



European Higher Education and Inclusion

Final event, S.U.C.RE. Project

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Outline

1. EU policy on inclusion in education
2. Strategic Partnerships in higher education & inclusion
3. European Education Area - European Universities
4. Erasmus programme proposal 2021-2027 & inclusion

Education at heart of EU's agenda

- From Rome to Gothenburg
- 'Education and culture are the drivers for job creation, economic growth, social fairness and ultimately unity.'

President Juncker, Gothenburg Social Summit,
November 2017



Important educational challenges

- Basic skills problem: more than **20% of EU pupils underperform in** reading, maths and science – EU trend worsened
- Inequality: **educational poverty** is passed on **from one generation to the next**
- **Democratic participation**: only 28% of the 18-24 years old voted during 2014 EP elections ...
- More broadly: **quick societal change – great impact on world of learning**

Specifically in higher education ...

- Europe 2020 tertiary attainment target of 40%:
39.1% in 2016 - but big differences:
 - Female 44%; male 34%
 - Born in EU 40%; born outside EU 35%
- Intergenerational effect:
 - Young person with at least one HE educated parent 4.5 times more likely to participate in higher education than a young person whose parents have below upper secondary degree
- Higher education mobility very beneficial:
 - but only 10% HE students take part (5% Erasmus+; 5% other mobility)

Towards a European Education Area by 2025



Making mobility
a reality for all

3 Key Initiatives



Mutual recognition of diplomas



European universities



European student card

Higher education needs to:



match with the
requirements of the
labour market



prepare engaged citizens,
for a more inclusive,
tolerant and fair society



Renewed EU agenda for higher education, May 2017



1. Excellence in skills development



2. Inclusive, connected systems



3. Higher education & innovation



4. Effective, efficient HE systems

Focus on social inclusion

'Higher education must play its part in facing up to Europe's social and democratic challenges. This means ensuring that higher education is inclusive, open to talent from all backgrounds and that higher education institutions are not ivory towers but civic-minded learning communities connected to their communities.'

Renewed EU Agenda for Higher Education

Paris Declaration, 17 March 2015

Four pillars:

- Ensuring that children and young people acquire social, civic and intercultural competences;
- Enhancing critical thinking and media literacy;
- Fostering the education of disadvantaged children;
- Promoting intercultural dialogue through all forms of learning in cooperation with other relevant policies and stakeholders.

Inclusive, connected systems

MAIN ACTIONS

Equity & study success

- **Institutional strategies**
- **Recognition for refugees**

Flexible & adult learning

- **Testing modular course design**

Links to civil society, civic competences

- **ECTS points for volunteering**

How does the EU support these priorities?

