An Overview

• International Strategy
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International Strategy: Objectives: by 2030…

• Our student and staff community will be inclusive and internationally diverse;

• Our world-leading research will continue to grow in terms of its international reach and impact;

• Our education offer will be transformative, enriching and international in outlook, allowing our graduates to thrive in our global society and to be highly employable in the global workforce;

• We will have built a select number of high value and sustainable international partnerships which directly enhance our research and education excellence and relevant, and offer diverse international opportunities for our students and staff;

• Our staff, students and alumni will make a positive contribution to addressing complex global challenges.

   …. raising our global reputation
International Partnership Framework

• University strategic partners
  ▪ Monash, Europe, China, North America
• Priority partners
  ▪ Includes multidisciplinary, strategically significant partners, pipeline development
• Primary partners
EUTOPIA: A European University

A core group of 6 like-minded universities for whom change is not simply the output from our alliance, but the driving force that brings us together.
What is a European University?

- Sep 17: Macron Sorbonne speech – create networks of universities across Europe
- Promote a strengthened European identity and an increase in quality and competitiveness of European higher education
- Flagship of European Education Area:
  - Broad geographic scope
  - Co-envisioned long-term strategy
  - Student-centred curricula
  - Challenge-based approach
- An alliance **not** a merger!
Over 18 months to present day, EUTOPIA has evolved from bilateral relationships to a European University with 6 members and a common vision:

“EUTOPIA is a challenge-led, student-centred, place-based, inclusive and open alliance of entrepreneurial, change-focused universities”

Vision launched in Brussels in February 2019
Sara Gabrielsen
Student representative, University of Gothenburg
The joint mission of EUTOPIA is to build a distinctive, daring and driven alliance of transformative and engaged institutions.

EUTOPIA will produce challenge-driven research and teaching, prepare empowered European graduates, champion regional and international involvement, and support diversity, inclusivity and widening citizenship.
The EUTOPIA alliance unites over:

165,000 students
30,000 members of staff
90,000 international alumni

With research centres in 760 areas EUTOPIA’s expertise spans multiple areas, highlighting the alliance’s breadth of knowledge
European Universities call

- Pilot call October 2018
- €5m over 3 years
- EUTOPIA was successful! Ranked 4th out of 54 applications submitted
- Project begins 1st December 2019
Implementation: EUTOPIA Structures

Activities across all areas:

• Governance structures and strategy for managing a European University
• Common learning community
• Common knowledge creation communities across research and innovation
• Place-making capacity, policy and practice
• Inclusion and capacity development
• Grounded and global internationalisation
• Sustainability and dissemination policy and practice
1. Management and Governance

Creating an open and inclusive management structure with an adaptive, collaborative, multi-level governance model:

• Delivering the vision and mission
• Leadership, management and coordination of activities
• Communications with partners and with external stakeholders
• Contractual, financial and legal obligations
• Input learning on governance in to long-term strategy for sustainability
2. EUTOPIA Learning Community

Trans-institutional teams of staff, students and external stakeholders co-creating course materials and developing learning and teaching methods:

- Erasing the boundaries of academic curricula
- Co-creation of learning materials
- Engaging with diversity
- Incorporating stakeholders
- Develop EUTOPIA’s education strategy and implementation plan – collaborative learning platform, certificate, mobility scheme
- Facilitate EUTOPIA’s curriculum – overcoming local systems and obstacles
- Implement pilots for realising EUTOPIA’s educational programmes
3. Research, Innovation and Knowledge Creation

Promoting an integrated, challenge driven, knowledge-creation community across the EUTOPIA institutions:

• Development of a challenge-based approach to research – understanding societal challenges, building networks of researchers and students, challenge sandpits with external stakeholders

• Integration of our research communities – researcher mobility, young leaders, post-doc and doctoral training programmes

• Promotion of innovation – start-up and innovation competition and mobility programmes, support network and mentoring

• Advancement of Open Science – EUTOPIA Open Science office, building capacity, working with external users of research
4. EUTOPIA Place-Making

Developing a network of collaborative partnerships, with universities acting as anchor institutions to help connect regions to each other across the alliance, to facilitate inclusive growth and innovation and address societal challenges:

• Place-based pool of partners for global platform of collaboration
• Global-challenge solving teams
• Student involvement in local regions
• Co-creation knowledge placements and pilot knowledge hubs
• Short term mobility and embedding learning in to the curriculum
5. Promoting Inclusion and Equal Societies

Broaden and champion the concepts of open and inclusive education, and provide 21st century skills and competencies in all of Europe’s regions:

