



## YUFE 2030

From an inspiring dream to an impactful long-term initiative

**The Young Universities for the Future of Europe (YUFE) Alliance is delighted to announce that on 22 March 2022, we submitted our YUFE 2030 proposal to the Erasmus+ European Universities initiative (EUI) call 2022.**

Launched in 2019, our YUFE Alliance is leading the way in a fundamental transformation of higher education, by developing the leading model of a student-centred, equalitarian, open and inclusive European University. During the first three years of our Alliance, we rolled out a wide range of activities for students and staff. Shaped by the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, the need for a flexible and responsive Alliance became even more important, and we have pioneered the new ways European Universities can further support our communities.

Our vision for 2030 is to further accelerate our work to deliver a vision for joint European education and Alliance-wide careers support, building on the exciting foundations that we have put in place in the first phase of our partnership.

Our YUFE Alliance is built on our core values of diversity, inclusivity, student and staff-centredness, civic and community engagement. Our aim is to extend beyond the traditional mission of universities, to create a fully-fledged European University at the forefront of European innovation in higher education policy and practice, with influence in the wider higher education sector.

*“We are an ambitious Alliance, committed to transforming European higher education, learning as we build our European University. With an enduring commitment to combining the very best of physical and digital learning methods, we want to offer our YUFE learners personalized paths that allow each and everyone of them to make the world a better place.” - Prof. Dr. Rianne Letschert, Chair of the YUFE Strategic Board.*

As a new initiative, YUFE is experimenting, adapting and evolving. In delivering on the scale of ambition we have for our Vision 2030, we will continue to expand and diversify our university membership of YUFE, with an aspiration to integrate additional EU university partners in the next phase of our development.

The YUFE Vision 2030 will be implemented by the following partners:

### Partner universities

1. Maastricht University, the Netherlands
2. University of Antwerp, Belgium
3. University of Bremen, Germany

4. University Carlos III of Madrid, Spain
5. University of Cyprus, Cyprus
6. University of Eastern Finland, Finland
7. Nicolaus Copernicus University in Toruń, Poland
8. University of Rijeka, Croatia
9. University of Essex, the United Kingdom

#### Non-academic partners

10. Educational Testing Services (ETS) Global BV, the Netherlands
11. The Adecco Group, Switzerland

Among the partner universities involved in the first phase, Tor Vergata University of Rome will not continue as a member of the Alliance in the next phase of our work to create a European University. We thank Tor Vergata University of Rome for their support in our Pilot Phase (2019-2022). Based on this decision, students of Tor Vergata University of Rome will not be able to join the upcoming YUFE Student Journey call. As for Tor Vergata's students and staff members currently enrolled in YUFE activities, we will communicate about next steps that might be relevant for them following this change.

#### **An Alliance of People supported by local governments and communities**

YUFE is first and foremost an Alliance of people and place and in our Pilot Phase it has been very successful in contributing to strengthening not only multilateral cooperation within the partnership, but also mutual knowledge and collaborations throughout the YUFE cities and regions.

*“Together with our municipalities, regions and businesses, the YUFE Alliance wants to play a full role in creating socially responsible individuals who want to make the world a better place. The engagement of our local governments and communities has been and will continue to be essential in pursuing our YUFE vision. The YUFE universities carry local traditions and strengths with great pride, and want to continue to be ambassadors of the regions we represent and of the future Europe that we want.” Dr Daniela Trani, Director of the YUFE Alliance.*

We are proud of the continuous support and endorsements received from our YUFE cities, regions and innovation ecosystems. Throughout YUFE 2030, the Alliance is looking to further deepen the involvement and collaboration with these key stakeholders in our education, research and innovation, and societal engagement activities. This will allow us to not only promote European values and strengthen European identity, but to also ensure institutionalised cooperation and transformation that allows for systemic, structural, and sustainable impact on the lives of our local, regional, and European-wide community of students, faculty, citizens, business owners, municipalities, and governments.

Co-funded by the  
Erasmus+ Programme  
of the European Union



Maastricht University ↔ University of Antwerp ↔ University of Bremen ↔ University Carlos  
III of Madrid ↔ University of Cyprus ↔ University of Eastern Finland ↔ Nicolaus Copernicus  
University in Toruń ↔ University of Rijeka ↔ University of Essex ↔  
ETS Global BV ↔ The Adecco Group