Mutual learning

Building the evidence base

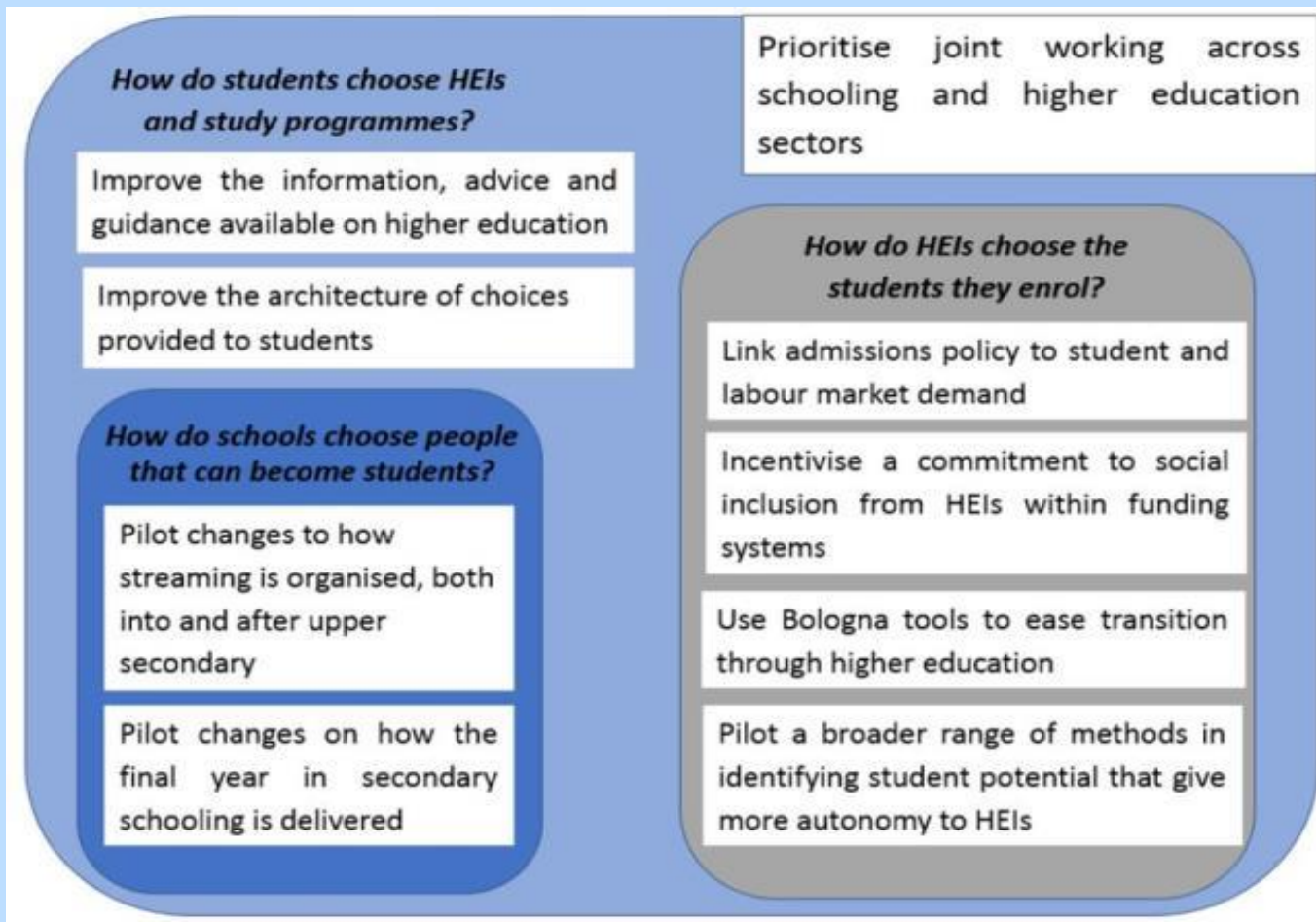
Erasmus+ support

Mutual learning

- ET 2020 Working Groups bringing together experts from Member States, social partners, European stakeholder groups
 - Higher Education
 - Citizenship and common values of freedom, tolerance and non-discrimination
- Peer Learning Activities
 - Anti-radicalisation (Brussels, 2016); Teaching Generations Y and Z (Paris, 2017); recognition (Copenhagen, June 2018)
- Peer Counselling

Building the evidence base

e.g. study on impact of admission systems on higher education outcomes, 2017



Erasmus+ projects

encouraging a bottom-up approach

- KA2: Strategic Partnerships - Encouraging higher education institutions to work together and find ways to effectively tackle the social dimension of HE
- KA3: Dissemination and upscaling of good practices

