

### Goal

The goal of the CHARM-ÅA Insider is to highlight relevant news and updates from an ÅAU perspective to an internal audience with limited capacity to follow CHARM updates on various channels. It complements the CHARM-EU Staff Newsletter with local CHARM news. Published bi-monthly on the ÅAU intranet, the CHARM-ÅA Insider collects links to relevant news items on the CHARM-EU website and the ÅAU intranet. Material is also produced specifically for the CHARM-ÅA Insider to raise awareness and share information about ÅAU's engagement in the Alliance.



### Target group

- All staff, researchers and students at ÅAU

### Format & type of content

Two in one: intranet item and newsletter (since the intranet page can be shared also by e-mail). Links included in the CHARM-ÅA Insider lead to relevant news items on both the CHARM-EU website (produced by the CHARM Communications Office) and on the ÅAU intranet (produced by the CHARM-EU Team at ÅAU).

To inspire colleagues to learn more about CHARM-EU, each CHARM-ÅA Insider edition starts with an invitation to subscribe to the CHARM-EU Staff Newsletter which provides updates on the Alliance's work beyond ÅAU.



### Channels & tools used

- ÅAU intranet
- e-mail

### Impact and efficiency

- Number of visits to the intranet page featuring the news item.
- Number of recipients of the e-mail version
- Indirect impact measurable by number of further questions/contacts to the local CHARM team concerning items featured in CHARM-ÅA; by growth in the number of visits to ÅAU's CHARM intranet page; by growth in the number of applications to various CHARM-EU initiatives



# Necessary resources

- Human resources and time demand: local CHARM-EU Team incl. Communications Officer and Manager to continuously follow CHARM-EU communications and identify items to highlight in the CHARM-ÅA Insider, produce material specifically for the Insider, compile in English and translate to Swedish, publish on the intranet and disseminate also by email as well as highlight the particular edition of the CHARM-ÅA Insider in the weekly ÅAU Staff News newsletter and in the bi-weekly ÅAU Student News newsletter. Relevance to be assessed after 6 months (3 editions)
- Technical and material resources: availability of intranet



# DEI aspects



- Accessible font types and accessibility of visuals (ALT-TEXT to potential items including visuals; checking platform and materials with an Accessibility Checker tool eg. [Silktide](#) or [Webaim](#))
- Neutral and inclusive language
- Break down acronyms to foster a better understanding of the context and to avoid risk of feeling excluded from the discussion

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The "CHARM-ÅA Insider" is a collection of updates and highlights from CHARM-EU delivered from an ÅAU perspective. For monthly updates directly from the CHARM-EU Communications Office, please subscribe to the [CHARM-EU Staff Newsletter!](#)

### CHARM-EU Annual Conference

The Annual Conference 2025 just took place in Utrecht. Read more about it here:

[Great success of CHARM-EU Annual Conference. Top experts and an engaged community discussed the leading role of European University alliance](#)

The Annual Conference 2026 will be hosted by Åbo Akademi University on 14 October 2026. Stay tuned for more information during the spring! The Annual Conference serves as a forum for dialogue and reflection on themes relevant to the European Higher Education Area. It brings together academics, students, university leaders, policymakers, and external stakeholders active in education, research, and sustainability.

### The Call for Alliance Funding is Out

The European Commission has published a call for two years funding for European University alliances, until the new Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) 2026–2034, where this funding is expected to continue. In this competitive call, 20 alliances will be receiving funding. CHARM-EU is a strong candidate and will be working on a proposal during the upcoming months.

[Call European Universities \(ERASMUS-EU-2026-EUR-UM10\)](#)

MFF 2026–2034

### CHARM-ED supporting educational projects

The CHARM-ED initiative has been launched to support the creation of educational activities across CHARM-EU partner institutions. In the first edition, twelve projects were funded. ÅAU is engaged in three of them:

- "Social Imaginaries and Interdisciplinary Learning" (coordinator)
- "CLIP Lab – Challenge-based Learning for Instrumental Protocols in Analytical Chemistry" (participant)
- "Challenge-based AI use in Language Teacher Training" (participant)

More information:

[CHARM-EU Funds Twelve New Inter-institutional Projects to Advance Innovative and Collaborative Education](#)

### CHARM ON: sharing of experiences across the CHARM-EU community

CHARM ON is a new monthly online series where academic and support staff can explore innovative practices and share experiences. It takes place on the last Monday of each month at 14:00 Finnish time, offering a regular space to share ideas, practices, and impact stories across the CHARM-EU community.

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### Snapshots from ÅAU's engagement in CHARM-EU

To get an overview of the variety of activities within CHARM-EU, check the recording from the [latest information session at ÅAU 29 October 2025](#).

The next session highlighting examples from ÅAU's engagement in CHARM-EU will be arranged in April/May 2026.

### Training highlights 2025

The 2025 CHARM-EU Winter School "Innovation, Leadership and Collaboration in Higher Education" offered a unique opportunity for academic professionals to enhance their leadership and innovation skills.

[A Look Back at the Winter School: Innovation, Leadership and Collaboration in Higher Education](#)

The 2025 CHARM-EU Doctoral Researcher Summer School "Developing Transdisciplinary Practice to Tackle Complex Challenges" was hosted by the University of Montpellier.

[CHARM-EU & Doctoral Summer School Showcasing the Future of European Research - CHARM-EU](#)

The Cross-Border Doctorals 2025 in Angoulême, France, fostered project-building skills, promoting talent and career development across disciplines and borders:

[Empowering Skills Across Europe: Highlights from Cross-Border Doctorals 2025](#)

### CHARM-EU Winter School 2026

The next training opportunity for doctoral researchers, "Citizen Science in Action: Skills, Tools, and Community Engagement for Early-Career Researchers" will be in Barcelona 4–6 February 2026.

[CHARM-EU offers training in citizen science for doctoral researchers](#)

### EXPLORE with the University of Montpellier

If you are a staff member or doctoral researcher at ÅAU and interested in developing cooperation with the University of Montpellier (UM), check this opportunity for mobility funding! Members of CHARM-EU are considered privileged partners.

Through the EXPLORE call, UM aims to foster international collaborations, increase the attractiveness of the Montpellier site, and contribute to new initiatives. Applications are open until 16 January 2026.

[More information on UM's website.](#)

Questions should be directed to UM at [mobility@umontpellier](mailto:mobility@umontpellier), indicating "EXPLORE" in the email subject.

### Extended course offer via CHARM-EU Transnational Online Courses

Degree students at ÅAU can apply for Transnational Online Courses offered by CHARM-EU partner universities at Bachelor, Master and Doctoral level. The credits from these courses can be transferred to the study register Peppi after completion. The application round for the spring 2026 is open now:

[Participate in CHARM-EU's transnational courses from home](#)

For more information about ÅAU inside CHARM-EU, please do not hesitate to contact the [local CHARM-EU team](#)

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