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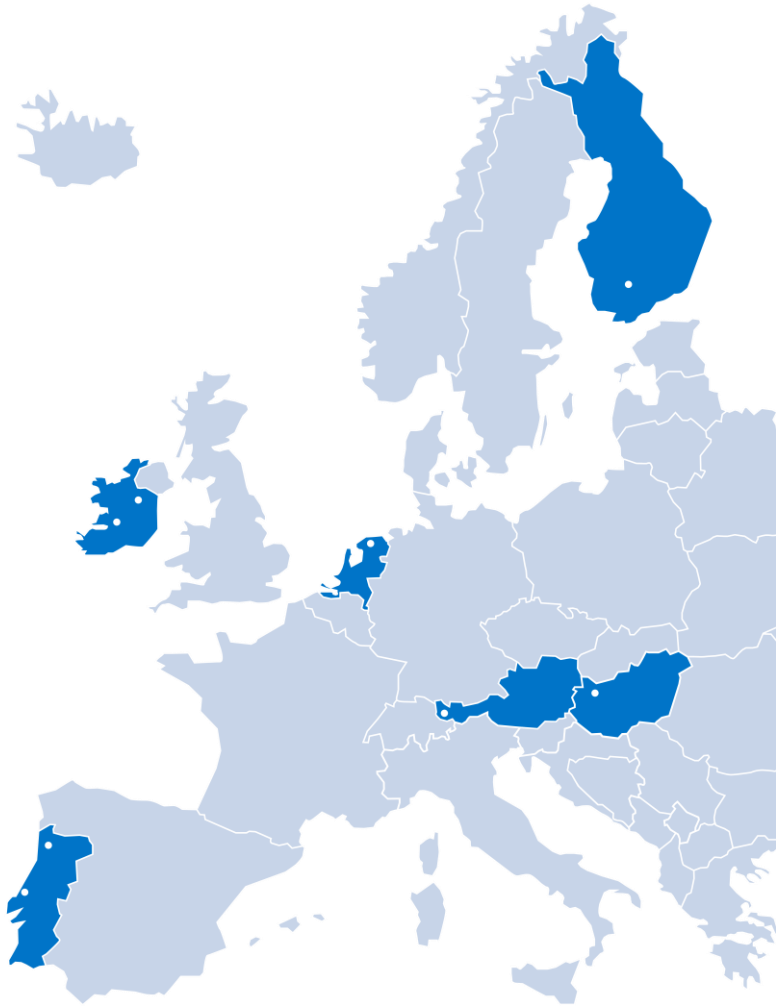

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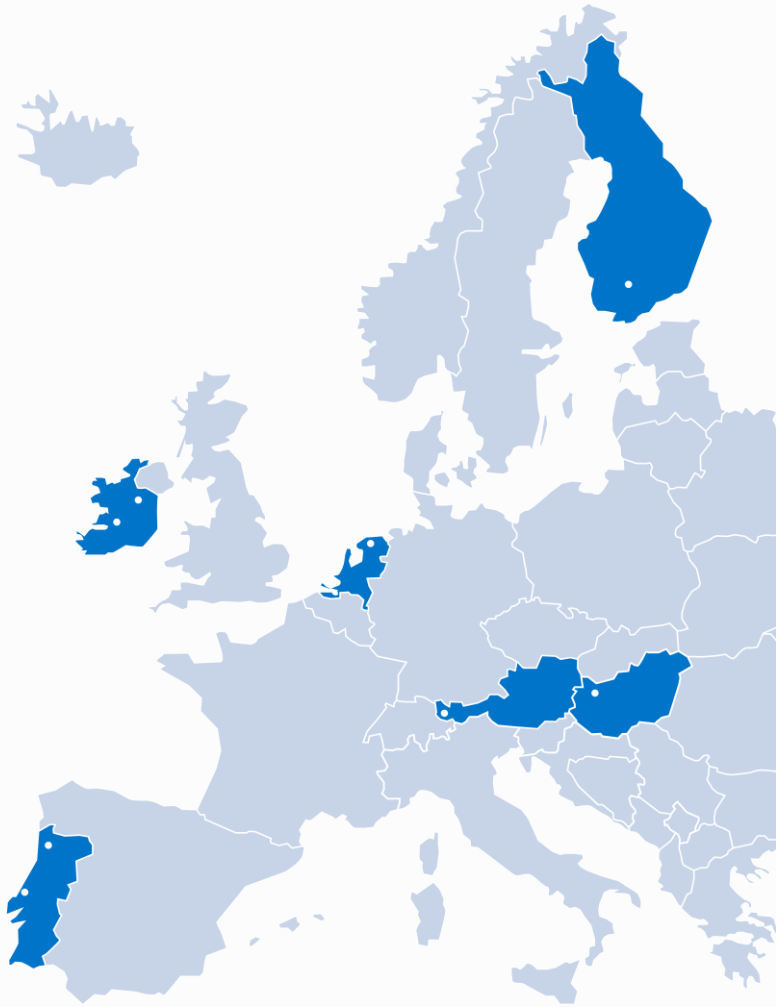

