

Added value of EUIs- What's in it for us in Finland? –session

The winner takes it all?

- Navigating with/in EUIs

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Walk through

- Strategy
- Resources
- Education
- Research and Doctoral Training
- Outreach
- Impact



Partner universities



Coimbra (PT)
Alexandru Ioan Cuza, Iasi (RO)
Friedrich Schiller, Jena (DE)
Pavia (IT)
Poitiers (FR, Coordinator)
Salamanca (ES)
Turku (FI)
Linz (AT)
Umeå (SE)
+ Ivan Franko National University
of Lviv (UA) – Associated partner

Strategic goals

- No doubt the most important change in our international educational cooperation since introducing and implementing Nordplus/Erasmus-mobilities in Finland.

However,

- Whose goals?
- Is the journey joint and equal among all the partners?
- Does the aim justify the inequalities?

Resources

- Need to prioritise
- Good and bad examples, also in Human Resources
- Creating resilience!



Education

- More fields included in more deeper educational cooperation
- **Case EC2U:** Money has been allocated to the mobilities within the EC2U Alliance. This means short mobilities between partner universities to the activities that are related to the Work plan. Mobilities are administered locally and distributed equally between partners.

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- Need to set a side other interesting/sustainable/old/new projects on departmental or university level?
- Can you guarantee the quality of joint degrees as as good as in your own degrees / other joint degrees?

Mobility

EC2U short term mobilities 1.11.2020 – 31.7.2025

Number of mobilities from Turku (by category)	In total
staff	187
BA and MA students	191
PhD students	69
In total	447

Number of mobilities from Turku (by host destination)	In total
Coimbra	88
Iasi	52
Jena	57
Linz	39
Pavia	116
Poitiers	61
Salamanca	24

Number of mobilities to Turku	In total
staff	79
students	46
interns	3
In total	128

Mobility

Short and long mobilities to EC2U-universities (Erasmus+ & EC2U)

Students to Turku from EC2U partner universities Students from Turku to EC2U partner universities

	Short mobility	Long mobility	In total
1.11.2020 – 31.7.2025 (short) / 31.12.2025 (long)	46	104	150
AY 2016-2021		20	20

	Short Mobility	Long mobility	In total
1.11.2020 – 31.7.2025 (short) / 31.7.2026 (long)	260	212	472
AY 2016-2021	1	27	28

Research and Doctoral Training

- Collaboration and bringing researchers together/networking creates opportunities to initiate research collaboration and apply for research funding together eg. Horizon Europe
 - Depends on the tools the EUI and/or individual universities have selected and any incentives to support eg. Staff weeks, staff exchanges, conferences, Think Tanks, seed funding, cotutelles..
 - Case EC2U: Virtual Research Institutes (7, actively collected information about member universities research groups and institutions in order to create framework for joint research and research projects,
 - Case EC2U: Research Support Officers working group supports networking of researchers and convey proposals for joint bids etc,
- Opportunity to R&I co-/creation
 - staff weeks and other benchmarking opportunities
 - EUIs can seek for further funding for R&I competence building
 - Case EC2U: previous H2020 RI4C2-project and just submitted Erasmus+ application SKEELS.

Virtual Institutes



Good Health
and well-
being



European Modern
Languages



Education;
innovative
pedagogy



Sustainable Cities
and Communities



Life on
Land



Peace Justice and
strong
institutions

Materials &
Methods for a
Sustainable Future

- They are multidisciplinary and innovative,
- foster multidisciplinary cooperation and research,
- strengthen the collaboration between doctoral programmes,
- increase the opportunities for doctoral students and young researchers to collaborate internationally,
- organise trainings, cooperation and networking opportunities for doctoral students and young researchers.
- Despite the focus on these areas, EC2U cooperation can take place in any field.

Outreach

- Alliances in different stages
- With/in the memberuniversities, locally, regionally, European and beyond
- Tendency to take over other international cooperation?

Impact

- During spring 2026 UTU is conducting on survey on the impact of our University Alliance within the University.
- Preliminary plans is to concentrate especially on the expected and unexpeted direct and undirect impact on us.
- First stage based on interviews.
- First findings available during the EC2U Forum in Turku in May 2026.
- Have you already made such impact surveys? Have you found out anything suprisingly positive or negative? Please share.

Get inspired.



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