• Develop a strategy for inclusion of disadvantaged student communities
• Develop a common definition of disadvantage and map the effects and challenges to inclusion initiatives
• Develop strategies and educational formats for inclusion
• Pilot knowledge production and sharing in the West Balkans
• Capacity building of West Balkan universities in inclusion policies
6. Open to the World

Develop grounded (local) internationalism through both creation of graduates with an international capability and an international community of faculty, and a global internationalism through collaboration with non-European partners:

- Student input to internationalising the curriculum
- Sharing best practice in an internationalised curriculum
- Recognising and rewarding student international practice
- Building strategic partnerships
- EUTOPIA leaders of the future
- Student conferences on global challenges
7. Sustainability and Dissemination

Building a new inter-campus European University with a shared long-term strategy, sharing our learning in the EU and beyond:

- Set up long-term governance structures
- Create a long-term sustainable business model and pursue external funding sources
- Implement smart specialisation strategies
- EUTOPIA strategy for communication and dissemination
- External communication and dissemination tools
- Dissemination of EUTOPIA strategy, activity and results
Warwick’s EUTOPIA Team

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Associate Partners

• 25+ external associate partners across all area of EUTOPIA activity including regional agencies and cross-EU networks. A growing network.

• International collaborators worldwide e.g. Singapore, US, South Africa, Mexico, South Korea, Australia,

• Will continue to broaden and deepen the alliance family
Banco Santander
Barcelona City Council
British Council
Business Region Göteborg
Center for Research and Interdisciplinarity (Paris)
European Network of Living Labs
European Organization for Nuclear Research (CERN)
Flanders Investment and Trade
Région Île de France
Regional Platform for Benchmarking and Cooperation in Higher Education and Research (Slovenia)
Sahlgrenska Science Park (Gothenburg)
Slovenian Rectors’ Conference
The Guild Of European Research-Intensive Universities
West Midlands Combined Authority (UK)
22@Network BCN (Barcelona)
Swedish Council for Higher Education
Other activity

Range of collaborative activities with EUTOPIA partners, e.g.

• Co-tutelle scholarships
• Joint and double degrees
• Warwick – VUB School of Global Governance
• UPF Summer School in Barcelona
• Visiting fellowship opportunities
• Visits and workshops from a number of Professional Service departments
• Academic workshops in a range of fields including Complexity Science, Cultural Heritage and across the Social Sciences

Open to other ideas!
Next Steps

• Preparatory work for EUTOPIA pilot project
• Engaging partner communities – staff, students, researchers – in collaborative teaching, learning and research activities across the alliance
• Sharing existing opportunities across the alliance e.g. short term mobility or fellowships, PhD schools
• Building network of associates and other external stakeholders
• Engaging Brussels political networks
• Developing further bids for funding
More information

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https://warwick.ac.uk/about/partnerships/europe/news/warwick_and_eutopia
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aQJEFlyvez0
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Warwick Brussels Office

• Warwick’s Representative Office
• In the EU Quarter
• A physical presence in Brussels demonstrating commitment
• Profile- and reputation-building
• A base for accessing the EU, corporates, NGOs, think tanks and media
Warwick Brussels Office

• Connect with the European Commission, MEPs
• Your office in Brussels: Hot-Desking, WiFi
• Early intelligence, analysis and briefings on EU legislation, policies
• Research dissemination
• Everything you need for your meeting
Meeting Spaces

- Modern, bright and recently refurbished
- Flexible space can hold up to 120
- Integrated av facilities, touchscreens, whiteboards and flipcharts
- Reliable high-speed wifi
The Guild of European Research-Intensive Universities

- Founded in 2016 - 19 members

Aarhus    Bern    Bologna    Ghent    Glasgow
Göttingen  Groningen  Jagellonian  King’s
Ljubljana  Louvain    Oslo    Paris Diderot  Radboud
Tartu    Tübingen    Uppsala    Warwick    Vienna
The Guild of European Research-Intensive Universities

• Dedicated to enhancing the voice in Europe of academic institutions, their researchers and their students

• Potential for collaborations

• A bridge into the EU
Areas of activity

- Horizon Europe
- Research support offices
- Open science
- Health/Digital & Industry/SSH (Deans Groups)
- Erasmus +
A network of 62 members

Brings together universities and research centres, corporate executives, international investors, top European policy makers as well as regional and national organisations

Focusses on research & innovation in the EU
Science | Business

• Focus areas
  ▪ Framework Programmes
  ▪ Healthy Measures
  ▪ Science Cloud

• Access to senior Commission Officials and MEPs
• A bridge into the EU
Friends of Europe

• Think tank aiming to create a more inclusive, sustainable and forward-looking Europe

• Partners from the EU, its institutions and member governments, companies great and small, NGOs, civil society groups, industry associations, the press and academia

• A bridge into the EU
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