

# European Universities – EU Flagship Initiative

European Universities are transnational university alliances which aim at building a joint European Education Area. As “Universities of the Future”, they provide excellent education and research, promote sustainability and foster the European identity.

A new generation of Europeans is studying, teaching, and researching in different languages across national and disciplinary boundaries. Together, they are tackling the social challenges of our time and strengthening the European higher education sector.

To date, a total of 44 university alliances have been funded by the EU. As ATHENA alliance we are building a university of the future!

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# What is ATHENA?

The ATHENA European University aims to provide inclusive, innovative, and high-quality education. Its founding members are medium-sized European universities that are working together closely both in research and teaching and are creating a joint educational offer. A particular focus on physical and virtual mobility and a wide range of courses tailored to individual interests allow for flexible study options in a truly European environment.

Targeting global market needs and offering excellent training opportunities permit students and doctoral candidates to enter a career quickly and successfully, which is beneficial to both companies and society. Supported by regional industry partners, new findings and research results are brought back to the society.

## Our Offer

- Studying and doing research in an international environment
- Physical and virtual mobility
- Novel teaching and learning formats
- Innovative and applied research
- Involvement of local industry
- Transfer of knowledge to society
- Lifelong learning



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## For Students

- Studying in an international environment
- Individual and flexible courses
- Mobility among ATHENA partner universities
- Joint events
- Competence clusters
- Development of soft and foreign language skills

## For Researchers and Teachers

- Applied research and teaching in an innovative environment
- Broad opportunities for further training
- International research cooperation
- Exchange and training opportunities for PhD students and lecturers
- Intercultural exchange
- Joint projects with industry partners

## For Technical and Administrative Staff

- Broad opportunities for further training
- Intercultural exchange
- Close cooperation in a European context
- Development of soft and foreign language skills

## For Industry and Society

- Transfer of research results
- Excellently trained graduates
- European perspectives and networking opportunities
- Knowledge exchange between universities, industry and society

**166 000** Students

**15 000** Staff

**51** Associated Partners in Industry, Government and Non-Government institutions, public institutions

**1** Alliance **9** Campuses

## ATHENA Partners

- Hellenic Mediterranean University (*Greece*)
- Maria Curie-Skłodowska University (*Poland*)
- Niccolò Cusano University Rome (*Italy*)
- Polytechnic Institute of Porto (*Portugal*)
- University of Maribor (*Slovenia*)
- University of Orléans (*France*)
- University of Siegen (*Germany*)
- University of Vigo (*Spain*)
- Vilnius Gediminas Technical University (*Lithuania*)

