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EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY ALLIANCES

Across is a European university alliance. Although the term "university alliance" is becoming increasingly common, its meaning can still be somewhat unclear.

What is a university alliance?

It all began with the **European Universities Initiative**, an ambitious project of the European Union. Its goal is to create alliances between universities from different European countries for the benefit of students, staff, and society. This initiative is funded primarily by the Erasmus+ programme.

By developing sustainable and strategic cooperation between higher education institutions, the initiative aims to:

- strengthen the international competitiveness of European universities,
- promote European values and identity.

Thanks to these alliances, students can pursue a degree by combining studies across multiple European countries in an integrated and recognised manner.



Higher education institutions that are part of the same alliance together form a European University.

Alliances can bring together all types of universities and schools from across Europe:

- research universities,
- universities or university colleges,
- universities of applied sciences,
- technical universities,
- universities or arts academies.

Partner universities also collaborate with actors outside the academic world to address concrete societal challenges.

These partners may include:

- companies, including small and medium-sized enterprises and start-ups,
- local, regional, and national communities,
- civil society organisations.

Key numbers for year 2025:



73 European Alliances



≈ 650 higher education institutions



All types of universities in 35 European countries



Goal: to create an integrated European university space that will facilitate mobility, cooperation and international research

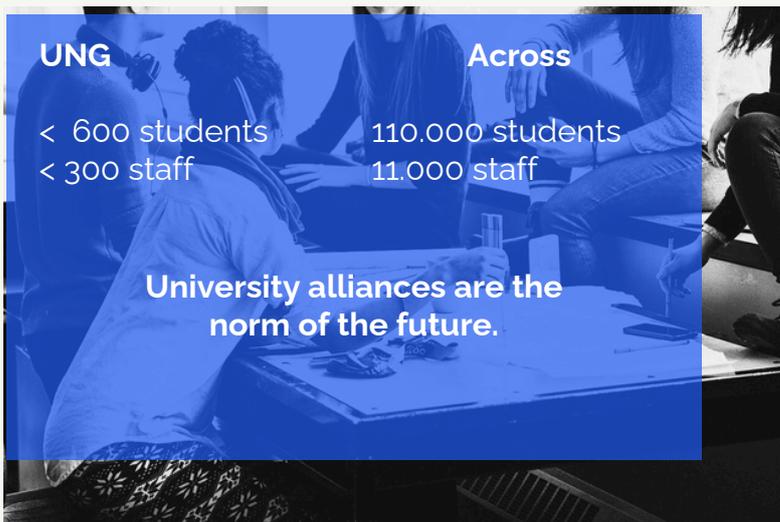
WHAT IS ACROSS?

And what are the distinctive features of the Across Alliance? The full name of the Across Alliance is:

The European University for Cross-Border Knowledge Sharing.

Across brings together universities located in border regions. The alliance's goal is expertise in and promotion of cross-border cooperation in the fields of higher education, research, innovation, and territorial engagement.

The University of Nova Gorica (UNG) is a member of the Across Alliance alongside eight other European universities: UNG participates in the establishment and development of the alliance, while at the same time benefiting from its innovative ecosystem. This is a 4-year project that began in January 2025, when the alliance was founded.



Ambitious goals

As a UNG student, you have the opportunity to participate in a European university alliance, an international initiative that offers you even more choice and opportunity:

- complete a mobility at one of the Across universities (summer schools, conferences, courses, or training programmes ranging from a few days to three months...) through simplified procedures,
- enrich your career path by participating in alliance activities (Across UNG office),
- follow online training courses from all partner universities through the e-Campus online platform and benefit from more than 1,000 micro-credentials to be developed by the alliance at all levels (undergraduate, master's, doctoral studies, lifelong learning),
- take advantage of support for entering the job market through the development of professional competencies and access to internships abroad.

Goals at multiple levels:

- to join the forces of European universities in creating a borderless space for education and research,
- to train leaders capable of operating in cross-border regions by connecting science, society, and the economy,
- to share knowledge through Open Science and develop sustainable and inclusive solutions to local challenges,
- to build an integrated European campus that promotes mobility, cooperation, and a shared European identity.

Priority research areas

The scientific activities of Across are focused on **four major European challenges** in which Across partners excel in the fields of education, research, and innovation, and which are closely linked to the **Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the United Nations:**

- **education in cross-border contexts,**
- **culture, language, identity, and heritage,**
- **economic, legal-regulatory, public policy, and social development,**
- **management of natural resources in light of global challenges.**

INFORMATION ON MOBILITY OPPORTUNITIES WITHIN ACROSS

Types of mobility available within the Across Alliance:

- summer schools,
- conferences,
- courses,
- training programmes ranging from a few days to three months.

Advantage of Across Alliance mobility when applying for an Erasmus+ call: students who choose to complete a mobility at one of the Across Alliance partner universities will be awarded **two additional points**.