Erasmus+ HE Strategic Partnerships

**Main results:
Mid-term evaluation**

**Improve innovation
within the programme,
especially in the
context of strategic
partnerships**

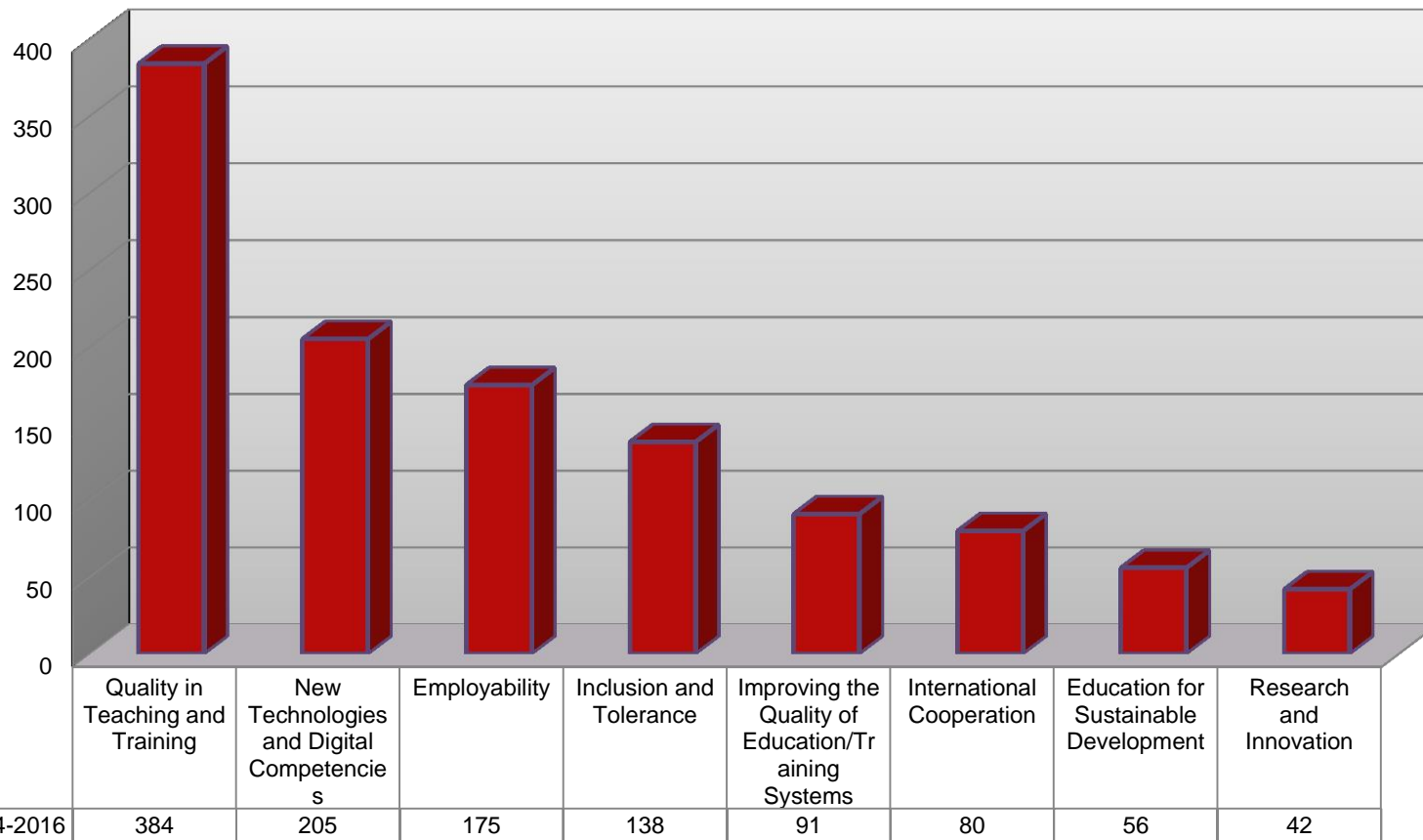
**Improve
sustainability of
the outputs and
their scale-up**

