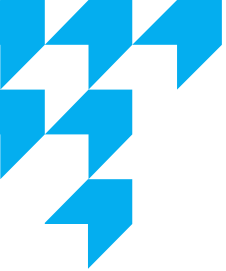**EUROPEAN UNIVERSITIES**

The 2022 Erasmus+ European Universities call for proposals

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Call 2022 ⟶ deliver on Council Conclusions on the European Universities initiative 17 May 2021

→ **Confirmation of the European Universities' concept**

→ **Role models** for **European higher education transformation**

→ **Balance** between **inclusion and excellence**

→ **Synergies** education and R&I at the service of society

→ **Geographical balance**

→ **Diversity** of higher education institutions

→ Subsidiarity, **institutional autonomy, academic freedom**

→ **Sustainable funding** for the European Universities

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Main policy objectives
maintained high ambition

➢ Promote **European values** and strengthen **European identity**

➢ Improve **quality, performance, attractiveness** and **international competitiveness**

➢ **Institutionalised cooperation with systemic, structural and sustainable impact**

➢ **Whole-institution approach**

➢ **Mobilise all missions of higher education institutions**

➢ Deliver on **EEA, ERA and EHEA objectives**
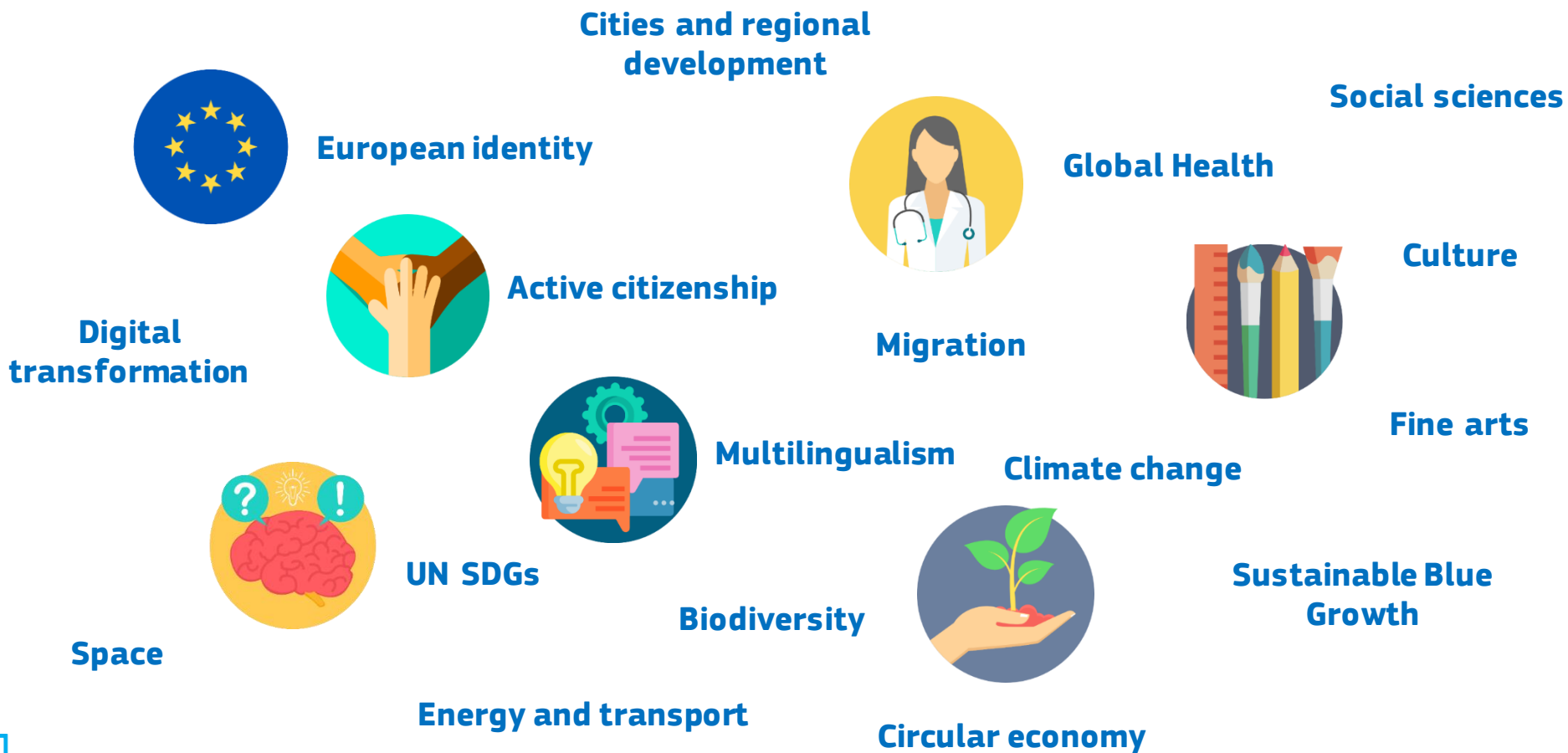
➢ Act as **role models**