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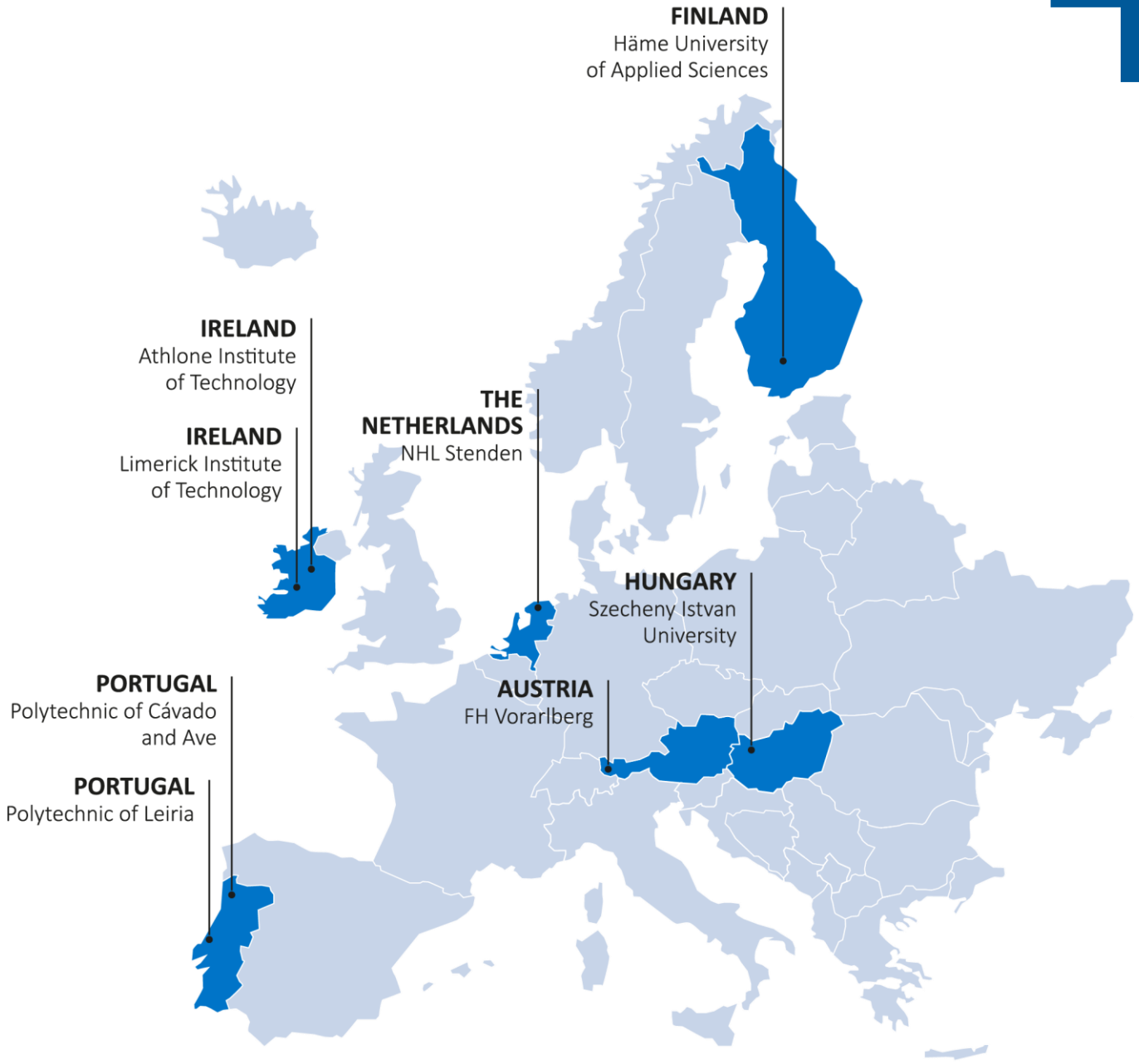
THE REGIONAL UNIVERSITY NETWORK (RUN-EU)