**Differentiate
between
cooperation
projects and
innovation projects**

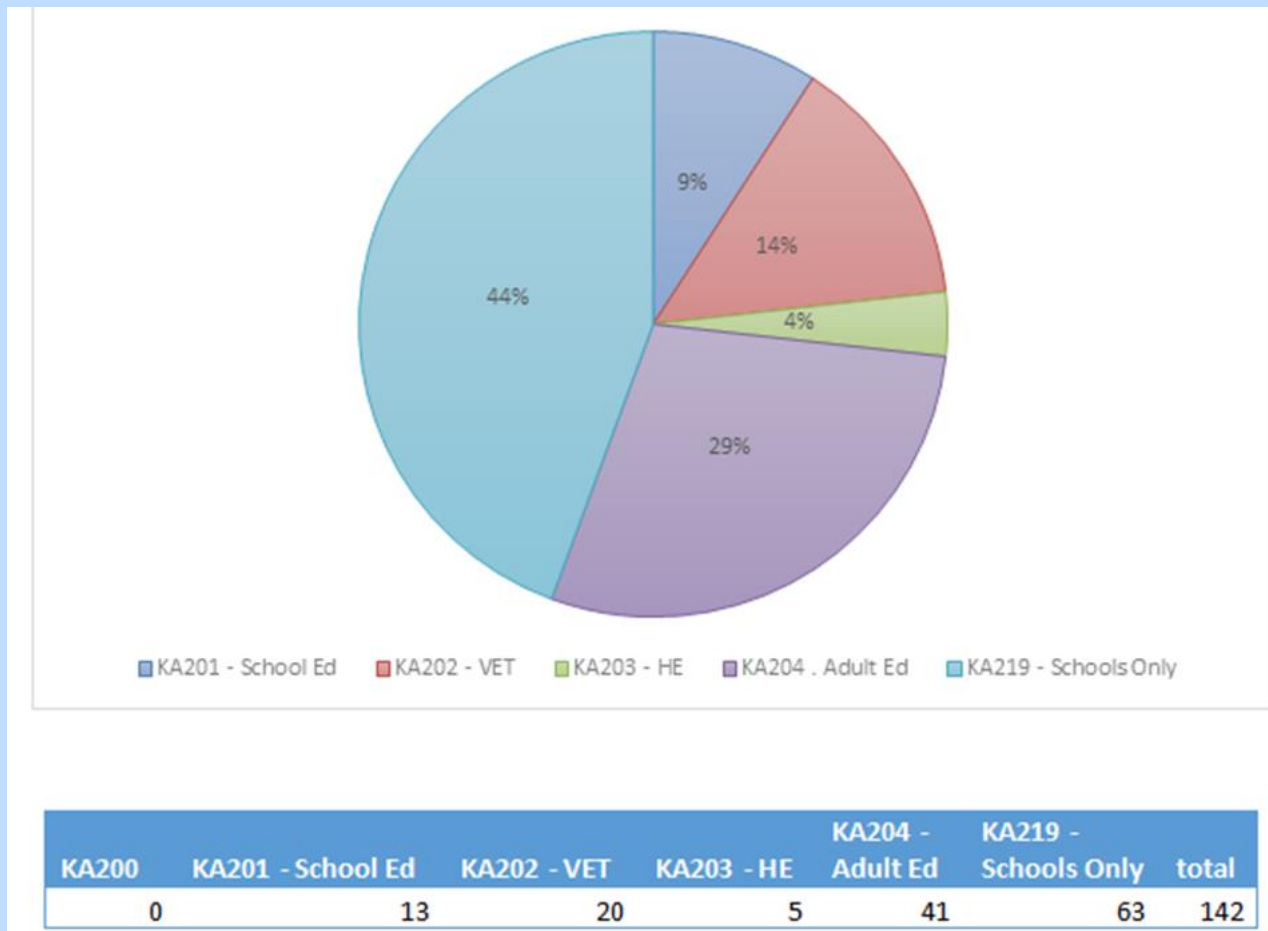
**Specific evaluation study on HE Strategic Partnerships and
Knowledge Alliances soon finished**