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Deep level of inter-university cooperation with a joint long-term strategy

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Structural, Systemic and Sustainable impact

Challenge-based approach: Transdisciplinary long-term visions

Cities and regional development

Social sciences

European identity

Global Health

Culture

Active citizenship

Digital transformation

Migration

Fine arts

Multilingualism

Climate change

UN SDGs

Biodiversity

Sustainable Blue Growth

Space

Energy and transport

Circular economy

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European inter-university Campuses

Bachelor/Master/Doctoral levels

Flexible and personalised European curriculum	Innovative pedagogies and challenged-based transdisciplinary approach	Embedded and seamless student and staff mobility

Forward looking skills

Policy context : Bridge funding under Erasmus+
2022-2023-2024 calls for proposals

Long-term approach = 4+2 years bridge funding

Same concept: bottom-up approach, allowing for different models

Selection through a **competitive** procedure, based on **qualitative** criteria: transformational potential, potential qualitative impact on its ecosystems
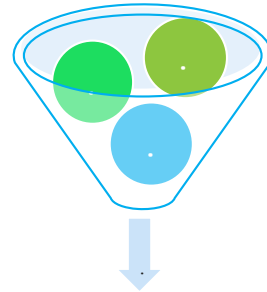
Evaluation by independent experts

Opening up geographical scope of associated partners to all Bologna countries

Promoting inclusion of more HEIs: **possibilities for new alliances** + **join existing ones**

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Outcome of the co-creation process

*Extensive targeted consultations with Member States and stakeholders:
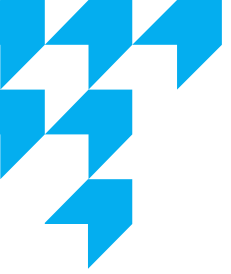co-creation process on the further roll out of the European Universities initiative*

