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WEBINAR 11.6.2020 /FINLAND SYNERGIES BETWEEN EU – PROGRAMS: ERASMUS+ AND HORIZON EUROPE – WEBINAR

UNITE! European University Alliance

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Implementation of UNITE!

Governance

Framework to involve all levels of the UNITE! members

Mobility4All	Virtual Campus	Teaching and Learning Academy	European Doctoral School	Regional Involvement and Innovation
Physical and virtual mobility on all levels	Online curricula	Joint development of teaching	Piloting a joint doctoral school	Strengthening knowledge transfer and innovation
Interdisciplinary study projects, summer schools, joint programmes, staff weeks	Joint virtual courses, virtual classrooms, digital mobility platform	challenge based learning; pedagogical training	Pipeline concept, motivational summer schools, common PhD framework	Joint activities in entrepreneurship, lifelong learning, open innovation, and sustainability and ethics
Support Services Linking services for mobility, students engagement, language and career development				



UNITE! Kick Off at TU Darmstadt, 4-6 Nov 2019



Nov/2019



1st UNITE! Dialogue 11-14 Feb 2020



Venue: Aalto University

- 160 participants from 7 partner universities
 - Staff, faculty, administrators, service personnel, pedagogical experts, IT services, Leadership support, students
- 22 Meetings over 4 days, 9 Task Forces, Management team, Governing Board
- 20 Presidents/rectors and Vice presidents/vice rectors

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STAGE



- All 10 Task Forces have been actively working all spring 2020
- Summer student projects started (themes: European Student Card, Virtual Credit Mobility –students views – joint programs etc.)
- UNITE! Webinars on online learning and teaching and online exams (more than 95 participants from all partners)
- Boot Camp (TF 4 Virtual Campus and TF 5 Teaching and Learning Academy)
 - Online Tools and survey to all UNITE! Students
 - Mini-pilot on Virtual Credit Mobility (Energy)
 - Good Practices in teaching and learning, pedagogical training and support for teachers – consolidation and development together
 - Flexible Study paths and Launching Joint programs



Special targeted call for (2019) European University Alliances (17 ongoing) – 2 M total budget

Deadline 18.6.2020

Proposal (H2020) built to integrate research that supports the actions of UNITE!

- Sharing Research Infrastructures
- Technology Transfer
- Gender balance, inclusiveness
- Open Science (this WP lead by Aalto and is connected to Aalto Open Science Policy)
- Societal involvement of citizens and society
- Networking with other Alliances
- Innovation

UNITE! H2020 SwafS and UNITE! – some personal views



1) Launching calls such as the targeted H2020 for the Alliances

Minuses

- The 2020 call came too suddenly with a very short deadline more information should be provided earlier about the content and timeline
- The level of research emphasis is unclear one can not generate a research agenda in 4 weeks
- Is it fair towards non-European Alliances ?

Plusses

- Great to get more funding (very low hanging fruit)
- Great to be able to deepen some areas of the original proposal

2) Synergies with Erasmus plus (UNITE!) original application

- Difficult to understand if the H2020 should promote research in education development, or research in other scientific fields if so not much in-depth research can be done within 2 M
- Budgeting is a headache ! Always different formats, and different ways of calculating why does the Commission not spell this out clearly ??
- When every partner has to be involved in every Work Package, the amount of person months is
 ridiculously low for each partner and does not really promote true commitment to the work –
 we tend to end up with "negative budgets"

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University Network for Innovation, Technology and Engineering