Member Characteristics

- *Regional location and focus*
- *Driving regional development*
- *Future skills & new knowledge*
- *Reflect all regions of Europe*



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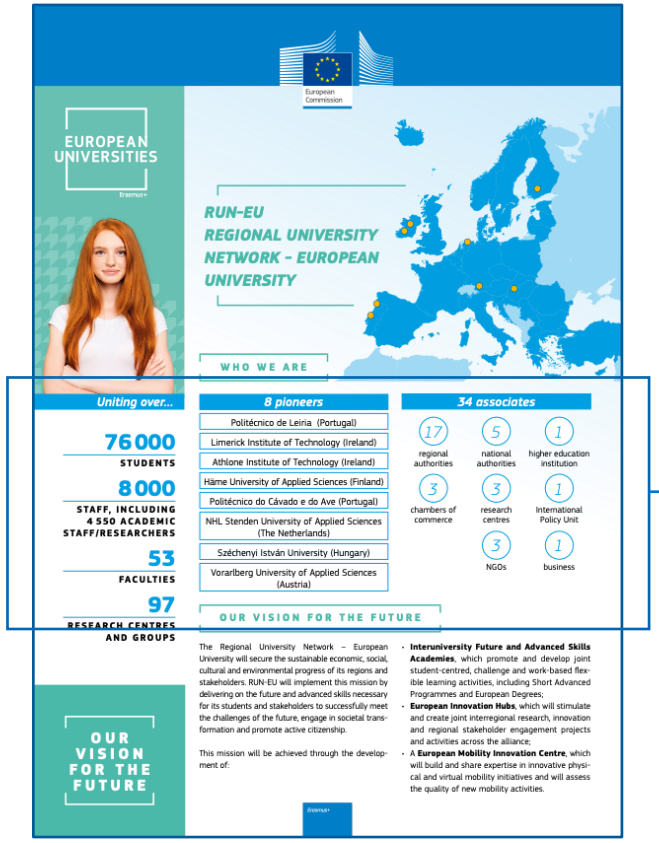

Uniting over...

76 000 STUDENTS

8 000 STAFF, INCLUDING 4 550 ACADEMIC STAFF/RESEARCHERS

53 FACULTIES

97 RESEARCH CENTRES AND GROUPS

8 pioneers

- Politécnico de Leiria (Portugal)
- Limerick Institute of Technology (Ireland)
- Athlone Institute of Technology (Ireland)
- Häme University of Applied Sciences (Finland)
- Politécnico do Cávado e do Ave (Portugal)
- NHL Stenden University of Applied Sciences (The Netherlands)
- Széchenyi István University (Hungary)
- Vorarlberg University of Applied Sciences (Austria)

34 associates

- 17 regional authorities
- 5 national authorities
- 1 higher education institution
- 3 chambers of commerce
- 3 research centres
- 1 International Policy Unit
- 3 NGOs
- 1 business

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MISSION AND VISION

Foster excellence and innovation in higher education

ensuring the core principles and values of the EU

Delivering future and advanced skills

necessary for students and regional stakeholders to successfully meet the challenges of the future, engage in societal transformation and promote active citizenship

Improve national and international competitiveness of associated regions

Allowing them to:

complement existing capital and large city-regions;

retain and attract young talent;

correct existing unfavorable bias in development trends in peripheral regions of the European Union.

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MISSION AND VISION

Strive to secure the sustainable economic, social, cultural and environmental progress

of associated regions and stakeholders

Address big societal challenges and become a true engine of regional development

leading in the creation of a new type of multinational interregional alliance

European Zone for Interregional Development (EZ-ID)

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OUR COLLABORATIVE APPROACH

Quadruple helix collaborative design and co-creation of its pedagogical, research, innovation and engagement activities

involving associated partners from each country drawn from industry and enterprise, regional government and society

Already existing strong working relationships with individual alliance members

expand these to all members, thus increasing the collaborative strength of the European University.