2022 European Universities open competitive Call based on quality criteria

Topic 1: Intensification of prior deep institutional transnational cooperation

- **Existing deep institutional transnantional cooperation** …
- … of at least **between 2 and 3 years**
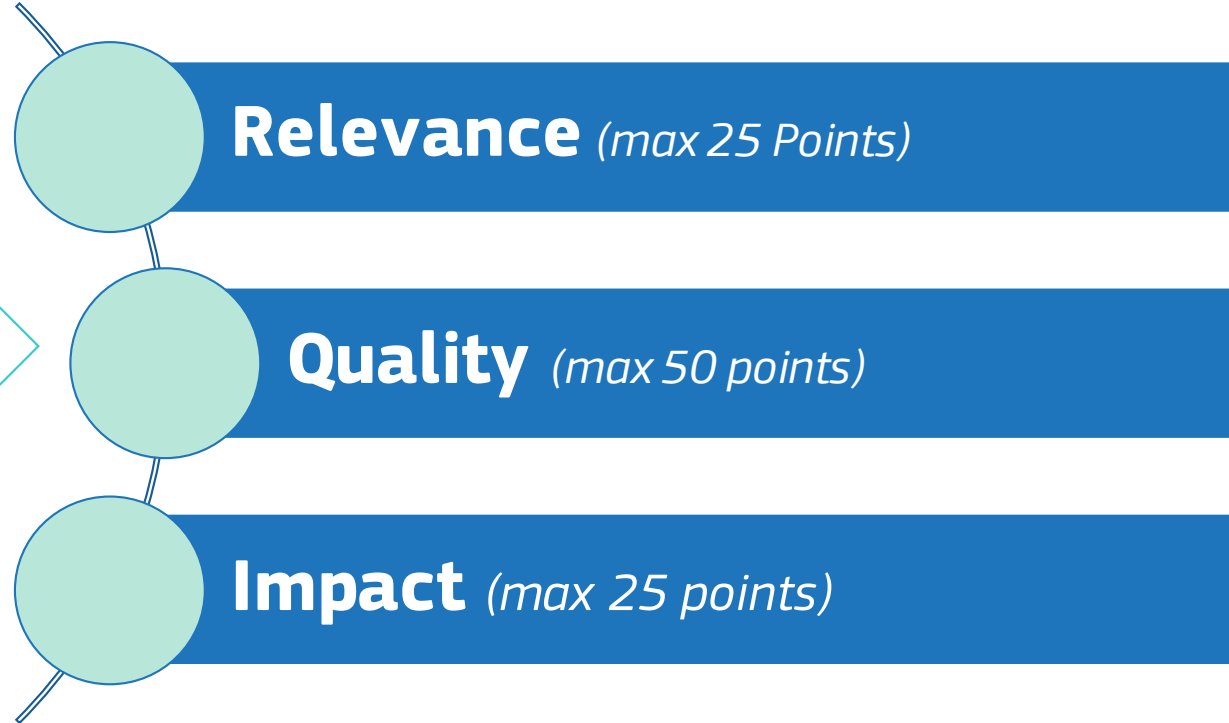- building on existing cooperation as **stepping stone for enhanced ambition**

Topic 2: Development of new deep institutional transnational cooperation

- **For new alliances**
- **bottom-up**
- **diverse cooperation models**

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Award criteria

valid for Topics 1&2

Relevance *(max 25 Points)*

Quality *(max 50 points)*

Impact *(max 25 points)*

Relevance

25 Points

Level of ambition and innovative approach

High ambition
[progress towards and update of] the long-term vision
[updated] mission statement

European added value

contribution to EEA, in synergy with EHEA and ERA
transnational dimension
regional development
benefitting other institutions, by driving inclusion & excellence

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Horizon

Quality

25 Points

Project design and implementation

Deliver on long-term strategy with concrete activities

Quality & feasibility of the work plan

Monitoring progress

Partnership and cooperation arrangements

-> Cooperation arrangements: *effectiveness, complementarity, lifting barriers*

-> Geographical balance: *inclusivity, strategic choice, value for long-term vision*

25 Points

Structural, Systemic and Sustainable Impact

25 Points

- **Lead the way towards**
  - our European way of life and achieving the EEA, EHEA and ERA
  - a united, innovative, digital, connected, green and open to the world Europe
  - competitive and attractive higher education institutions
  - Institutionalised cooperation, across all missions
  - positively impact local communities and ecosystems
- **Lead by example / role model**
- **Sustainability**
- **Share knowledge and spread best practice**
- **Open Education and Open Science and Citizen Science resources**

The 2022 Call for Proposals at a glance

Scope: Supporting higher education institutions in gradually achieving their long-term ambitious vision towards becoming a fully-fledged European University.

- **2 Topics** covered by the Call:

  o Support for already existing deep institutional transnational cooperation alliances

  o Support for applicants wishing to establish new deep institutional transnational cooperation

- **Duration of grants :** 48 months

- **Total budget:** EUR 272 million

- **Type of grant:** Lump Sum Type II (payment of fixed amounts linked to the delivery of the work packages)

Topics included in the Call

Topic 1 – Intensification of prior deep institutional transnational cooperation

Support for **already existing deep institutional transnational cooperation alliances** including – but not limited to – the European Universities alliances selected under the 2019 Erasmus+ call for proposals – Tentative budget **225.6 MEUR**

Topic 2 – Development of new deep institutional transnational cooperation

Support for applicants **wishing to establish new deep institutional transnational cooperation** in a new 'European Universities' alliance – Tentative budget **46.4 MEUR**

Who can apply?

