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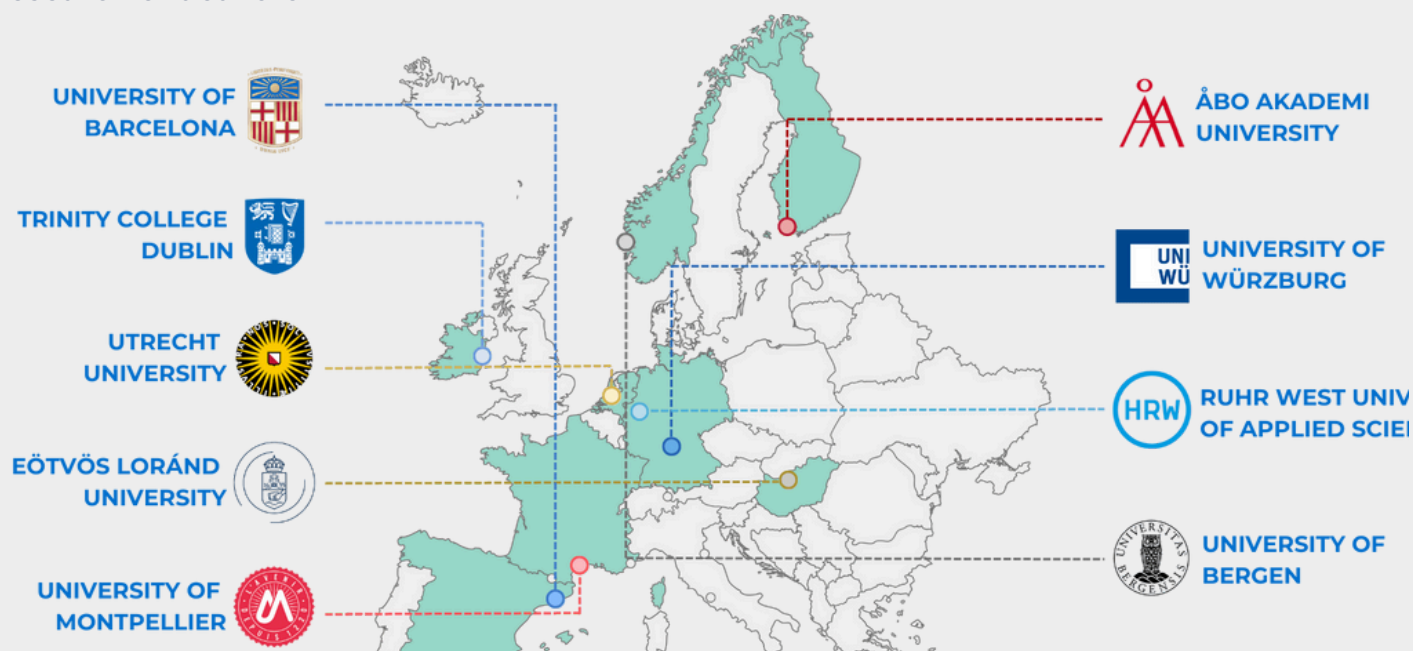
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BACKGROUND

The European Universities Initiative (2017-)

The ‘**European Universities Initiative**’ of the European Commission, funded by the **Erasmus+** program, aims to enhance **strategic partnerships** among universities throughout the Union and elevate the global standing of European higher education. These *European Universities* are **alliances** committed to promoting shared **European values and identity**, and **CHARM-EU** is one such initiative. As they evolve into **interconnected campuses**, facilitating seamless **mobility** for students, faculty, and staff, participating universities combine their expertise and resources to develop, through **collaborative** efforts, innovative **study programs**, and **research** endeavors.



CHARM-EU Partner Institutions.



CHARM-EU (2019-)

CHARM-EU represents a **Challenge-Driven, Accessible, Research-based** and **Mobile** model for the co-creation of a European University aligned with European values and the United Nations’ sustainable development goals.

CHARM-EU currently consists of the five founding institutions: the **University of Barcelona**, **Trinity College Dublin**, **Utrecht University**, the **University of Montpellier**, and **Eötvös Loránd University Budapest**; and the new members: **Åbo Akademi University**, **Julius-Maximilians-University Würzburg**, **Ruhr West University of Applied Sciences**, and then the **University of Bergen** became full partner in 2023.

OPPORTUNITIES



What`s in it for you and the University of Bergen?

Opportunities in new calls: Universities can quickly engage on new calls for collaboration providing new opportunities of researchers and experts. This makes drafting of proposals efficient and enables more applications for external funding both in education and research.

