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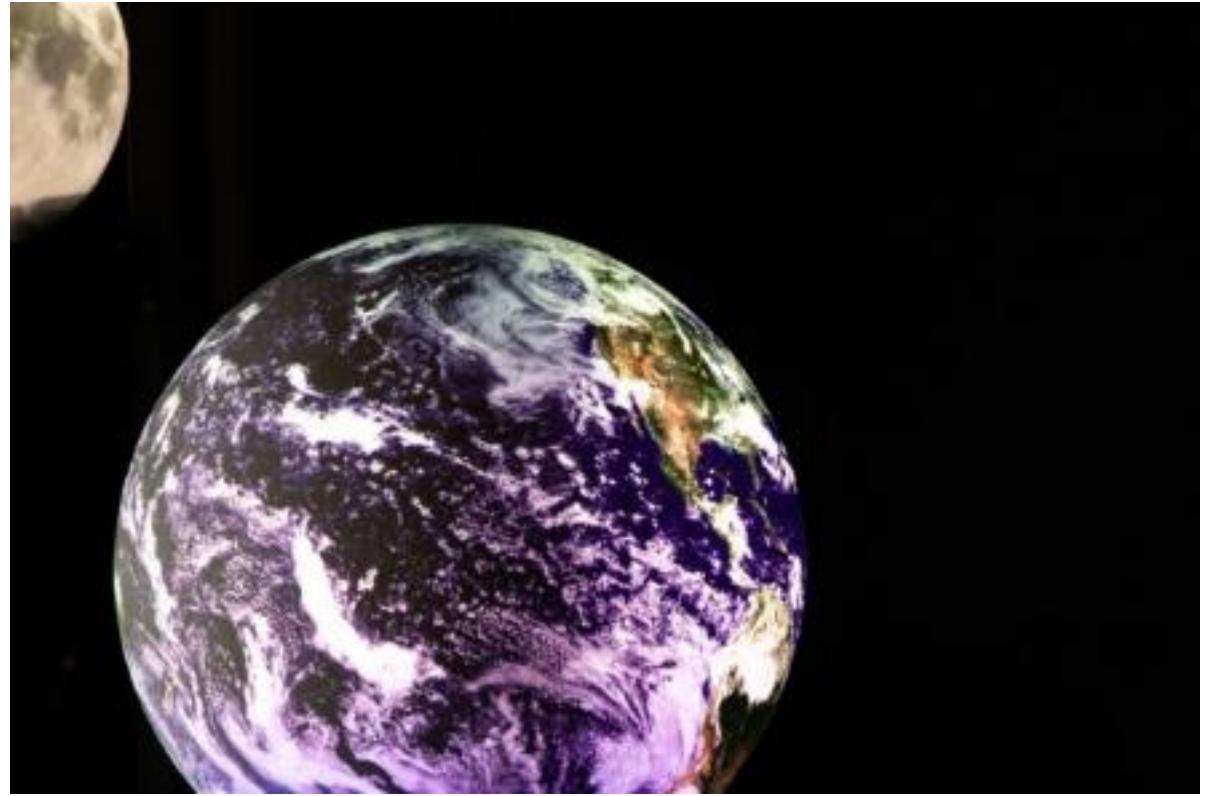


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Thanks! Kiitos!

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European Universities Networking Day in Kuopio

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What will EDUFI do in 2026?

