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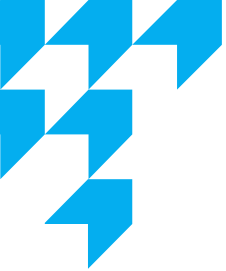
# The 2022 Erasmus+ European Universities call for proposals

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# Call 2022 → deliver on Council Conclusions on the European Universities initiative 17 May 2021

- **Confirmation of the European Universities' concept**
- **Role models** for **European higher education transformation**
- **Balance** between **inclusion and excellence**
- **Synergies** education and R&I at the service of society
- **Geographical balance**
- **Diversity** of higher education institutions
- Subsidiarity, **institutional autonomy, academic freedom**
- **Sustainable funding** for the European Universities


# Main policy objectives

→ *maintained high ambition*

- Promote **European values** and strengthen **European identity**
- Improve **quality, performance, attractiveness** and **international competitiveness**
- **Institutionalised cooperation with systemic, structural and sustainable impact**
- **Whole-institution approach**
- **Mobilise all missions of higher education institutions**
- Deliver on **EEA, ERA and EHEA objectives**
- Act as **role models**





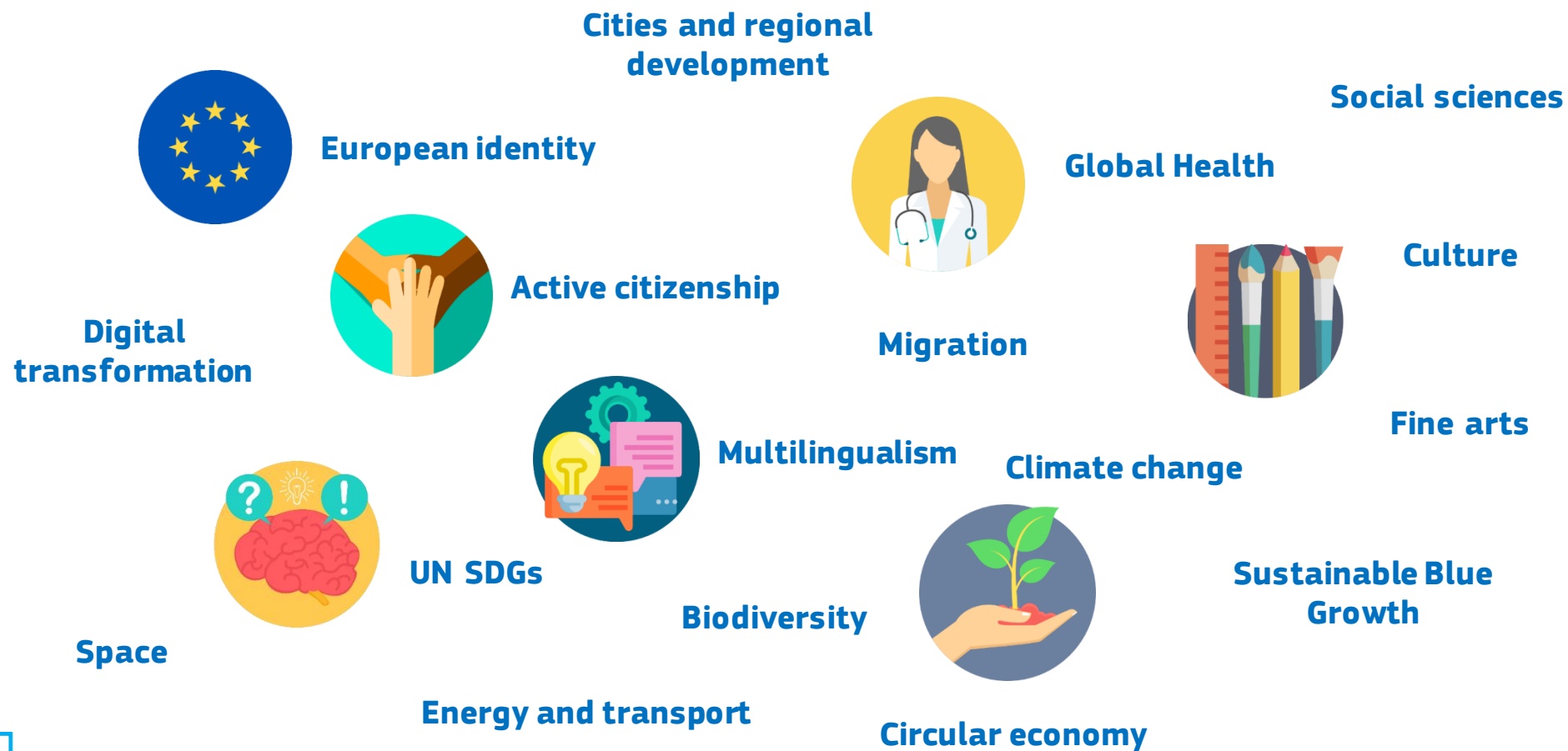


Deep level of  
inter-university cooperation  
with a joint long-term  
strategy

Structural, Systemic and  
Sustainable impact

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# Challenge-based approach: Transdisciplinary long-term visions



# European inter-university Campuses

Bachelor/Master/Doctoral levels



Flexible and  
personalised  
European curriculum

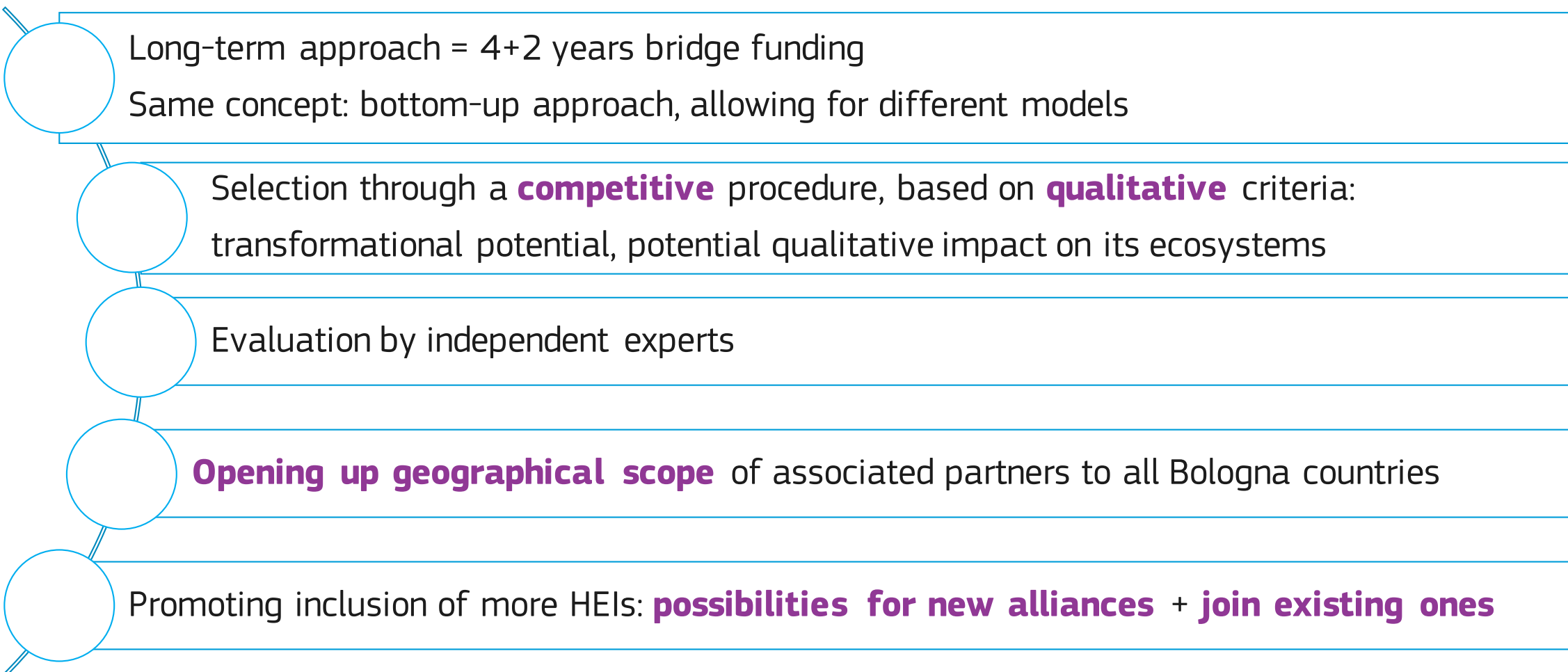
Innovative  
pedagogies and  
challenged-based  
transdisciplinary  
approach

