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***Viewpoints from Alliances of European  
Universities***

Moderator: Prof. Ludovic Thilly, University of  
Poitiers, the Chair of the Coimbra Group  
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## Session Speakers

**Prof. Dorothy Kelly, University of Granada, representing Arqus**

**Prof. Raul Ramos Lobo, University of Barcelona, representing CHARM-EU**

**Prof. Johnny Laursen, Aarhus University, representing Circle U.**

**Prof. Jukka Kola, University of Turku, representing EC2U**

**Prof. Cisca Wijmenga, University of Groningen, representing ENLIGHT**

**Prof. Beatrix Busse, University of Cologne, representing EUniWell**

**Prof. Stanisław Kistryn, Jagiellonian University in Krakow, representing Una Europa**

**Prof. Lenka Rovná, Charles University in Prague, representing 4EU+**



### ***Strengthening academic values***

*Magna Charta Universitatum*

*Importance of “global collegial networks” to promote core values*

### ***EUAs: Mission statements and Action Plans***

*Arqus: AL Widening Access, inclusion, diversity, AL Regional Engagement, inseparability of teaching & research, civic role, critical thinking...*

### ***Barriers***

*Diverse barriers: explicit, normative, implicit, cultural, self-imposed... especially difficult to overcome are the invisible, implicit*

### ***Connection with society and societal responsibility***

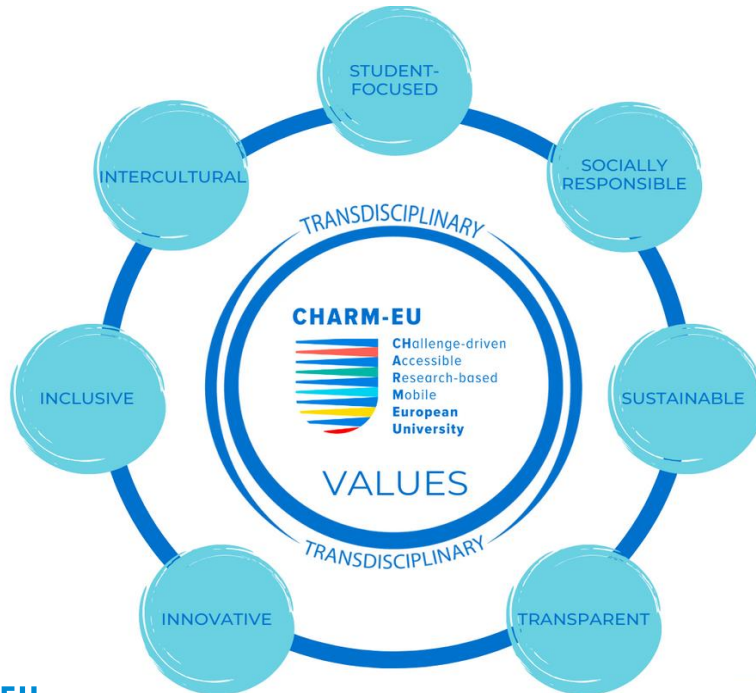
*Arqus: Seniors’ Universities and intergenerational learning. Direct involvement in challenge-based collaborative programmes involving students, researchers, external stakeholders.*

*Engaged and responsible EUA?*

*Shared policies in action permeating all activity.*

*Arqus: cooperation with Ukrainian universities.*





Challenges the Alliances face in its joint effort towards building a cooperation framework are primarily derived from the **diverse institutional organizational models and strategies**, in combination with the distinctive **local and national cultural, societal, political, and legal environments** in which they operate. CHARM-EU understands and embraces this level playing field and believes these differences contribute to enrich collaboration and its outputs.

