

The logo for Arqus, featuring the word 'arqus' in a white, lowercase, sans-serif font. The letter 'Q' is stylized, with a white top half and a gold bottom half that tapers to a point on the right side.

# arqus

European University Alliance

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*Arqus brings together...*

**9 comprehensive research universities** who share extensive experience in joint projects and a common profile as **internationalised** institutions with deep regional engagement in small- or medium-sized cities

>**340k** students

>**28k** academics

>**19k** professional staff



# Building a fully fledged European University



## Phase #01

1st stone & laying foundations



## Phase #02

Erecting the pillars & the walls



## Phase #03

A true European University

# ARQUS **2022-2032** MISSION STATEMENT



**arQus**  
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## Vision



A forward-looking, open, integrated, and research-driven European University, building transformative excellence with and for all.

## Mission



To transform European higher education, research and innovation through deep cooperation and progressive integration, in pursuit of an equitable and sustainable future by together:

- Educating critical and socially engaged European citizens, equipped for lifelong learning, leaving no-one behind.
- Generating excellent, open, challenge-driven, innovative, and reflective knowledge.
- Acting as a committed multi-level societal and global player.
- Bringing down barriers to effective cooperation.

## Values



Arqus acts in defence and promotion of:

- The core European values of democracy, the rule of law, respect for diversity and human rights, solidarity, the pursuit of peace and justice in Europe and the world.
- The core university values expressed in the Magna Charta Universitatum.
- The unique role played by universities as open places of freedom, pluralism, and democratic participation, dedicated to the generation and dissemination of knowledge through research, education, innovation and culture for sustainable societal progress.
- The shared understanding of higher education as a public good and a public responsibility which serves purposes of individual, social, economic and cultural development.
- The conviction that through alliances people and institutions are stronger in their pursuit of the common good.



## Major Goals

- Effective barrier-free cooperation at all levels of institutional activity in order to better respond to existing and emerging societal challenges.
- Joint evidence-based institutional learning, arising from acting as a common laboratory beyond the mainstream, innovating in pursuit of systemic, structural and sustainable impact.
- Engaged communities of learners, academics, professionals and alumni in multi-level habitats working together for sustainable progress.
- Co-created attractive flexible challenge-based and research-driven academic offer.
- Joint transformational disciplinary and interdisciplinary research and innovation.
- Enhanced intercultural competence, global understanding and respect for diversity throughout our communities.



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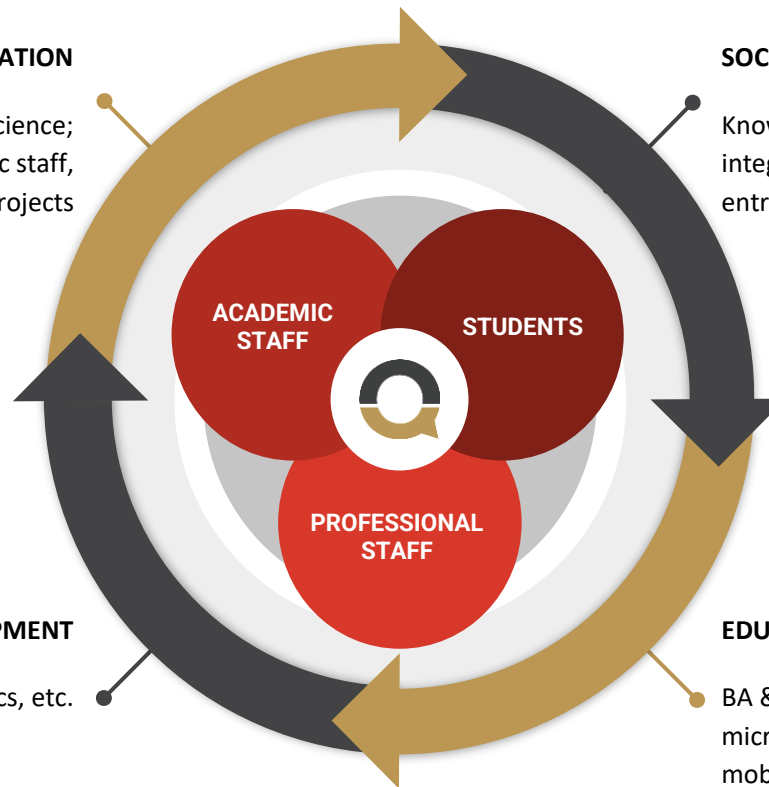


**RESEARCH & INNOVATION**

Open Science;  
shared academic staff,  
joint research projects

**SOCIETAL ENGAGEMENT**

Knowledge transfer, work-  
integrated learning,  
entrepreneurship



**Artificial Intelligence  
& Digital transf.**



**Climate change  
& Green Deal**



**European Heritage  
& Identity**



**TALENT DEVELOPMENT**

PhD, Post docs, etc.

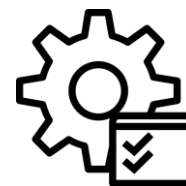
**EDUCATION**

BA & MA study programmes;  
microcredentials; learning  
mobility; lifelong learning



**ENABLERS**

Inclusion & Diversity  
Plurilingualism & Intercultural c.  
Mobility & Openness



**TOOLS**

Talent & Innovation Fund  
Strategic development  
Digitalization

# Global Dimension

## Several aspects of Alliance activities and structures:

- ❖ Global challenges (three major areas)
- ❖ Transversal emphasis on intercultural competence and global understanding
  - Joint Master's Programme in European Studies "Europe as a Global Actor"
  - Joint Master's Programme in International Cybersecurity
  - Joint Master's Programme in Translating and Interpreting
- ❖ Arqus Talent Fund (scholarship programme for doctoral and Master's candidates)
- ❖ International Advisory Board (members from Africa, N America, S America)
- ❖ EDLab Pilot Project (Coimbra Group an associate partner):
  - analysis with global partners (Unimed, CASA, AUGM) of global attractiveness of European Degree (Label)
- ❖ Identifying strategic global partners:
  - Currently Ukraine (UN Kyiv Mohyla Academy)
  - Complementarity of existing strategic global partnerships and networks
  - Specific attention to Latin America (upcoming EU-LAC Summit)

# Key information

## European policy experimentation in higher education: piloting a joint European degree label

- **Duration:** 12 months (starting on 1 March 2023)
- **Budget:** €200,000 (EU contribution)
- **4 Alliances represented:** Arqus, ENLIGHT, EUTOPIA, SEA-EU
- **13 Full partners** from 5 countries
- **Diverse associate partners:** national ministries and quality assurance agencies, European and **global university networks**, student and alumni associations, along with other partner universities from our four alliances.





# Key deliverables



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