- **Permanent elements:**
 - Teams area, emailing list
- **Online meetings/webinars with alliance HEIs 1-2/semester**
 - Follow up on today's themes
 - Opportunity to share topical subjects
 - **Please feel free to propose themes or topics**
- **Reaching out to non-alliance HEIs** (survey)
- **Coming up:** event (online) on joint degrees and joint European Degree (TBA)

Please submit your session proposal for Spring Forum 2026 by **26.1.2026**

EUI Bridge funding call 3.2.2026

Erasmus+ KA3 project: Future4Alliances

- Duration 1.3.2025-1.3.2028 36 months, EU funding 1 M€
- **Main objectives:**
 - To establish a legislative and technical framework that is favourable to European Universities alliances.
 - To strengthen the coherence of national and regional funding for these alliances, complementing Erasmus+ and other European programme funds.
- **Three focus areas:**
 - Future of funding
 - Joint educational programmes
 - International dimension and hosting policies
- **Outcome:**
 - Policy recommendations for public bodies and HEIs involved in the EUI, but also more generally the European HE sector

Project consortium

- Coordinator: Campus France, France
- Partners:
 - BUNDESMINISTERIUM FUER BILDUNG, WISSENSCHAFT UN, Austria
 - MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SCIENCE, Bulgaria
 - OPETUSHALLITUS, Finland
 - Ministero dell'università e della ricerca, Italy
 - DIREKTORATET FOR HOYERE UTDANNING OG KOMPETANS, Norway
 - FONDACIJA TEMPUS, Serbia
 - CENTER REPUBLIKE SLOVENIJE ZA MOBILNOST IN EVROPS (CMEPIUS), Slovenia
 - MINISTERIO DE CIENCIA, INNOVACION Y UNIVERSIDADES, Spain
- Associate partners: 23 from 13 different countries (ministries, national bodies, 9 HEIs, ESU)
 - From Finland: Ministry of Education and Culture and Metropolia UAS

Recommendations for interoperability 1/2

1. Interoperability, compliance, and mutual benefit among member organizations and the alliance will be ensured through formal agreements and common practices
2. National cooperation among alliance member higher education institutions will be strengthened by expanding existing collaboration networks or, where necessary, establishing new ones. This will enable the development of shared national positions that can be advanced both within the alliances and in the broader European dialogue on service and standard development.

Each higher education institution is responsible for establishing appropriate internal governance structures and ensuring the engagement of all relevant stakeholders, including student administration, IT services, and international services

3. Agree nationally on key areas that promote interoperability and common solutions, ensuring these priorities are advanced within higher education alliances and in the broader context of international mobility.

Recommendations by; KOOTuki –
Support group for European University
Alliances

Recommendations for interoperability 2/2

4. To ensure efficient and secure data transfer within alliances, particular attention must be given to interoperability of standards and protocols, compliance with data protection laws and practices, and robust identity and access management solutions for student data.
5. Promote interoperability by prioritizing widely adopted European standards and tools and leveraging existing solutions whenever available.
6. To ensure interoperability, alliances will primarily adopt a decentralized data management strategy.

Roadmap for international interoperability

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FOREU4ALL PROJECT

- Provides a collaborative and supportive platform where all **65 alliances + 8 Seal of Excellence alliances** come together to share best practices, exchange experiences, and strengthen cooperation.
- The community fosters a deeper collaboration by facilitating learning, joint initiatives, and the dissemination of results – enhancing knowledge, skills, and effectiveness of the entire higher education sector.
- In addition to the alliances, FOREU4ALL engages key stakeholders to take part in the governance, several topical groups and policy learning labs to enrich discussions and decision-making.
- FOREU4ALL ensures a strong voice for European alliances to engage in policy dialogue for the benefit of the whole higher education sector.

FOREU4ALL Governance

Key numbers:

