students and staff to act as European and global citizens strongly committed to the United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals and the European Green Deal, aware of cultural and linguistic diversity, and of the challenges facing rural and mountain territories.

The Alliance intends to support the development of the societies and territories in which it is established, and particularly of peripheral areas such as rural and cross-border mountain regions, focusing on three research fields: Renewable energies, Cultural heritage, and the Circular economy, in particular the Bioeconomy.

UNITA is committed to contributing to the building of European identity, citizenship and values by emphasizing relevant key factors, especially social and cultural diversity, including languages and cultural heritage, and the awareness of the challenges linked to sustainability and climate change. In this process, particular attention will be paid to the perspective on European citizenship and identity of specific social groups such as people living in rural areas in order to promote a European sense of belonging.

## PUTTING OUR VISION INTO PRACTICE

### KEY DELIVERABLES / ACTIVITIES

- ➔ **Customisation of students' curricula** through faster recognition tracks, offering an online matrix for recognizable activities and creating Hubs of Success
- ➔ **Virtual Campus** as unique entry-point for UNITA students and for anybody interested in UNITA activities
- ➔ **Inter-comprehension micro-credentials** for all UNITA actors and an inter-comprehension-based Romance language-learning program
- ➔ **Online cartography of researchers, facilities, partners** as well as dedicated **Research & Innovation Hubs** in the fields of **Renewable energies, Cultural heritage, and the Circular economy**, in particular the Bioeconomy
- ➔ **UNITA Green Deal for mobility and new forms of mobility**: physical, blended and virtual; short and long; in and off campus; to and from our territories (in particular virtual mobility and Rural Erasmus)

### HOW OUR ALLIANCE WILL TRANSFORM OUR UNIVERSITIES

- ➔ Involving students and staff via **participative governance**, with a long-term vision leading to closer integration based on sustainability and aiming to become a model for other higher education institutions.
- ➔ Promoting **active multilingualism** among students, staff, citizens and local actors, thus contributing to enhancing awareness and the acceptance of diversity in the territories and in a European dimension.
- ➔ Developing the **attractivity** of Europe and of its **higher education institutions**, in particular **for romance-language speakers**
- ➔ Boosting the **inclusion** of students and professional learners, in particular from **rural and mountain areas**
- ➔ Establishing a **European legal entity**, with a sustainable strategy for the next 10 years by seeking funding synergies at EU level, as well as at regional and national levels

➤ [www.univ-unita.eu](http://www.univ-unita.eu)

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