Focus on the provision of future and advanced skills activities including life-long learning, reskilling and upskilling

which are important in terms of their relevance to the fast changing future labour market and knowledge economy

OECD-Higher Education Policy Team and its LMRO project group as an associated partner

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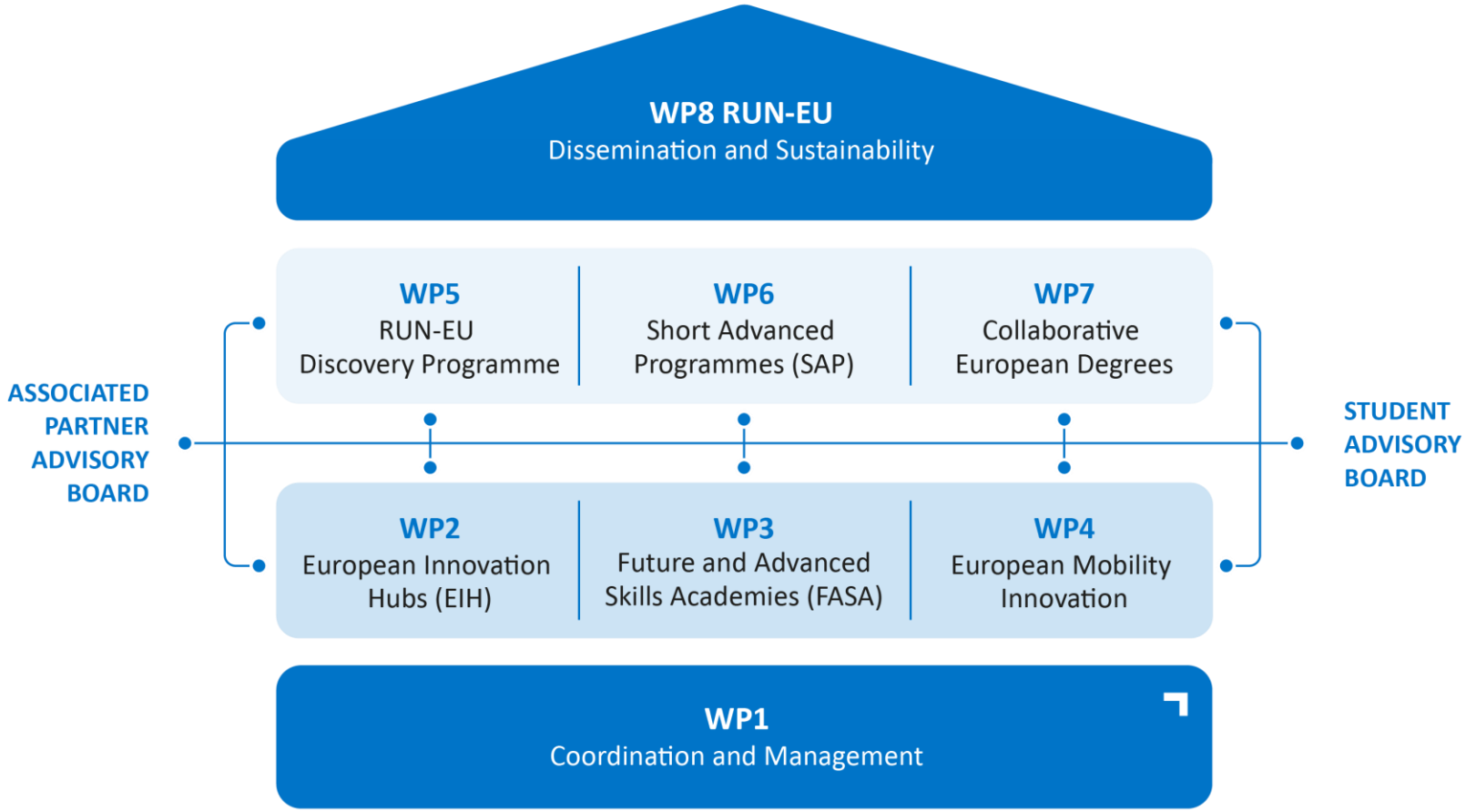

