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European Universities: the CIVIS Alliance and its impact on research initiatives

ORIGIN

- President Macron speech in 2017
- Preparation of the 2021-2027 European Commission program
- Pilot initiative launched in October 2018

AMBITION:

*“Promoting **common European values** and a **strengthened European identity** by bringing together a new generation of Europeans, who are able to cooperate and work within different European and global cultures, **in different languages**, and across borders, sectors and academic disciplines.*

*Reaching a substantial leap in quality, performance, attractiveness and international competitiveness of European higher education institutions and **contributing to the European knowledge economy, employment, culture and welfare** by making best use of innovative pedagogies and striving to make the knowledge triangle a reality. ‘European Universities’ will be key drivers to boost the quality of higher education”*

CIVIS – A EUROPEAN CIVIC UNIVERSITY

CIVIS is a European Civic University formed by the **alliance of 9 leading research higher education institutions across Europe:**

- Aix-Marseille Université,
- National and Kapodistrian University of Athens,
- Universitatea din București,
- Université libre de Bruxelles,
- Universidad Autónoma de Madrid,
- Sapienza Università di Roma,
- Stockholm University
- Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen.
- University of Glasgow (associated partner)

With a strong CIVIC identity, rooted in their urban and regional landscape, CIVIS member universities actively contribute to the **social, cultural and economic dynamism of their ecosystem and promote European values** such as inclusiveness, gender equality, non-discrimination and social equity.

CIVIS forges **richer interactions and co-creation of knowledge and skills with citizens, schools, enterprises, social and cultural associations.**



CIVIS – A European Civic University

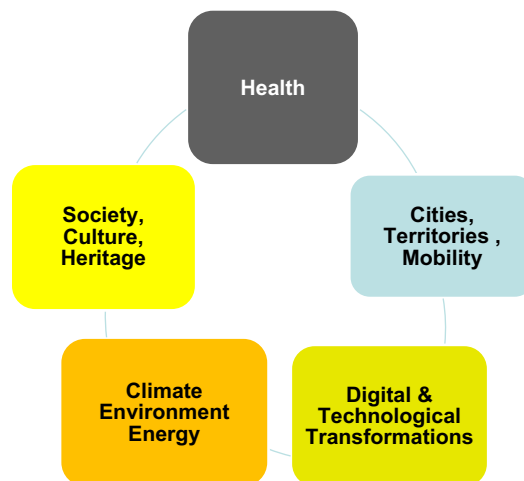
“(...) we envision our European Civic University as a space for innovative and responsible teaching, research, cultural exchanges and citizen action within Europe from the Baltic to the Mediterranean Sea, while engaging with the world, its inhabitants and its institutions(...)”

CIVIS Mission Statement CIVIS approved by 8 universities - January 2019.

STRATEGY WITHIN THE 5 HUBS: 5 Challenges to develop Education, Research, Innovation + link to society



Education Research Innovation @ the European Level



our digital campus: a platform to connect all stakeholders from local to global levels

Local OPEN LABS
Relationships with Regions, civil society, public & private sectors

International strategy: Relationships with Mediterranean & African Partners

CIVIS HUBS

They are “nests” to innovative educational programs linked to research and innovation

- ❑ Joint degrees, innovative learning practices and blended mobility at Bachelor's and Master's levels
- ❑ Multidisciplinary research programs as well as public and/or private partnerships.
- ❑ Partnerships with Mediterranean and African institutions.
- ❑ New research projects will emerge from these educational collaborations, which, in return will fuel the programs with latest scientific results within the Alliance.

Wp3 Open Labs

- Incubators for innovative projects involving local stakeholders and academia
- 1st CIVIS Open lab launched by Universidad Autónoma de Madrid
- Sapienza Open Lab launched in December 2020

Objectives:

- Connect CIVIS education, research and innovation **to local needs and challenges, connected to the Sustainable Development Goals**
- Contribute to **local dialogues** around local problems, bringing research, innovation, education and, where useful, public-private partnerships, to bear on the search for solutions.
- Provide CIVIS students with a range of pedagogically sound, **service learning projects** that foster civic engagement and transversal skills.
- Promote **civic values such as inclusivity, solidarity, and equality.**
- Nurture **territorial ecosystems** and regional development.



RIS4CIVIS launched – January 2021

The 3-year project was awarded a 2 million euros budget by the European Commission under the **Horizon 2020 "Science with and for Society" programme**.

The **project "RIS4CIVIS"** will support the Research and Innovation dimension of the CIVIS European University in line with its shared, integrated, long-term strategy and in synergy with its education dimension.

- based on a common vision and shared values to reach a sustainable high level of cooperation,
- sharing of practices, expertise, platforms, data and resources through the implementation by common structures
- transposing the CIVIS strategy into an Institutional Transformation Model serving as a source of inspiration for other European Alliances and/or Universities wishing to engage in R&I cooperation as well as for the European Commission in designing its future programmes and policy, by removing fragmentation, regulatory or legal barriers and by fostering optimisation of R&I resources

«Cups & Cakes» webinars:

- **Sharing about on-going research projects** in our respective University laboratories - all scientific fields can be addressed
- **Support networking** between researcher teams with common interests
- **Identify common opportunities** of applications for EU-calls

CIVIS3i – COFUND

The **CIVIS** Alliance Programme for *International, Interdisciplinary, Intersectoral Research and Training for Experienced Researchers*

The **CIVIS3i COFUND project** has been selected by the European Commission under the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions - Horizon 2020 programme in February 2021 to **offer postdoctoral career training** to talented young researchers within CIVIS.

The **CIVIS3i project will offer to 32 excellent, innovative researchers** - through two calls for applications - a **24-month postdoctoral fellowship that will enhance their career development and carry out excellent research projects** within CIVIS key focus areas.

This project is co-funded by four CIVIS member universities: **Aix-Marseille Université, Université libre de Bruxelles, the Universidad Autónoma de Madrid and the Sapienza University of Rome**, and has a **total budget of around 4.4 million euros**.

The other CIVIS member-universities are associated to CIVIS 3i.

THANK YOU!

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