Erasmus+ HE Strategic Partnerships

CLUSTERS OF TOPICS 2014-2016



Migrants' issues in Strategic Partnerships 2017



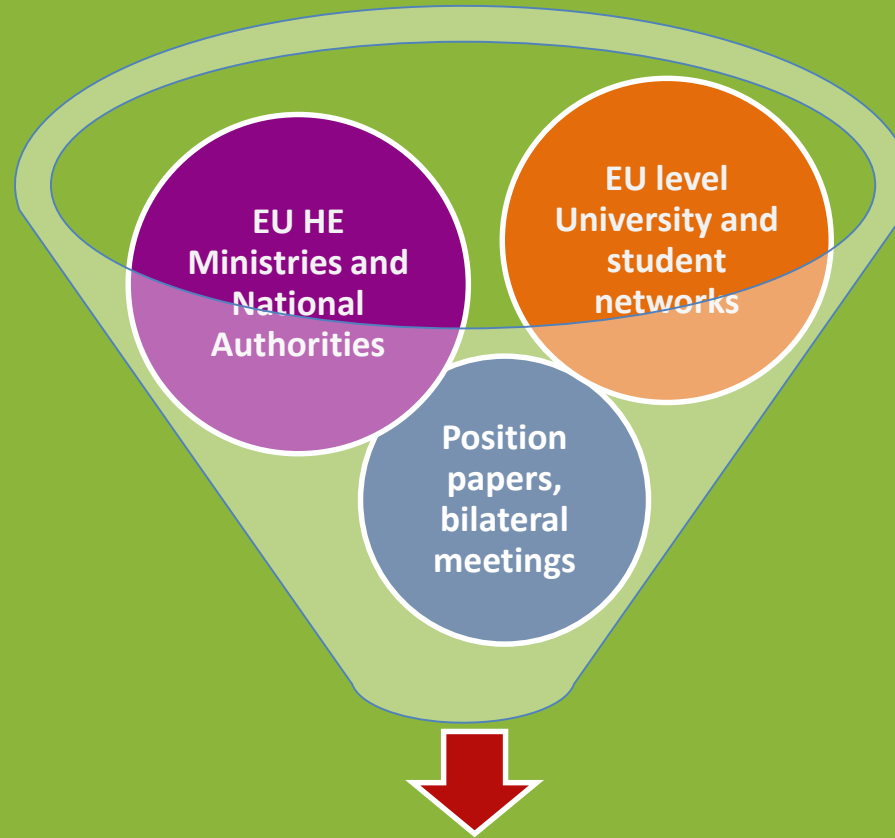
European Universities

One of the flag-ship initiatives of the
European Education Area

fostering the emergence at least 20
"European Universities" by 2024 – as
requested by the European Council in
December 2017

