

## The EC2U Student Declaration – November 2022

### Laying the foundations for the future of the EC2U Alliance

The EC2U Alliance fosters an environment that provides students with the opportunity to voice their opinions and contribute to the future of this pan-European Campus. Currently each EC2U Partner University is represented by a Student Representative in the EC2U Governing Body.

To further develop the opportunity to engage student communities, we, the Seven Student Representatives of the EC2U Alliance, from the University of Coimbra, the Alexander Ioan Cuza University of Iasi, University of Jena, University of Pavia, University of Poitiers, the University of Salamanca, and the University of Turku, **fully support the creation of the EC2U Student Council as an additional EC2U Governing Body in the next funding period.**

The Student Council, in line with the missions and values of the EC2U Alliance, will strongly **contribute to consolidating the EC2U Campus: an inclusive green campus, where we foster international higher education cooperation.** It will be a place of many opportunities where students will be able to develop soft skills and knowledge, through innovative education and curricular and extracurricular activities.

The EC2U Alliance already promotes student engagement and **the Student Council will further enhance student participation.** The creation of an inclusive platform for students is the intrinsic goal of every Student Representative present in the Student Council, taking into consideration the inherent multiculturalism of the Alliance. The work that is being developed will impact EC2U Communities as a whole. The Student Council will foster local student engagement through the EC2U Student General Meetings; this will be the opportunity for students to participate and make their voices heard.

To ensure the success of the Student Council, this governing body should focus on **five key areas: Communication, Knowledge Transfer, United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, Services for Students, and Integration.** With the creation of the Student Council, universities commit to hearing our voices, supporting us with the adapted tools to self-develop, as well as recognising our joint efforts.

Students are at the cornerstone of the future of the EC2U Alliance and the European Higher Education Area. We, as Student Representatives, strongly believe in the potential of the EC2U



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Student Council to create synergies between the EC2U Universities and therefore have a positive impact on the academic communities and the society as a whole.

**Let us all be inspired by our student communities, let us continue to uphold the values we all share, and continue to build a stronger, bigger Campus of City-Universities.**

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