❖ **Higher Education Institutions** holding a valid Erasmus Charter for Higher Education (ECHE) and entities affiliated to them, including:

– HEIs already involved in deep institutional transnational cooperation, such as those being part of European Universities selected under the 2019 Erasmus+ call. They can be joined on a voluntary basis by other HEIs and entities affiliated to them.

– HEIs wishing to establish new deep institutional transnational cooperation in a new alliance.

❖ **Any other organisation consisting of the above referred HEIs** – specifically set up with the purpose of implementing deep institutional transnational cooperation, including joint educational activities.

They have to be established in one of the **eligible countries**, i.e.:

– **EU Member States** (including overseas countries and territories (OCTs)).

– **Third countries associated to Erasmus+** and countries which are in **ongoing negotiations** for an association agreement to Erasmus+ and where that agreement enters into force before the grant signature.

Associated partners

They **do not receive EU funding** under this grant, but their involvement and role in different activities have to be in the proposal. The associated partners can be:

– Any **higher education institution** established in an EU Member State or a third country associated to the programme holding a valid ECHE

– Any **public/private organisation** from an EU Member State or third country associated to the programme active in the field of education and training, research and innovation or in the world of work

– Any **higher education institution** established in a third country not associated to the programme that is part of the **European Higher Education Area** (Bologna Process)
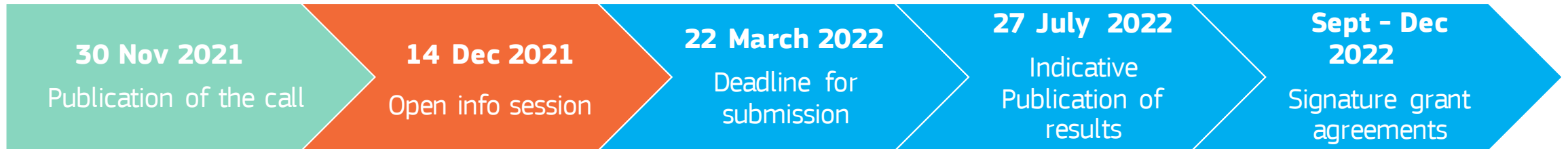
Alliance composition

Proposals must be submitted by a consortium of at least 3 applicants (beneficiaries; not affiliated entities), which complies with the following conditions:

❖ minimum 3 eligible higher education institutions from 3 different eligible countries

❖ a HEI may only participate as full partner in one single European Universities application; they may participate in other applications only as associated partners.

Maximum EU grant

Total number of HEIs which are full partners at the end of the EU grant	Max EU Grant
A– (except for the cases in box B)	
9 or more	14.40 MEUR
8	8.64 MEUR
7	7.56 MEUR
6	6.48 MEUR
5	5.40 MEUR
4	4.32 MEUR
3	3.24 MEUR
B- For topic 1 with expansion strategy	
6 or less expanding to 8	12.80 MEUR
5 or less expanding to 7	11.20 MEUR
4 or less expanding to 6	9.60 MEUR
3 expanding to 5	8.00 MEUR

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Call 2022 planning

30 Nov 2021	14 Dec 2021	22 March 2022	27 July 2022	Sept – Dec 2022
Publication of the call	Open info session	Deadline for submission	Indicative Publication of results	Signature grant agreements

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Useful links and contacts

FURTHER GUIDANCE

- **Erasmus+ 2022 European Universities call text –** [Search Funding & Tenders (europa.eu)](#)

- **F&TP Online Manual** – [https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/funding-tenders-opportunities/display/OM/Online+Manual](#)

- **IT How To** – [https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/funding-tenders-opportunities/display/IT/IT+How+To](#)

- **Video tutorials: How to get a grant** – [https://www.eacea.ec.europa.eu/grants/how-get-grant_en](#)

- **Webinar: F&TP for beginners** – [https://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/docs/h2020-funding-guide/other/event210527.htm](#)

- **Call info day webpage** – [https://www.eacea.ec.europa.eu/news-events/events/european-universities-information-session-2022-call-proposals_en](#)

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