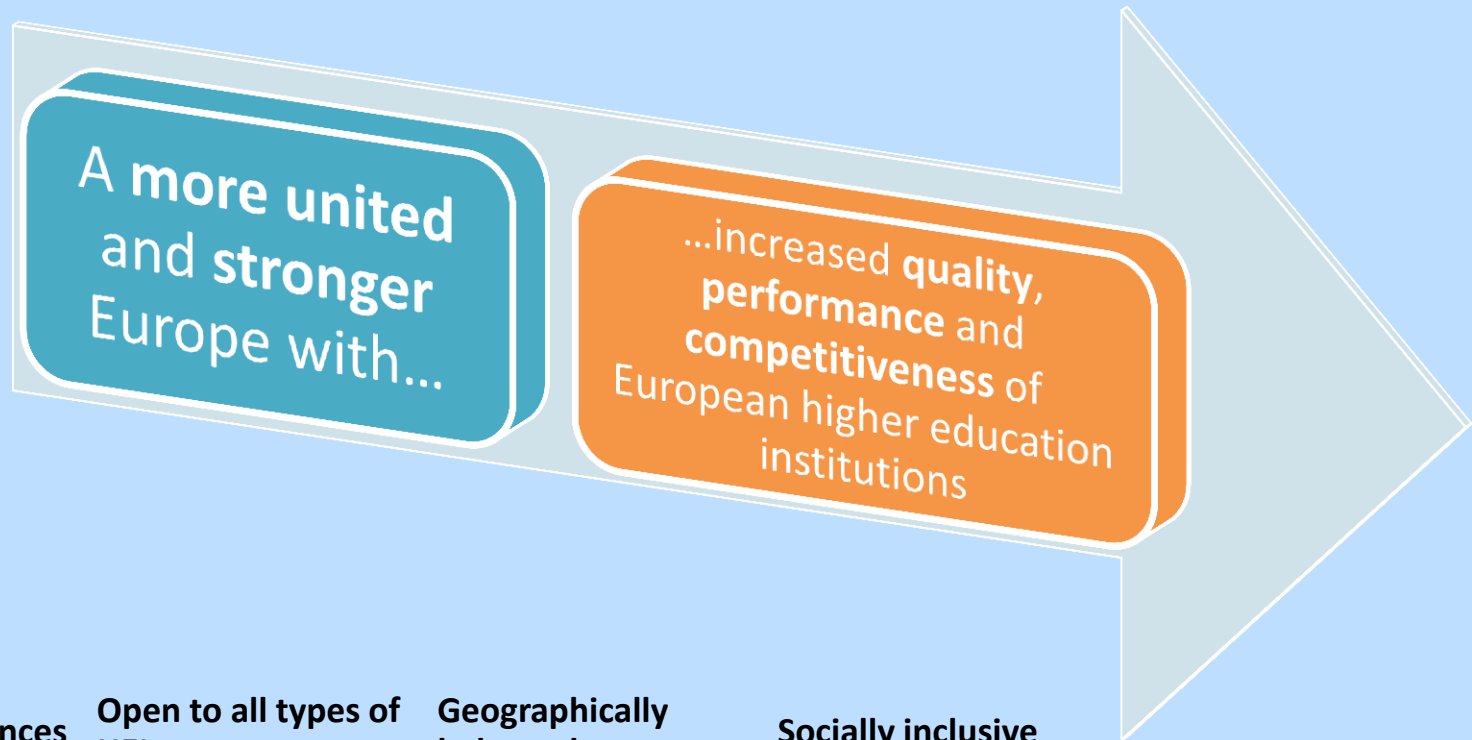


Co-development



European Universities concept

An education-driven initiative towards...



Bottom-up alliances

Open to all types of HEIs

Geographically balanced

Socially inclusive

How 'European Universities' will look like in 2025-30?