The adoption of a common ground for open collaboration and fostered mutual learning has been conducted under two principles: **respecting each partner's pathway; avoiding any kind of impression of quality assessment or ranking across institutions.**

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**TORCH**  
Transforming Open Responsible Research  
and Innovation through CHARM

***“... jointly develop competencies and solutions for keeping Europe and our planet healthy, peaceful, democratic and prosperous”***



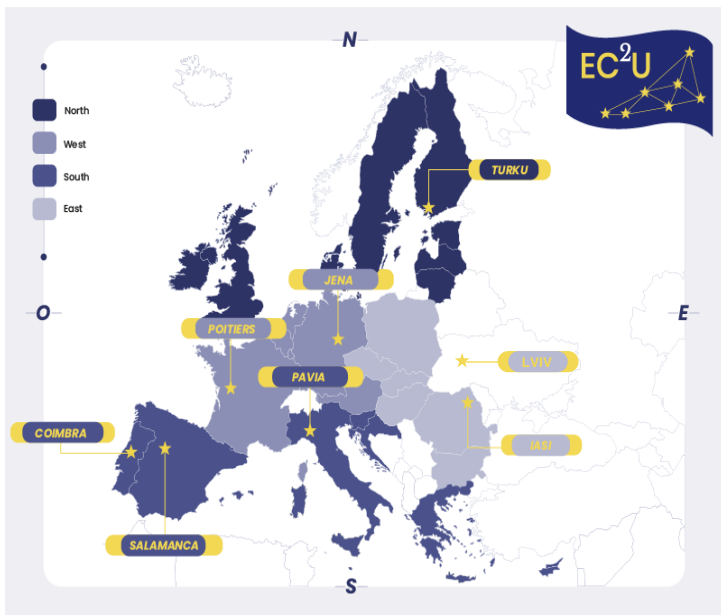
- By defending and protecting research culture in its own right
- By preserving basic research
- By securing challenge-based research rooted in traditional research values and research integrity
- By sharing and disseminating research and knowledge with the public
- By assuming the responsibility for defending the open society and knowledge-based democracies
- **By joining efforts behind the above and supporting the ERA and EAA**

# The European Campus of City-Universities – EC2U

**Multi-cultural and multi-lingual Alliance**

**7 Universities + 30 Associated Partners**

**+ 1 Strategic Partner Univ**



## 3 Virtual Institutes (Knowledge Square)

- Education
- Research
- Innovation
- Service to society
- Interdisciplinarity



## 3 EC2U Joint Master Programmes



## What can European Universities like ENLIGHT do?

Be an active beacon and promotor of 'freedom in all dimensions'

Join best practices from individual members: **ENLIGHT** organizes effective **peer review cycles**

Support each other in safeguarding academic values: offset any opposing political pressure; active protection of threatened scientists

Create new courses focused on bridging cultural differences: **ENLIGHT created the Global Engagement Module**

Promote the European Higher Education and Research Space: EUs' political pressure in Brussels is extremely helpful

