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The University of Cyprus is a proud member of the YUFE alliance as it continues to be among the most promising European Universities Initiatives!



YUFE is delighted to announce that our application in response to the 2022 Erasmus+ European Universities call has been selected for funding worth €14.4m with a score of 92/100!

This is a major milestone our Alliance YUFE Alliance, which continues to be a frontrunner among European Universities. Over 50 proposals were submitted from 350 higher education institutions looking to develop radical change within European higher education. You can find more information about all selected proposals on the [website](#) of the European Commission.

During the first phase (December 2019 - November 2022), we piloted many important actions contributing to our vision of a European University and learned many lessons. You can find out more about our reflection in our midterm report here. The second phase of the YUFE initiative (December 2022 - November 2026) will focus on:

- Upscaling, deepening and further developing the activities and services we designed so far and

- Remodeling those that proved less successful to better fit the needs of our target groups.

YUFE's unique strength lies in our shared values, our history of effective collaboration and the concrete progress that we are making, which has given us the reputation of being one of the most successful and impactful models among European Universities Initiatives. We are pursuing our joint ambition to establish a more equitable, flexible, diverse and societally impactful European higher education and research system by strengthening structural collaboration between academic institutions, the world of work, the non-profit sector, decision-makers and civil society through our YUFE quadruple helix.

Commenting on the success of YUFE in this new call of the European Commission, the **Rector of the University of Cyprus (UCY), Professor Tasos Christofides** noted "I was fortunate to witness and engage in the constitution of the YUFE alliance, the development of our shared vision and the put in effort these last four year for its implementation. YUFE is a pioneering collaboration framework of knowledge and expertise transfer that has upscaled the operation of each institution and created new advanced structures. This new success provides the alliance the necessary means to achieve its goals through the already developed applications and other that are under designing. In the next stage the alliance will focus on the designing and providing competitive program of studies, in further synergies for conducting research with impact and also in utilizing academic diplomacy for achieving the positive change the European society needs. We continue our YUFE journey with the belief and hope that the state will support us in modernizing the university's legal framework, for UCY as a YUFE partner to participate effectively in creating the future of the European education and research.

In the words of **Professor Rianne Letschert, Chair of the YUFE Alliance and President of Maastricht University**, coordinating institution of the YUFE Alliance:

"We are very proud that YUFE's model of a young, student-centred, non-elitist, open and inclusive European University has established itself as a frontrunner and role model for European education. We are strongly committed to building the future of higher education and will continue to deliver concrete programmes and organise impactful and accessible activities for our communities of European students, researchers, innovators, citizens and professionals."

As **Dr. Daniela Trani, Director of the YUFE Alliance** at Maastricht University says:

"This new grant from the European Commission will give the YUFE Alliance a boost, enabling us to take another major step in our pioneering work, which is translating our dream of a true European University into an institutional reality that crosses borders, cultures, disciplines and sectors. We are grateful for the commitment of all our partners. We

acknowledge the efforts of all students and staff who show every day that they believe in our joint European vision.

Looking ahead to the coming years, YUFE seeks to continue to inspire other institutions and alliances, as we believe that building capacity beyond our European University will be key to systematic impact.”

YUFE partners

The YUFE partners for the 2022 Erasmus+ European Universities grant are: (Include URLs to partner universities)

Maastricht University, the Netherlands › <https://www.maastrichtuniversity.nl/>

Nicolaus Copernicus University, Poland › <https://www.umk.pl/en/>

Universidad Carlos III of Madrid, Spain › <https://www.uc3m.es/>

University of Antwerp, Belgium › <https://www.uantwerpen.be/en/>

University of Bremen, Germany › <https://www.uni-bremen.de/en/>

University of Cyprus, Cyprus › <https://www.ucy.ac.cy/en/>

University of Eastern Finland, Finland › <https://www.uef.fi/en>

University of Essex, the United Kingdom › <https://www.essex.ac.uk/>

University of Rijeka, Croatia › <https://uniri.hr/en/home/>

The Adecco Group › <https://www.adeccogroup.com/>

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