Access to a broad international and external network: The CHARM-EU network supports and facilitates regional, national and international collaboration in education, research, and societal impact. Long-term partnerships are built with external partners committed to investing in a structural, enduring alliance.

Research opportunities and tools: The [CHARM-EU Guide of Experts](#) provides a platform for academics to start the development of (or join) inter-institutional and multidisciplinary research collaborations. [TORCH Bibliographic Apps](#) to help search and find publications and identify the network of collaborations between authors as well as between CHARM-EU partner universities.

International opportunities for students: Students can participate in various mobility schemes, including virtual mobility through shared online courses between the partners. CHARM-EU also offers a Joint degree on sustainability challenges and students are encouraged to participate in networking events and student forums.

A challenged-based approach to education: Students must be equipped with skills that cross traditional barriers and enable innovation. This ambition is central to CHARM-EU's mission and has informed the development of its educational model. The model champions technology, flexibility, and mobility in harmony with the UN's Sustainable Development Goals.

Regional ecosystem and collaboration with external partners: CHARM-EU is collaborating with partners to create a regional ecosystem, consisting of business and civil society organisations. The ecosystem supports transdisciplinary education, research and impact; and benefits external stakeholders.

Securing a strategic position: Through CHARM-EU, the partner universities play a pivotal role in co-shaping innovative, competitive European Education and Research and securing a robust strategic and influential position at EU level.

WHY DO WE NEED ALLIANCES



Responding to societal needs

Through an alliance, the aim is to get

- increased recognition and opportunities for professional staff
- a more inclusive governance that allows for higher involvement in decision making
- build trust amongst partners and other universities where people get to meet each other and build partnerships on the basis of trust
- political momentum

Alliances are only one way of cooperation and we should make sure to multiply the approaches, not only through alliances.

But the future of alliances and their power to address societal challenges is potentially great due to their scale and resources, cross-boarder cooperation, interdisciplinary collaboration, breaking barriers and scaling innovations.

ENHANCING IMPACT ON EUROPEAN HIGHER EDUCATION

Through CHARM-EU, opportunities for the partner universities are created to promote and develop values, such as Open Science, recognition and rewarding, sustainability and trans- and interdisciplinarity. Additionally, the prominent role of CHARM-EU in different projects such as the FOREU4ALL allows us to shape the European Commission and EU agenda, enabling our universities to impact the future of the European Higher Education Area. The FOREU4ALL project brings together all current and future European Universities alliances.

The CHARM-EU Educational offerings

Our world needs new solutions for a better future.

CHARM-EU offers a diverse range of Master's programmes, online and short educational courses, and Summer and Winter Schools to develop the skills you need to make a difference.

Everyone is welcome at CHARM-EU! No matter your background, current studies or work, you can tap into the CHARM-EU network for study, work or research mobilities.

Educational Principles

The CHARM-EU educational principles underpin the design of a CHARM-EU educational experience. We use them to:

- Scaffold and guide our teaching and learning
- Support CHARM-EU teachers to align how they teach with the principles of CHARM-EU
- Make sure our teaching and learning approaches are consistent
- Address current innovations and best practices in teaching

The CHARM-EU Master: Global Challenges for Sustainability

Offering a unique **cross-border** learning opportunity, the **Master** — representing a singular, benchmarking **achievement** in the landscape of higher education alliances — gives CHARM-EU students the chance to address the pressing need for **sustainability** in a **transdisciplinary and challenge-based** environment. As an **intercultural** study program with (as yet) three phases (**preparatory, flexible, and capstone**) it employs novel pedagogical approaches and mechanisms to engage staff and students of diverse backgrounds and disciplines to **co-create**, foster, and enhance the links between **education, research, and innovation**.

ORGANIZATION

A large alliance

Owing to its considerable size, diverse sets of entanglements, and copious constellations of contributors, CHARM-EU has set up smart **decision-making structures** ensuring the **smooth-running operation** of the organization; its scaffolding serves to appropriately allocate **resources**, expressly outline **roles**, and allows for a **clear description and division of tasks**.

However, **perfect knowledge of all the CHARM-EU layers at all times is never necessary** for fruitful engagement; we simply find it important to note that the **University of Bergen is represented** in many activities and forums, and that we are **encouraged** as well as **invited to participate** at all levels, when we have the capacity to do so.

The UiB core team **will always help** distill your association with CHARM-EU down to its essentials and carve out crannies in which you can **thrive**. Below you can find a figurative overview of the **CHARM-EU organizational arrangements** and how they **interact with each other and with society** at large:

