



## **CHARM EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY (CHARM-EU)**

**(CHallenge-driven, Accessible, Research-based, Mobile)**

### **Joint mission statement 2022**

**(Reviewed version of the one approved in 2019)**

This mission statement entails a full joint strategy outlining the long-term vision to drive systemic, structural and sustainable impact at all levels of the institutions involved in CHARM and across all areas of activity included in the CHARM alliance aligned with the European Strategy for Universities.

Our future depends on society's capacity to deliver just, resilient and inclusive solutions to global challenges and for this we need a transformative European research and educational experience. Based on the remarkable achievements of the European Higher Education Area and embracing the ambitions of the European Education area in synergy with the European Research area, the mission of CHARM-EU is to develop long term institutional, structural and strategic transnational cooperation based on common European values to contribute positively to shaping the role of Europe in the world as it undergoes a deep transformation to 'Reconcile Humanity with the planet'. CHARM-EU believes that its approach to the development of a deeply interconnected University – connected to other universities and non-academic sectors; systematically developing connected principles and action plans for better value co-creation and social engagement can lead the way forward providing a vision for the higher education sector in Europe and beyond

CHARM-EU will offer a transformative, truly research enriched European educational experience to citizens of the world building upon the strengths of this alliance that expresses the best of the different European academic and educational traditions and its relationship with culture and diversity. Ultimately, CHARM-EU will be an ambitious and innovative example of the fundamental common values that are at the core of the university history in the framework of European plurality.

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1) will offer a learning experience that, having mobility and inclusivity at its core, is based on the implementation of a transformative approach to program and curricula design combining the best of the different European traditions in structuring curricula, through knowledge-creating teams, with a flexible, skill-oriented modularisation structure. Leveraging the synergies in the knowledge square and following the strong interdisciplinary research and innovation capacities of the consortium members, CHARM-EU will become a decisive partner in

contributing to solving the policy issues within the context of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) that the EU and its Member States are currently facing.

2) will deliver an innovative, challenge-driven, student-centred, and self-directed teaching model, that integrates research, teaching, innovation and enquiry within and across the disciplines, open to the whole world, which can become a valuable precedent for all Universities in Europe. CHARM-EU envisages a European higher education campus utilising the latest modern technology in the service of accessibility and internationalisation and through implementing a new model of curricula design.

3) will share a common science agenda with a focus on mission based challenges associated with the green and digital transition, linked to the UN SDGs, and will promote a common, core principles framework of delivery through: responsible research and innovation, gendered innovation, equality and inclusion, transdisciplinarity and open science

4) will promote the continued professional development and widening of participation of CHARM-EU member staff (academic, researcher and professionals) in order to support innovative ideation and internal transferability of good practices whilst contributing to individual career development

5) will continue to test new innovative approaches to strengthen the links between research and education across its entire activity set inspiring other Higher Education Institutions and external stakeholders, at regional, national, EU and global level, to experiment with models and concepts created by CHARM EU.

Thus, CHARM-EU 's vision is to become a world example and a game changer of the best of the European research, Innovation and education tradition, offering both a truly open, plural, inclusive, flexible, entrepreneurial student-centred learning experience to citizens from the entire world and supporting a truly collaborative transdisciplinary, mission oriented, research environment. CHARM-EU is ultimately committed to increase the quality of education, research, and international competitiveness of the European Higher Education landscape. CHARM-EU will be put to the service of the European values of freedom, academic autonomy, and human rights.

It is the long term aim that CHARM-EU will continue to support the development of an innovative, globally competitive and attractive European Education Area and European Research Area by reinforcing the institutional cooperation between the CHARM EU alliance partners and by bringing it to a next level to contribute to the challenges faced by Europe and beyond. All CHARM EU institutions are committed to not only achieving the objectives of the CHARM alliance, but also to contributing to the long term mission of the alliance.