Embedded and  
seamless student and  
staff mobility

**Forward looking skills**



# Policy context : Bridge funding under Erasmus+ 2022-2023-2024 calls for proposals



Long-term approach = 4+2 years bridge funding

Same concept: bottom-up approach, allowing for different models

Selection through a **competitive** procedure, based on **qualitative** criteria:  
transformational potential, potential qualitative impact on its ecosystems

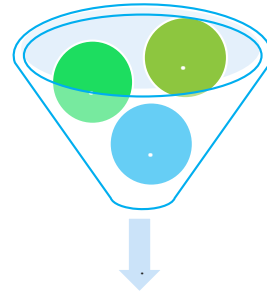
Evaluation by independent experts

**Opening up geographical scope** of associated partners to all Bologna countries

Promoting inclusion of more HEIs: **possibilities for new alliances** + **join existing ones**

# Outcome of the co-creation process

*Extensive targeted consultations with Member States and stakeholders:  
co-creation process on the further roll out of the European Universities initiative*



## 2022 European Universities open competitive Call based on quality criteria

### Topic 1: Intensification of prior deep institutional transnational cooperation

- Existing deep institutional transnational cooperation ...
- ... of at least **between 2 and 3 years**
- building on existing cooperation as **stepping stone for enhanced ambition**

### Topic 2: Development of new deep institutional transnational cooperation

- **For new alliances**
- **bottom-up**
- **diverse cooperation models**





# Award criteria

*valid for Topics 1&2*



**Relevance** *(max 25 Points)*



**Quality** *(max 50 points)*



**Impact** *(max 25 points)*



# Relevance

**25 Points**

## **Level of ambition and innovative approach**

High ambition  
[progress towards and update of] the long-term vision  
[updated] mission statement

## **European added value**

contribution to EEA, in synergy with EHEA and ERA  
transnational dimension  
regional development  
benefitting other institutions, by driving inclusion & excellence

# Quality

**25 Points**



## **Project design and implementation**

Deliver on long-term strategy with concrete activities  
Quality & feasibility of the work plan  
Monitoring progress



## **Partnership and cooperation arrangements**

- > **Cooperation arrangements:** *effectiveness, complementarity, lifting barriers*
- > **Geographical balance:** *inclusivity, strategic choice, value for long-term vision*

**25 Points**

# Structural, Systemic and Sustainable Impact

**25 Points**

- **Lead the way towards**
  - our European way of life and achieving the EEA, EHEA and ERA
  - a united, innovative, digital, connected, green and open to the world Europe
  - competitive and attractive higher education institutions
  - Institutionalised cooperation, across all missions
  - positively impact local communities and ecosystems
- **Lead by example / role model**
- **Sustainability**
- **Share knowledge and spread best practice**
- **Open Education and Open Science and Citizen Science resources**



# The 2022 Call for Proposals at a glance

**Scope:** Supporting higher education institutions in gradually achieving their long-term ambitious vision towards becoming a fully-fledged European University.

- **2 Topics** covered by the Call:
  - Support for already existing deep institutional transnational cooperation alliances
  - Support for applicants wishing to establish new deep institutional transnational cooperation
- **Duration of grants** : 48 months
- **Total budget:** EUR 272 million
- **Type of grant:** Lump Sum Type II (payment of fixed amounts linked to the delivery of the work packages)





# Topics included in the Call

## Topic 1 – Intensification of prior deep institutional transnational cooperation

Support for **already existing deep institutional transnational cooperation alliances** including – but not limited to – the European Universities alliances selected under the 2019 Erasmus+ call for proposals – Tentative budget **225.6 MEUR**

## Topic 2 – Development of new deep institutional transnational cooperation

Support for applicants **wishing to establish new deep institutional transnational cooperation** in a new ‘European Universities’ alliance – Tentative budget **46.4 MEUR**



# Who can apply?

- ❖ **Higher Education Institutions** holding a valid Erasmus Charter for Higher Education (ECHE) and entities affiliated to them, including:
  - HEIs already involved in deep institutional transnational cooperation, such as those being part of European Universities selected under the 2019 Erasmus+ call. They can be joined on a voluntary basis by other HEIs and entities affiliated to them.
  - HEIs wishing to establish new deep institutional transnational cooperation in a new alliance.
- ❖ **Any other organisation consisting of the above referred HEIs** - specifically set up with the purpose of implementing deep institutional transnational cooperation, including joint educational activities.