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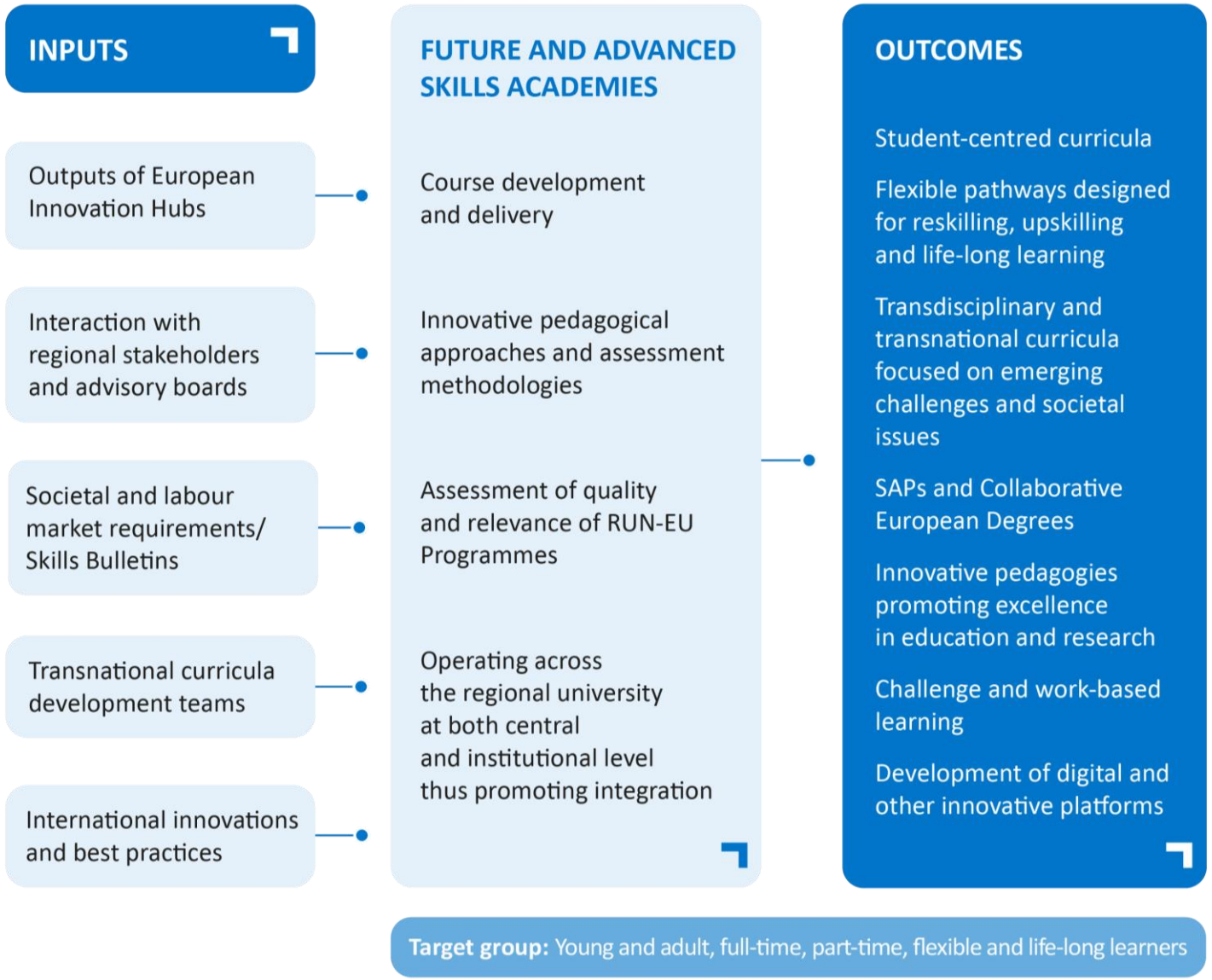