All information about mobility opportunities within the Across Alliance is regularly published at the links below, so make sure to keep a close eye on them.

UNG website:



Across website:



ACROSS PARTNER UNIVERSITIES

8 EU member states :

Germany: Chemnitz University of Technology (coordinator of the project)

France: University of Perpignan Via Domitia

Spain: University of Girona

Italy: University of Udine

Slovenia: University of Nova Gorica

Romania: University of Craiova

Bulgaria: University of Ruse "Angel Kanchev"

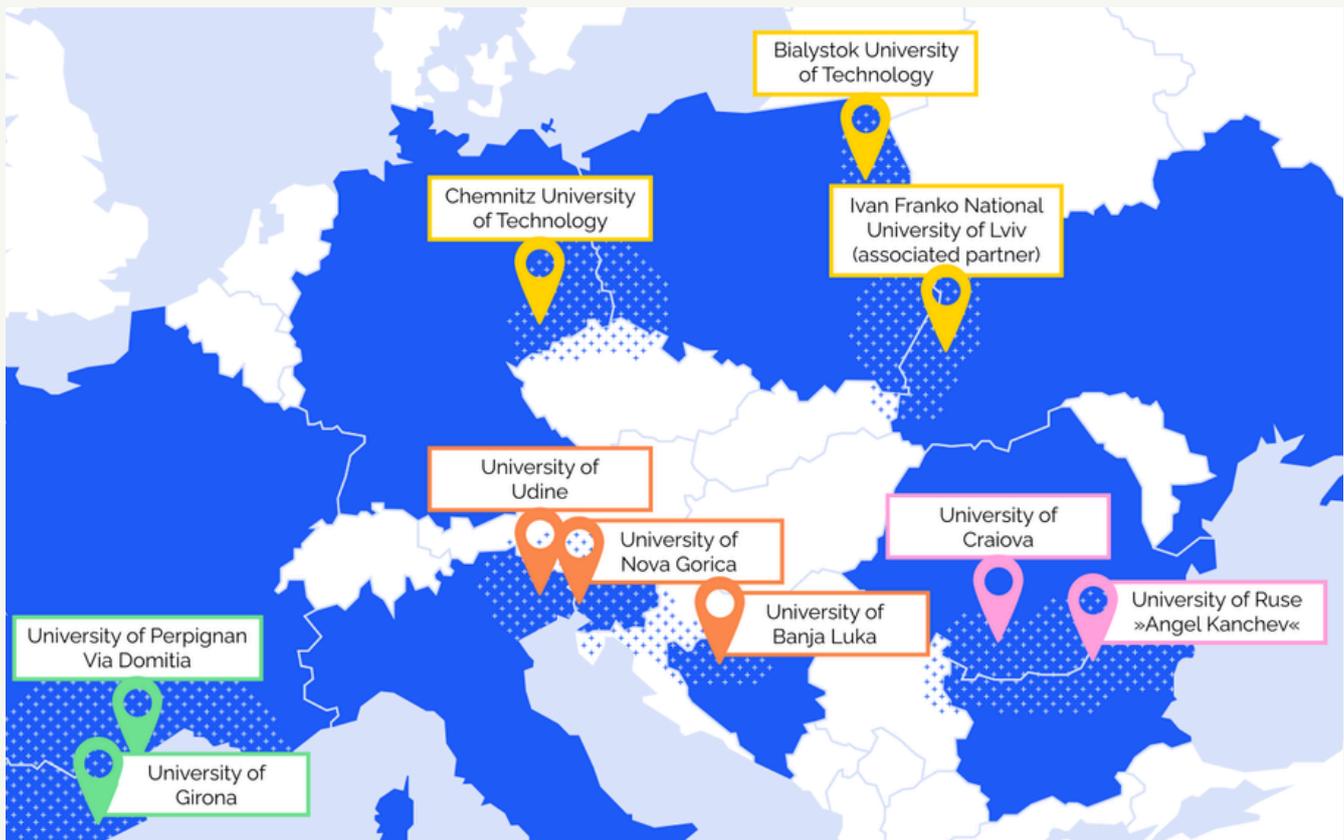
Poland: Bialystok University of Technology

2 EU candidate countries:

Bosnia and Herzegovina:

University of Banja Luka

Ukraine: Ivan Franko National University of Lviv



OVERVIEW OF THE ACROSS PARTNER UNIVERSITIES

Below you will find brief descriptions of the Across Alliance member universities where you can participate in a mobility. These descriptions also include the disciplines taught at each university (see the legend below).

The information provided consists of short summaries only; for additional information or clarification, we invite you to visit the websites of these universities directly.

Disciplines:



Engineering



Economy and management



Natural sciences and mathematics



Humanities and social sciences



Art



Agriculture



Environmental sciences

Chemnitz University of Technology, GERMANY



Chemnitz University of Technology is a cosmopolitan university with strong regional, national and international networks.