They have to be established in one of the **eligible countries**, i.e.:

- **EU Member States** (including overseas countries and territories (OCTs)).
- **Third countries associated to Erasmus+** and countries which are in **ongoing negotiations** for an association agreement to Erasmus+ and where that agreement enters into force before the grant signature.



# Associated partners

They **do not receive EU funding** under this grant, but their involvement and role in different activities have to be in the proposal. The associated partners can be:

- Any **higher education institution** established in an EU Member State or a third country associated to the programme holding a valid ECHE
- Any **public/private organisation** from an EU Member State or third country associated to the programme active in the field of education and training, research and innovation or in the world of work
- Any **higher education institution** established in a third country not associated to the programme that is part of the **European Higher Education Area** (Bologna Process)



# Alliance composition

Proposals must be submitted by a consortium of at least 3 applicants (beneficiaries; not affiliated entities), which complies with the following conditions:

- ❖ minimum 3 eligible higher education institutions from 3 different eligible countries
- ❖ a HEI may only participate as full partner in one single European Universities application; they may participate in other applications only as associated partners.

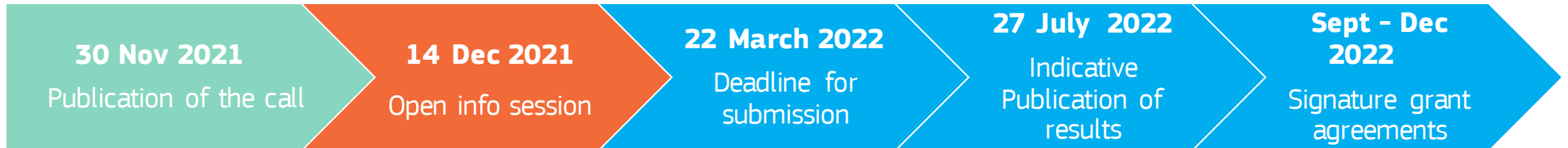
# Maximum EU grant

Total number of HEIs which are full partners at the end of the EU grant	Max EU Grant
<b>A– (except for the cases in box B)</b>	
9 or more	14.40 MEUR
8	8.64 MEUR
7	7.56 MEUR
6	6.48 MEUR
5	5.40 MEUR
4	4.32 MEUR
3	3.24 MEUR
<b>B- For topic 1 with expansion strategy</b>	
6 or less expanding to 8	12.80 MEUR
5 or less expanding to 7	11.20 MEUR
4 or less expanding to 6	9.60 MEUR
3 expanding to 5	8.00 MEUR





# Call 2022 planning



# Useful links and contacts

## FURTHER GUIDANCE

- **Erasmus+ 2022 European Universities call text** - [Search Funding & Tenders \(europa.eu\)](https://ec.europa.eu/education/erasmus-plus/2022/european-universities-call-text)
- **F&TP Online Manual** - <https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/funding-tenders-opportunities/display/OM/Online+Manual>
- **IT How To** - <https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/funding-tenders-opportunities/display/IT/IT+How+To>
- **Video tutorials: How to get a grant** - [https://www.eacea.ec.europa.eu/grants/how-get-grant\\_en](https://www.eacea.ec.europa.eu/grants/how-get-grant_en)
- **Webinar: F&TP for beginners** - <https://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/docs/h2020-funding-guide/other/event210527.htm>
- **Call info day webpage** - [https://www.eacea.ec.europa.eu/news-events/events/european-universities-information-session-2022-call-proposals\\_en](https://www.eacea.ec.europa.eu/news-events/events/european-universities-information-session-2022-call-proposals_en)

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