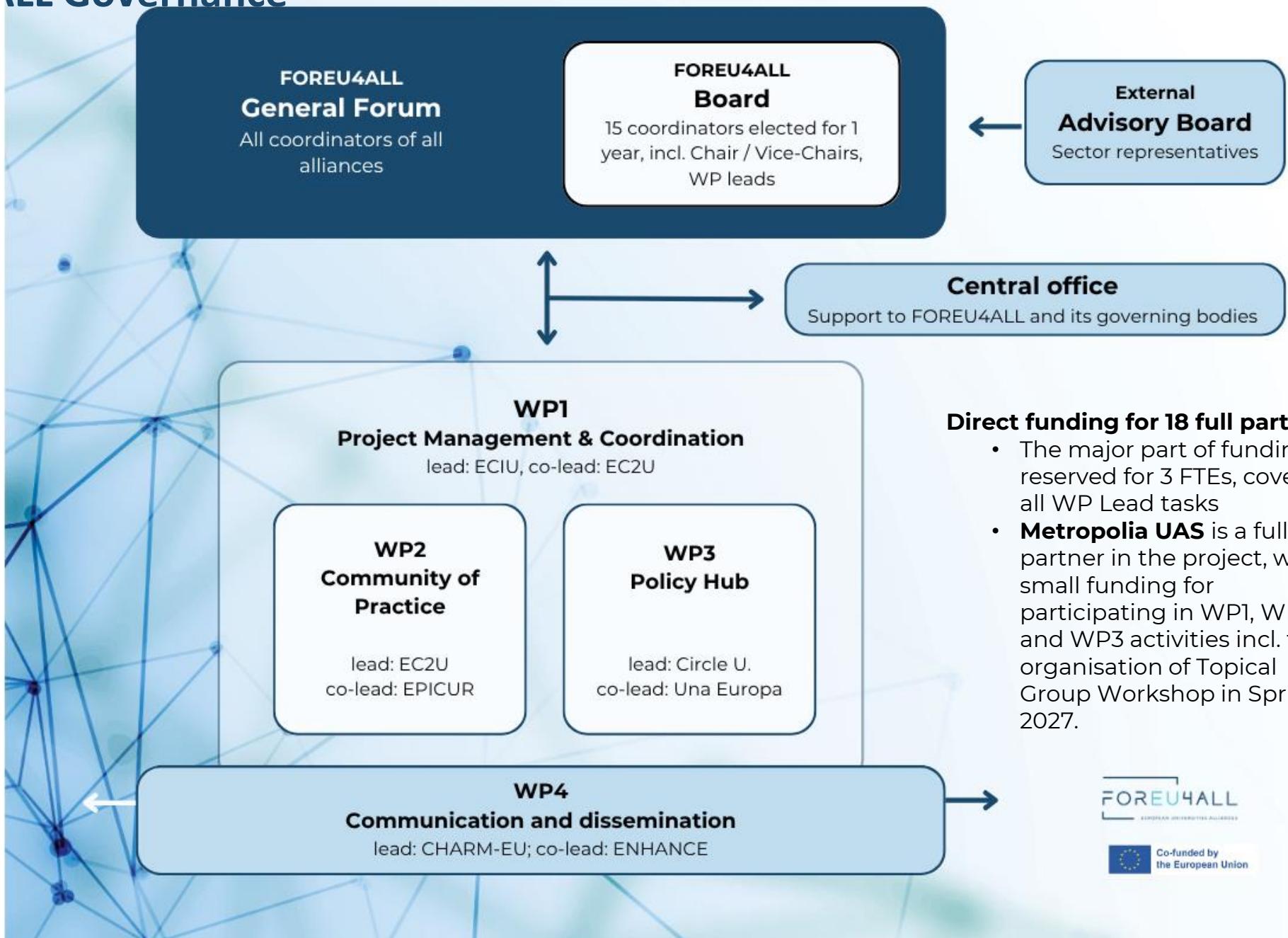
- 2,3 mln euro
- 70 partners (**All** European University Alliances + EUA, ESU, ENQA, Eurashe, ESN).