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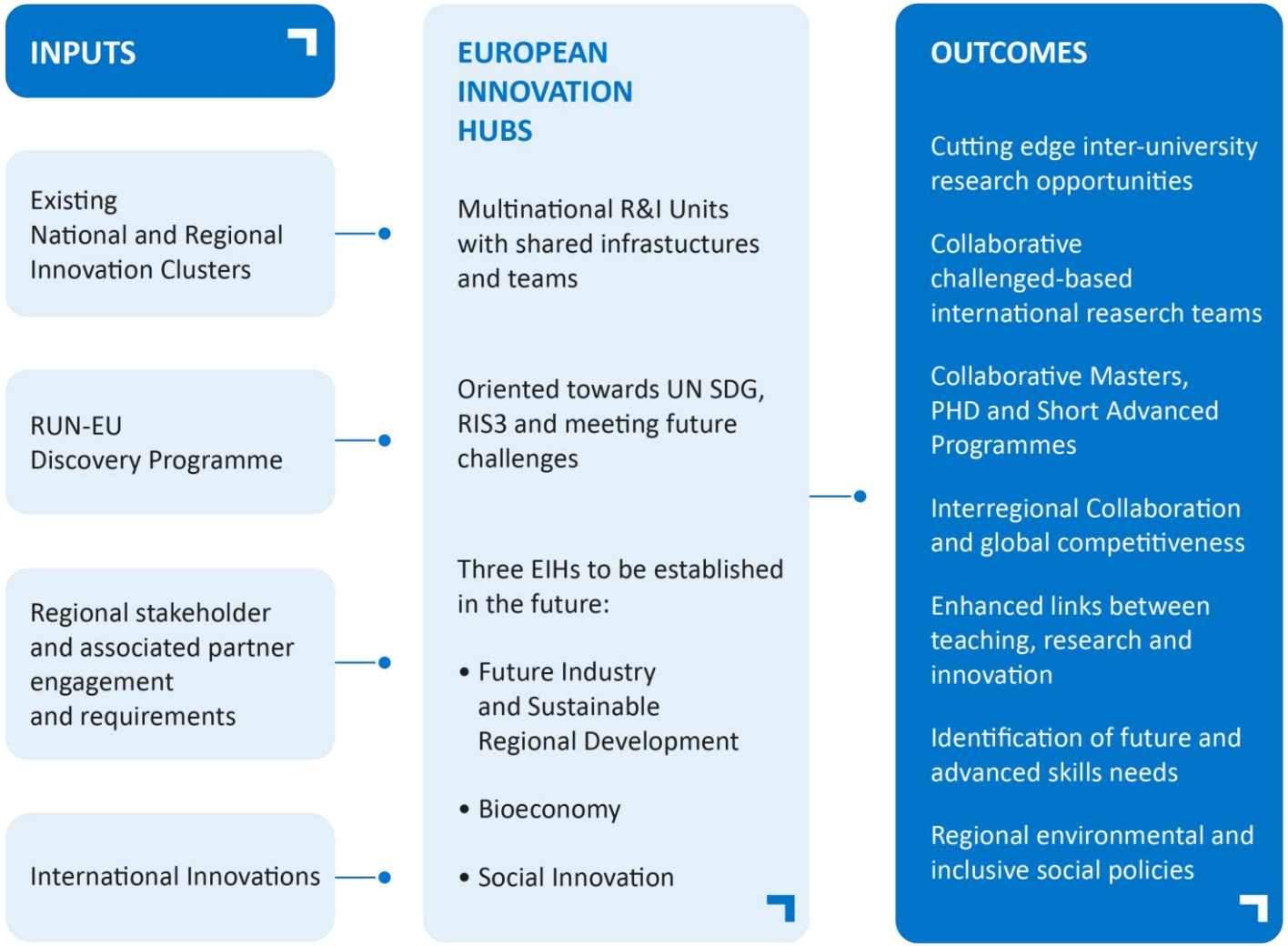

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Main RUN-EU outputs

Mobility driven strategies

- **1 EMIC**
- **3 European Innovation Hubs**
- **1 Central FASA + 8 Institutional FASA**
  Staff development programmes and design thinking Bootcamps – **120 mobility actions for staff**
- **RUN-EU Discovery Programme** | Internship programme for the mobility of research students and staff

  4-week mobility for research staff – **24 grants per year**
  12-week mobility for research staff – **8 grants per year**
  4-week mobility for research and postgraduate students – **24 grants per year**

A total of **72 students and 96 research staff mobility** activities

“OUR STUDENTS WILL INHERIT THE FUTURE”

Main RUN-EU outputs

Mobility driven strategies

- 80 **Short Advanced Programmes**
  More than **1,100 students and 160 academic staff** mobility activities

- **RUN-EU collaborative European degrees**
  24 double degrees and **3** joint degrees
  128 student mobility grants and **152 staff mobility** for teaching and exploratory missions;

- **The annual student week** (organized during the RUN-EU General Assembly)
  120 students from the eight HEIs in each of the three years of the project – **total 315 student mobility activities**

- **Administrative and project management** – **158 staff mobility** activities

In summary, **1,615 students and 686 academic and administrative staff members**

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POWERING THE REGIONAL UNIVERSITY NETWORK.EU

Horizon 2020 CSA

"Support for the Research and Innovation Dimension of European Universities"

Professional research programmes for business and society

Common R&I agenda and stronger academic-business partnerships

Strengthen human capital in R&I

Mainstreaming of open science practices and skills

The graduates from the RUN-EU+ research degree programmes will be expected to be leaders of change and enablers of societal transformation within their regions

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#EuropeanUniversities

Building the universities of the future

European Commission

STUDY

- Study the policy documents
- Know what the EC expects from you
- Participate in the Information events
- Know Erasmus +

NEW!