It is home to 2,300 employees and more than 8,600 students from 90 countries.



Chemnitz, the European Capital of Culture 2025, is one of the top 10 most liveable cities in Germany and thus one of the leaders in terms of quality of life.

Bialystok University of Technology, POLAND



Bialystok University of Technology, as the largest technical university in north-eastern Poland, blends academic excellence with strong regional and international cooperation. With its 6 faculties, the university educates 6,810 students across 30 undergraduate engineering programmes and 21 master's specialisations.



Bialystok – the capital of the multicultural Podlasie Region. Here you will find the Polish Versailles and baroque gardens and can explore national parks in its close vicinity.

University of Girona, SPAIN



The University of Girona is a public higher education institution that excels in research and is involved in social progress through the creation, transmission and dissemination of science, technology, humanities, social sciences and arts. It is an economic and cultural engine and expresses its desire for solidarity and cooperation.



Girona is a charming Catalan city known for its medieval architecture, vibrant culture, and a picturesque old town.

University of Perpignan via Domitia, FRANCE



The university was established in 1350. From its beginning, it has been a flagship for knowledge, research, and ideas, both locally and internationally. Its founding principle, which continues to define it today, is a multi-disciplinary approach. As a higher education and research institution, it is a major stakeholder in the development and competitiveness of the local area.



Perpignan is a city in the south of France. It is located near the Mediterranean coast and the border with Spain. It was the capital of the Kingdom of Majorca during the 13th century, and its medieval center shows a significant Catalan influence. Placed in the Occitanie region, the city has a strong cultural identity, full of outstanding natural sites and historical monuments.

University of Ruse "Angel Kanchev", BULGARIA



University of Ruse "Angel Kanchev" was established in 1945. It is an accredited state-funded higher education institution, comprising around 6,000 students, over 300 qualified lecturers and 100 members of the administrative staff. It is among the 10 largest universities in Bulgaria and is the largest Bulgarian multi-disciplinary university on the Danube River. The university offers 50 bachelor, 90 master and 52 PhD programmes in 22 accredited professional fields,



The city of Ruse is recognised as the Bulgarian academic capital on the Danube River. Its cultural and historical heritage dates back to prehistory, and the city is also known for its neo-baroque and neo-rococo architecture.

University of Craiova, ROMANIA



The University of Craiova, established in 1947, is a prominent public institution of higher education in southwestern Romania. The educational offer of the University of Craiova covers a wide range of fields in study programmes at bachelor's, master's or doctoral degree levels.



The city of Craiova is located in the historical region of Oltenia, situated in the southwest of the country, between the Danube and Olt rivers and the Southern Carpathians. Craiova has a vibrant local culture shaped by centuries of Wallachian heritage, and also hosts the largest Christmas market in Europe.

University of Banja Luka, BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA



The University of Banja Luka is one of the leading higher education institutions in the Republic of Srpska and the second largest university in Bosnia and Herzegovina. It was founded in 1975 and today comprises 16 faculties and an Academy of Arts, offering 66 undergraduate, 67 master's, and 14 doctoral programmes.



Banja Luka is a vibrant city known for its natural beauty, local specialities, and rich history. The city is adorned by the medieval Kastel fortress. In 2018, Banja Luka was named a European City of Sport.

University of Nova Gorica, SLOVENIA



The University of Nova Gorica is an international university with a strong emphasis on research, offering high-quality study programmes in natural sciences, engineering, biotechnology, humanities, arts, and management. Its main strengths are an individualised approach towards students, practice-oriented studies, and the numerous opportunities the university provides for students to fully develop their talents.



The university's buildings are spread across three locations near the Slovenian-Italian border. The university's headquarters is located in Nova Gorica, which in 2025 was the first cross-border European Capital of Culture. The other two university campuses are located in Ajdovščina (a town founded by the Romans and a rapidly developing industrial centre) and in Vipava (the main regional wine-growing centre with a rich historical and architectural heritage).

University of Udine, ITALY



The University of Udine was founded at the initiative of local residents in 1978 and in nearly half a century has built a distinguished reputation at the national, European and international levels. Interdisciplinary exchanges and encounters are at the very heart of this university's mission within Friuli-Venezia Giulia, a region that has always been a crossroads of different worlds and cultures.



The city of Udine is located in northeastern Italy, between the Adriatic Sea and the Carnic Alps. The city boasts a rich history dating back to the Neolithic period, and numerous cultural landmarks. Udine holds the largest collection of works by the baroque painter Giambattista Tiepolo.

Ivan Franko National University of Lviv, UKRAINE



Ivan Franko National University is an associate partner of the Across Alliance. It was founded in 1661, making it the oldest university in Ukraine. It is recognised for academic excellence and a rich cultural heritage.

Lviv is a historic Ukrainian city, known for its rich cultural heritage, magnificent architecture, and vibrant academic and artistic life.



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