Timeline:

- 1 November 2024: start
- 1 November 2028: end

Board representatives

- Beatrix Busse **EUniWell**, Chair
- Andreas Winkler, **Unite!**, Vice-Chair
- Emily Helmeid, **EUGLOH**, Vice-Chair



TIMELINE



List of 20 Topical groups

- ALLIES (Alliances for Lifelong Learning, Improvement, Empowerment and Skills)
- **Communication & Dissemination**
- Community engagement
- **Cooperation with Ukraine**
- Diversity & Inclusion
- **European Degrees & joint programmes**
- European Universities Governance and legal frameworks
- **Impact**
- Innovation in Learning and Teaching
- **Internationalisation and global outreach**

- IT & Digitalization
- **Library and Open Science**
- Mobility
- **Multilingualism and multiculturalism**
- Project Management
- **Quality Assurance**
- R&I
- **Regional innovation ecosystems**
- STEAM
- **Student-led community on Sustainable and Democratic Student Participation**



20 topical groups in place, bringing together 2,000 experts from 73 alliances



Thank you!

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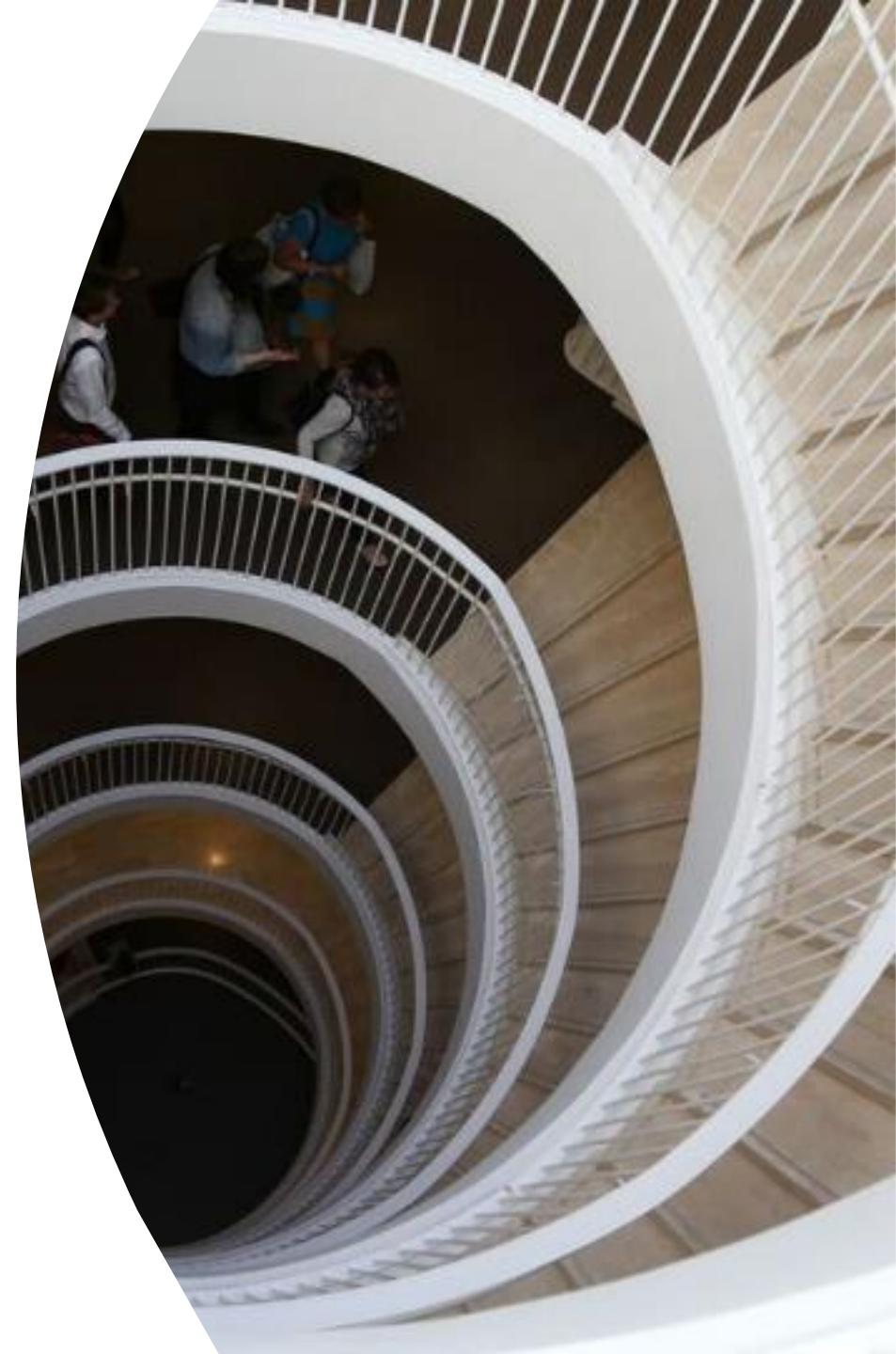
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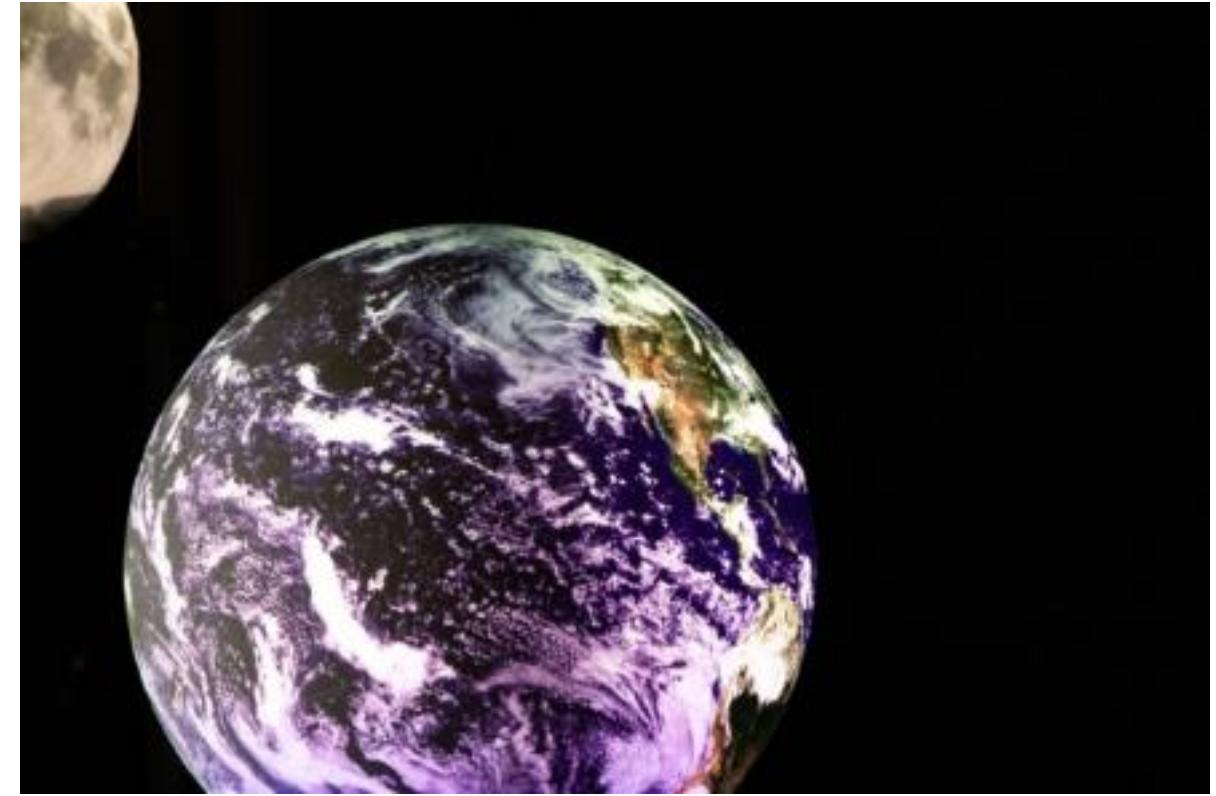


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