- **European strategy for universities**
- **Council Recommendation on building bridges for effective European higher education cooperation**.

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- Get the commitment of all members
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- Know where you are and where you want to go
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25 and 26 Jan 2022

- **Forum of Universities for the Future of Europe**

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*The **choice of partners makes sense** in the context of the overall theme of the consortium.*

*There is a **good geographical mix** of partners from across Europe.*

*The alliance combines **different types of higher education institutions** (HEIs).*

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*The alliance will develop a **tailored and long-term structure for cooperation,** based on the existing cooperation between the partners, with the **clear ambition to deepen it** within a ten-year horizon.*

*The proposal shows **high levels of ambition and innovation**, particularly in terms of the proposed new structures in the educational area.*

*The proposal shows **a strong and genuine commitment to European goals** of multilingualism, mobility, social inclusion, multiculturalism, and regional engagement.*

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*Thereby, the existing, already extensive **cooperation between the alliance members will be intensified and expanded**.*

*The distribution of responsibilities, tasks and active roles of the RUN-EU alliance members **is clear and appropriate (…). However** there seems to be is an inconsistency between the statement that one of the partners will co-lead a work package despite the fact that its role is not explained in this specific package.*

A collective governance structure is proposed.

Staff and students have convincingly participated in the proposal creation.

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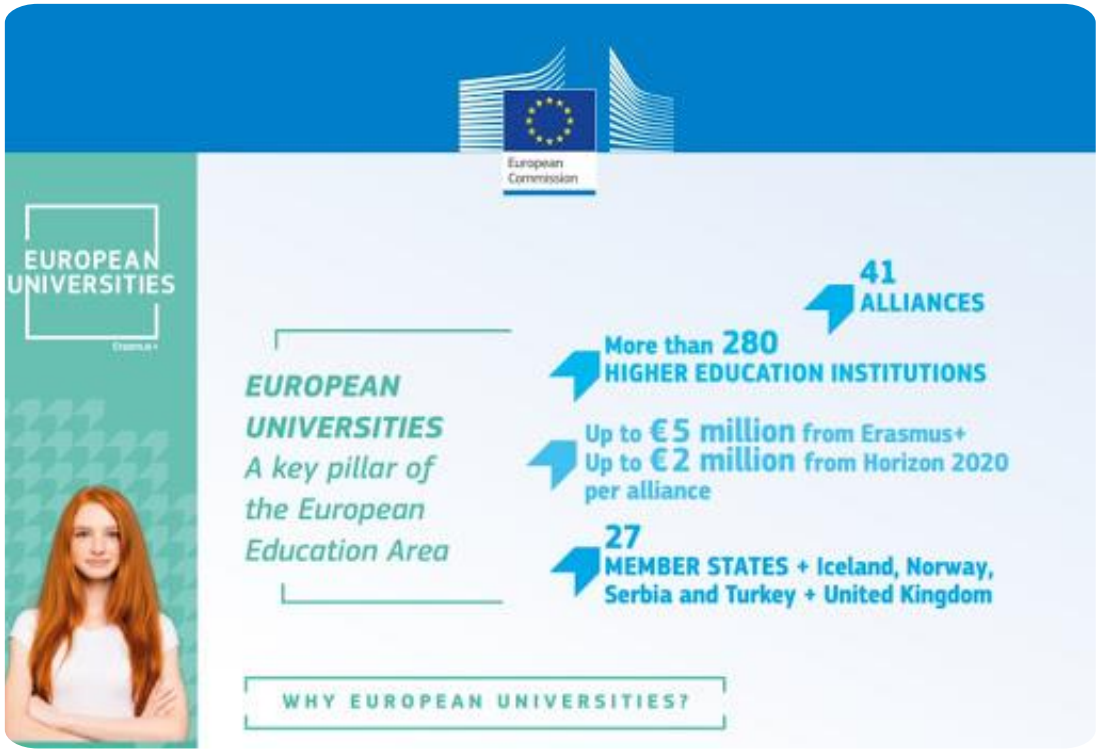

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*The **risk analysis is realistic but further explanations** in some points are needed.*

The proposal foresees detailed budgeting and financial controlling to ensure that all activities will be carried out within the planned budget.