Support Europe in the worldwide competition for talented researchers

Train **Leaders of the Future**: open-minded, right moral compass



**Growth**

**Topic of Well-Being**  
as a European value

**Responsiveness**  
to emerging opportunities

**Research, Education, Transfer**

**Guided by Science**  
Excellence, SDGs, Arenas

**Structures**

**Agreements**

**Foundations**

**Partnering**

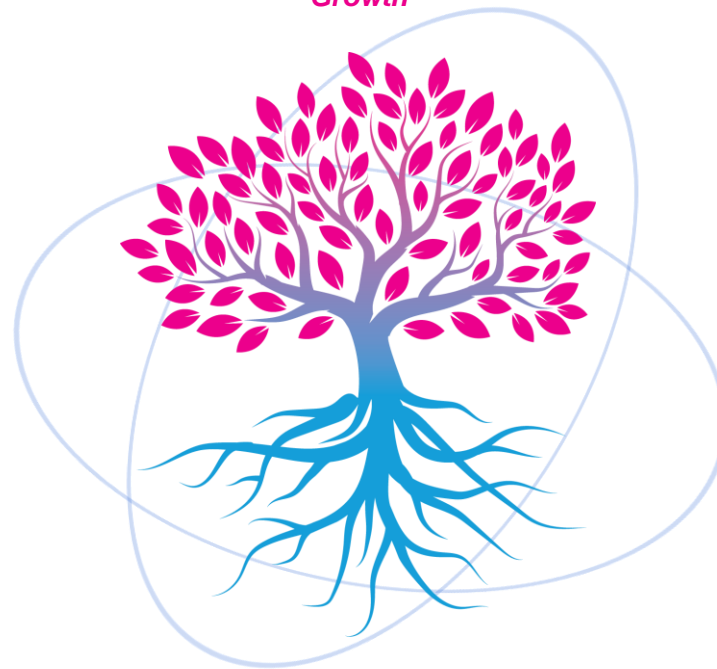
**Collaborative WGs**

**People, Values, Attitude**  
Inclusive, Well-Being culture

**Diversity as a Strength**  
Institutions, across Europe

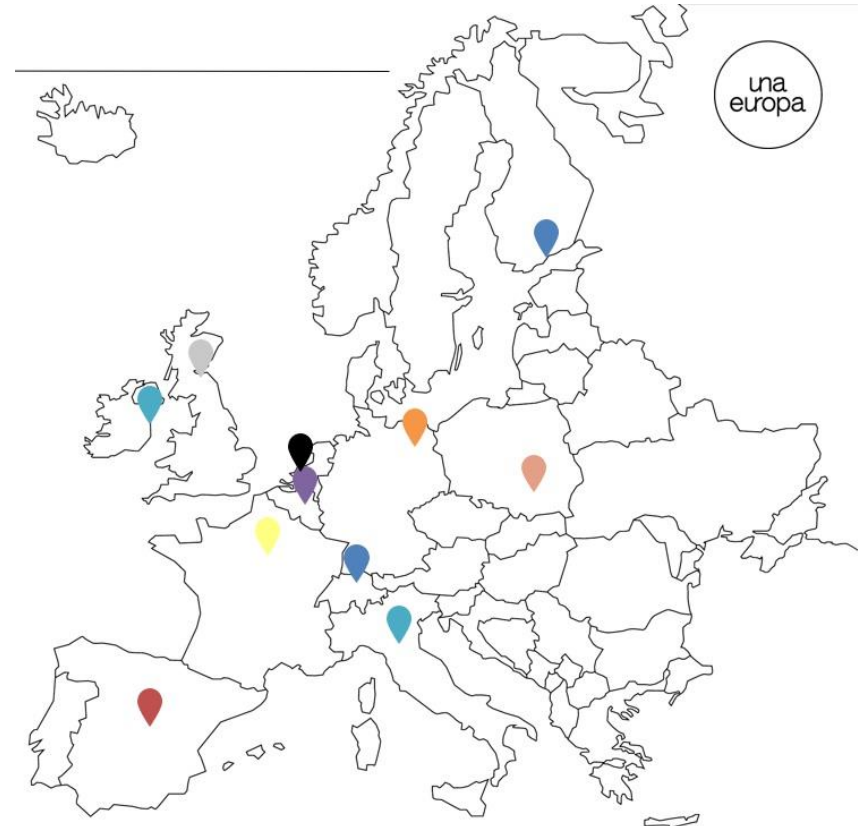
**Student-focused**

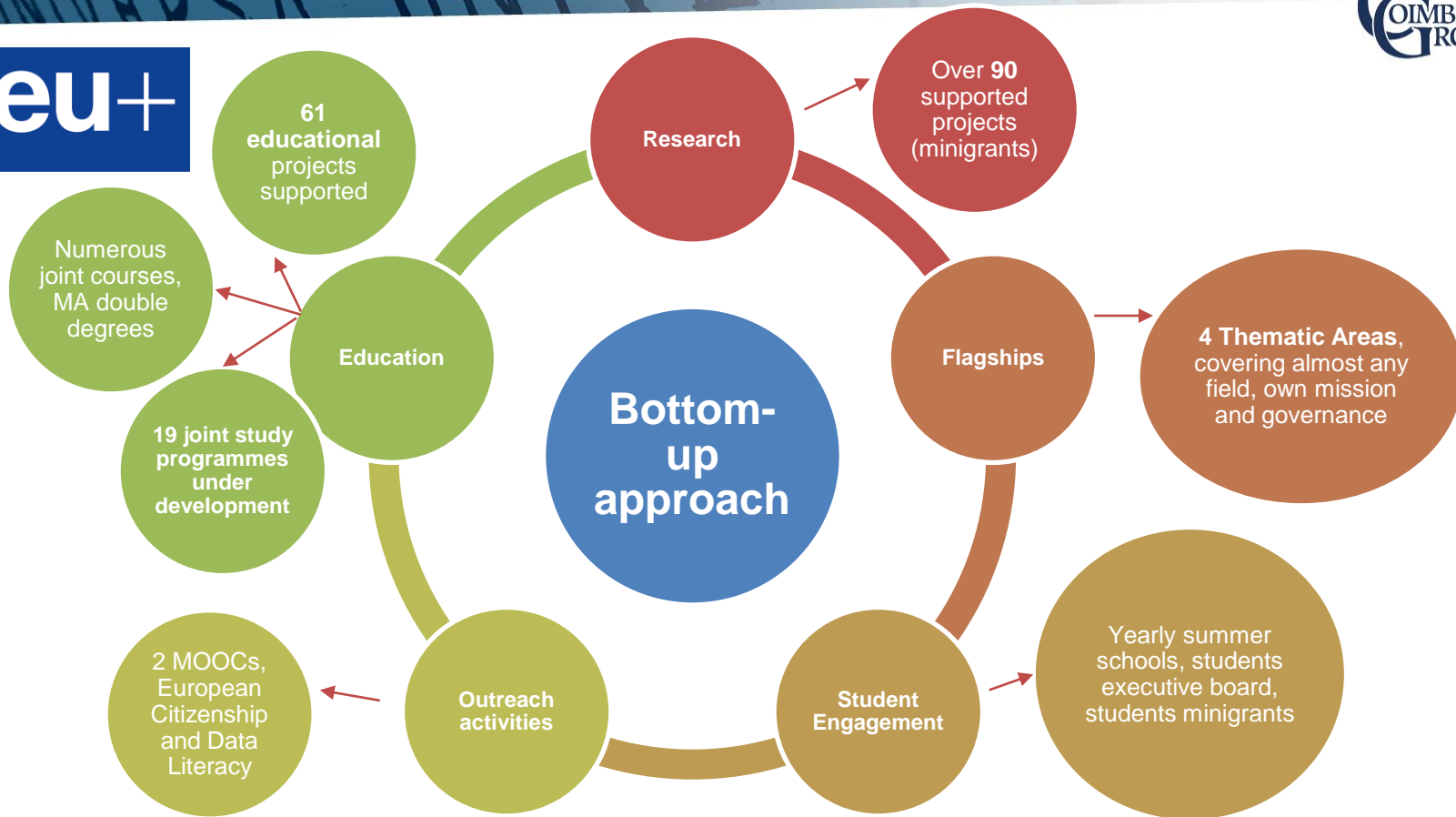
**Transformative**  
for our Institutions, Dissemination



## Values and Outreach

- The Una Europa Manifesto
- Una Europa 2030 strategy with a focus on diversity and human dignity, academic freedom and individual well-being
- Being value driven is a commitment
  - ✓ Una.Together competition (and previous student hacatons Una.Futura & Una.Ten)
  - ✓ Una Europa Joint Bachelors: European Studies; Sustainability
- Future UniLab
- Joint initiatives:
  - ✓ Una Europa life-long learning certificates
  - ✓ Una Europa MOOC AI in Society
- Una Europa External Advisory Board
- Una Europa for Ukraine
- More initiatives to invest in increasing the public understanding of science and the importance of cross-border collaboration to tackle today's challenges





## Q&A session