**Shared & long-term
strategy on
education, research
innovation**

**Transnational
knowledge-creating
teams** students/teachers/
researchers/society

Multidisciplinary approach

**European
inter-university
'Campus'**

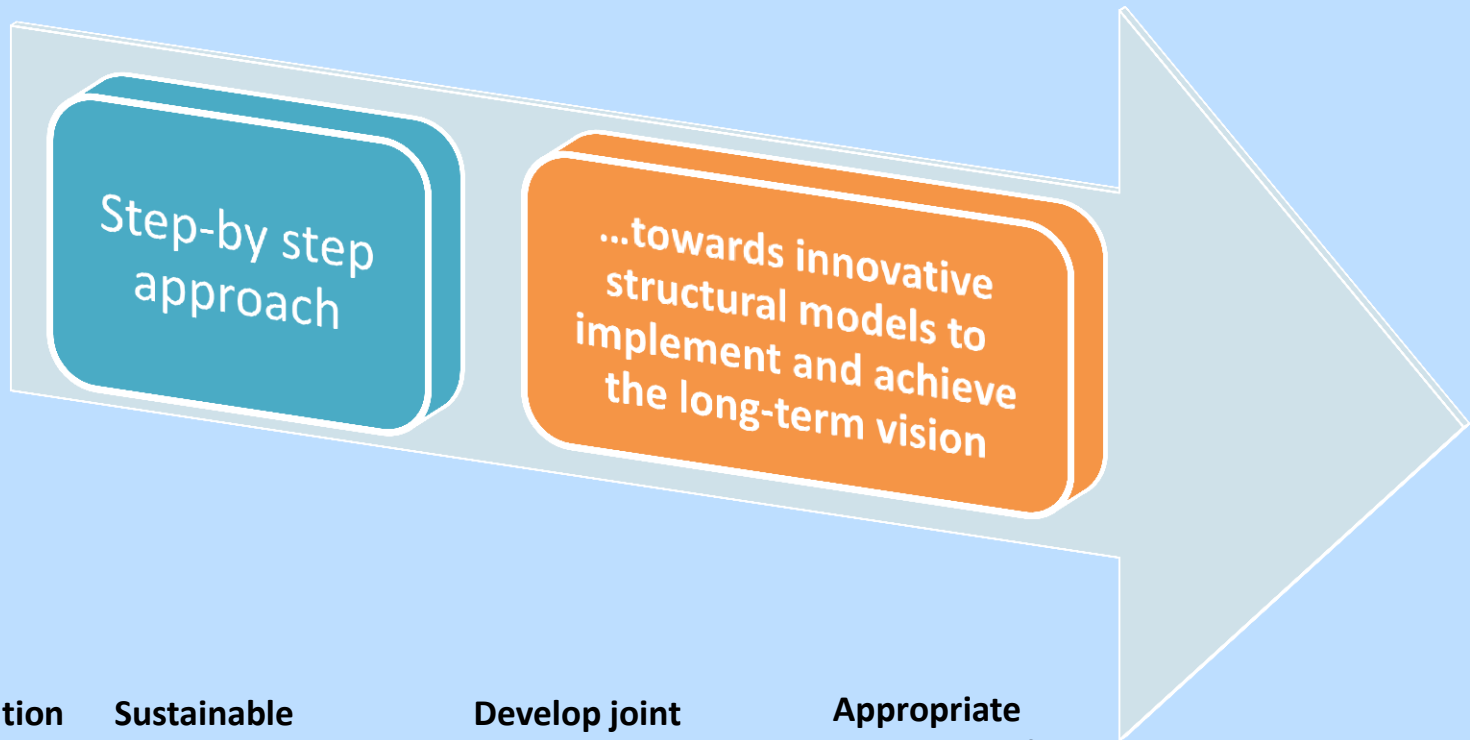
Bachelor/Master/PhD

Innovative pedagogies

How 'European Universities' will look like in 2025-2030?



How to achieve the 2025-2030 vision?



Increase integration at all levels



Sustainable cooperation



Develop joint activities



Appropriate management structures



2 calls launched under 2019 and 2020 Erasmus+ Key Action 2 as centralised actions

Funding duration of 3 years

Possibility to reapply under the next MFF after a positive evaluation

Erasmus 2021-2027

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After 2020 Erasmus will not only be bigger, but also better than ever: more inclusive, more accessible and more international.

Tibor Navracsics

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Erasmus 2021-2027

Enriching lives, opening minds

through EU-funded learning opportunities abroad, partnerships, support to reform

2014 - 2020

14.7 billion EUR

Opportunities abroad for over
4 million people

2021 - 2027

30 billion EUR

Opportunities abroad for over
12 million people



Novelties for Higher Education

Key Action 1

- Improved access and inclusiveness
- More flexible mobility formats
- Simplification and digitalisation
- Targeted mobility in forward looking skills
- International dimension
- Active participation

Novelties for Higher Education

Key Action 2

Partnerships for Cooperation

- Cooperation Projects



Partnerships for Innovation

- Forward looking projects
 - Alliances



Partnerships for Excellence

- European Universities
- Erasmus Mundus





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