*The financial rationality and quality monitoring are also the subject of carefully designed procedures based on quantitative and qualitative indicators. **However, the formulation of some indicators is a little general.***

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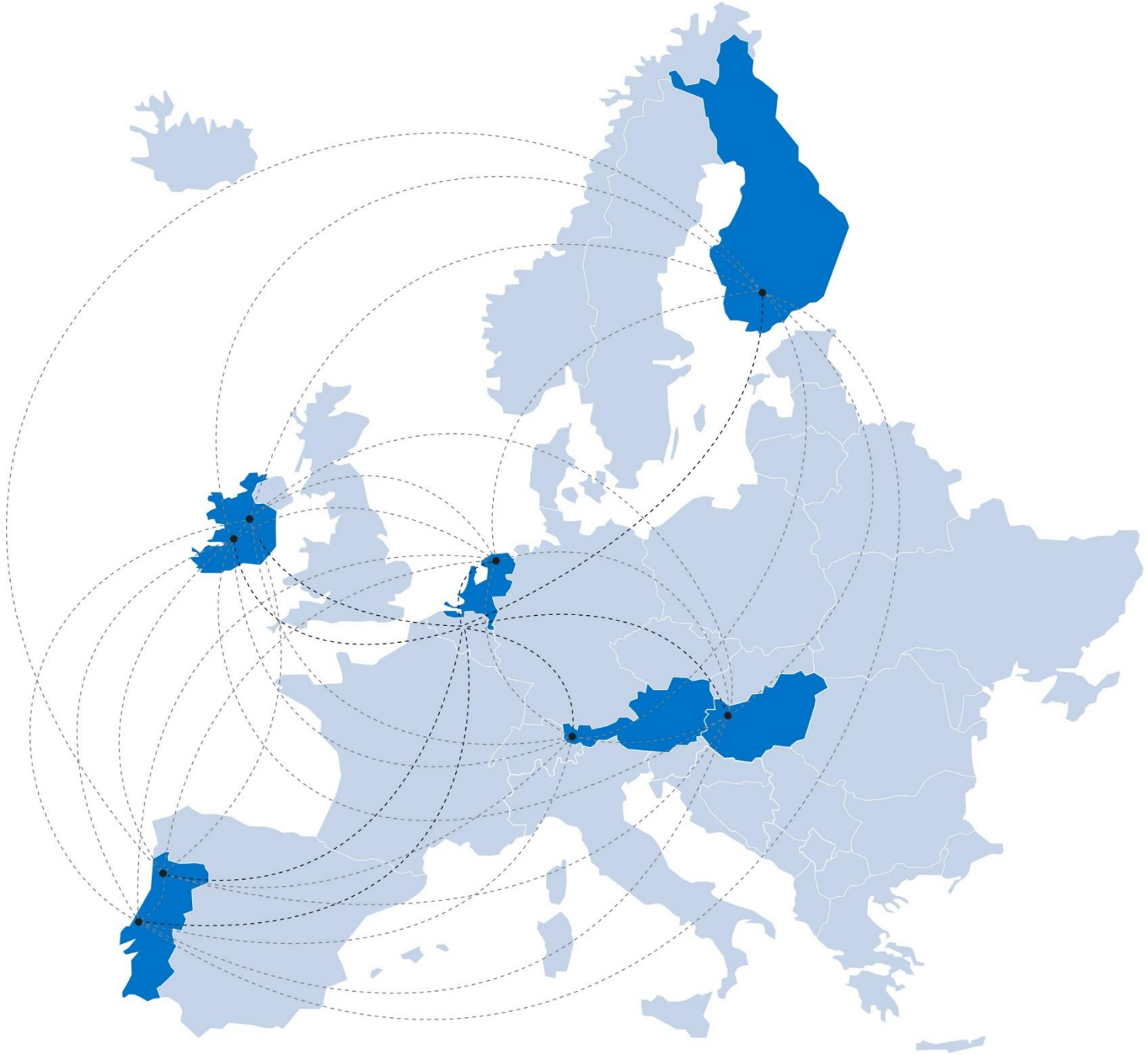

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