



FOREU2 Coordination: Setup of thematic subgroups

Short communication (report)



The 24 alliances from the second Erasmus+ Pilot call (ATHENA, AURORA Alliance, Circle U, E3UDRES2, EC2U, EELISA, ENGAGE.EU, ENHANCE, ENLIGHT, ERUA, EUNICE, EUNIWell, EURECA-PRO, EuroTeQ, Eut, FILMEU, INVEST, NeurotechEU, RUN-EU, T4E, ULYSSEUS, UNIC, UNITA, UNIVERSEH) have agreed, in their SwafS application documents, that they will ensure joint collaboration across their SwafS projects by creating a "Forum of European Universities 2 – FOREU2" where they will discuss and share good practices concerning R&I. The EC2U Alliance is the coordinator of FOREU2, and also will ensure the dialogue with the Alliance in charge of the FOREU1 (ECIU).

Thematic sub-groups were created according to the topics of interest discussed during consultation among the 24 alliances. Hence, FOREU2 is now composed by one "Global Forum" (composed of the 24 Alliance Coordinators) and 13 sub-groups, each chaired by a different Alliance (see list below).

Ludovic Thilly as Coordinator of the EC2U Alliance SwafS project, RI4C2, acts as Chair of the "Global Forum" and Chair of the "SwafS projects" sub-group. He also presented the network FOREU2 during the Virtual Info Session on the implementation of Horizon 2020 European University Alliances (Pilot II) organised by the European Research Executive Agency (REA) (See presentation slides in annex I).

FOREU2 structure:

1. Global Forum (for coordinators only):

Chair: Ludovic Thilly from EC2U

2. Alliance coordination (operational issues):

Chair: Gijs Coucke & Delfien Cloet from ENLIGHT

3. Education innovation and mobility (incl. new curricula & legal barriers):

Chair: Maria Stoicheva from Transform 4Europe

4. Students & staff engagement:

Chair: Konstantinos Petridis from ATHENA

5. Citizens engagement:

Chair: Charlotte Venema & Christophe Bruchansky from UNIC

















6. SwafS projects:

Chair: Ludovic Thilly from EC2U

7. Legal entity/future statute (incl. governance):

Chair: Dana Samson from CIRCLE U

8. Digital services and data sharing (incl. joint platforms):

Chair: Vlad Petcu from UNITA

9. Cooperation with non-EU partners:

Chair: Matxalen Llosa & Magdalena Sikorska from EUNICE

10. Higher Education Transformation Agenda:

Chair: Anne-May Janssen & Rónán O'Muirthile from FILMEU

Co-Chair: Manuel José Damásio from AURORA

11. Student Communities:

Chair: Lukas Redermann from Transform 4Europe

Co-Chair: Maxime Geerts from Circle U

12. University-Industry Collaboration:

Chair: Jörgen Sjöberg from ENHANCE

13. Quality Assurance:

Chair: Frank Wehinger & Johanna Vogt from ERUA

14. Multilingualism:

Chair: Ramona Baumgather from ERUA







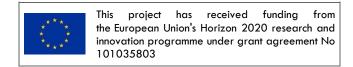












Note:

For details of composition and contact information of the different groups, please contact the Global Manager of RI4C2: carolina.liore@univ-poitiers.fr

















Annex I

Presentation of FOREU2 during the Virtual Info Session on 25th October 2021















FOREU2 - Forum of the 24 Alliances selected in 2020

Presentation of FOREU2 & its SwafS sub-group

Virtual Info Session
IMPLEMENTATION OF H2020 EUROPEAN UNIVERSITIES ALLIANCES
H2020-IBA-SwafS-Support-2-2020

The Lump sum approach, financial reporting and amendments

25 October 2021, 10h00-12h00

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Coordinator of H2020 SwafS project "RI4C2"
Coordinator of FOREU2, the Forum of 24 new European University Alliances

- creation of FOREU2

- ⇒ Initially proposed in the context of the preparation of SwafS projects submitted by all second-generation Alliances (Nov. 2020)
- ⇒ Each SwafS project includes the following text:

"In the same fashion as the 17 Alliances from the first Erasmus+ Pilot Call, the 24 Alliances from the second Erasmus+ Pilot Call (ATHENA, Aurora Alliance, Circle U, E3UDRES2, EC2U, EELISA, ENGAGE.EU, ENHANCE, ENLIGHT, ERUA, EUNICE, EUniWell, EURECA-PRO, EuroTeQ, Eut, FILMEU, INVEST, NeurotechEU, RUN-EU, T4E, ULYSSEUS, UNIC, UNITA, UNIVERSEH), have agreed by the time of the submission, that they will ensure joint collaboration across their SwafS projects by creating a "Forum of European Universities #2 — FOREU2" (in reference to the group of the 17 first Alliances called "FOREU") where they will discuss and share intelligence (via regular face-to-face or on-line meetings) resulting from:

- assessment of current and best practices and progress made (incl. success stories) in the implementation of (R&I) long-term strategies;
- special focus on practices and measures taken/to be taken to ensure the mainstreaming of gender dimension in R&I long-term strategies;
- identification of barriers legal, financial and regulatory whatever level at which the barriers exist (local, regional or European)."

- Anticipation of FOREU2 kick-off

Early 2021, Coordinators from second-generation Alliances decided to launch FOREU2 without waiting for the start of SwafS projects

⇒ first meeting of **E+ Coordinators** on 24/02/2021

- structure of FOREU2

⇒ Global Forum (Coordinated by LT-EC2U) + topical sub-groups (Coordinated by other Alliances)

⇒ Sub-group topics

- Alliance coordination (operational issues)
- Education innovation and mobility (incl. new curricula & legal barriers)
- Students & staff engagement
- Citizens engagement
- Legal entity/future statute (incl. governance)
- Digital services and data sharing (incl. joint platforms)
- Cooperation with non-EU partners
- European Strategy for Universities
- Students communities
- Quality Assurance
- University-Industry cooperation
- SwafS projects (to be sub-divided later, if relevant)



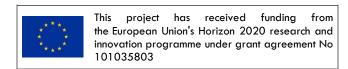
- Meetings
- ⇒ Global Forum meetings: 24/02/2021, 23/03/2021, 12/05/2021, 09/06/2021, 29/06/2021, 21/09/2021 (FOREU1 & FOREU2), next meeting in Nov. 2021
- ⇒ Topical sub-groups meetings: most sub-groups have met once or more
- ⇒ SwafS sub-group:
 - * coordinated by LT-EC2U
 - * already contacted for GEP survey
 - * first meeting to be scheduled in Nov. 2021
- Deliverables
- ⇒ FOREU2 online meetings every 3 months (meeting minutes delivered by EC2U Alliance & its SwafS RI4C2 project)
- First FOREU2 report on "practices and measures taken/to be taken to ensure the mainstreaming of gender dimension in R&I long-term strategies" Due date: M24
- ⇒ Second FOREU2 report on "Collection of 24 case studies (one per Alliance) on progress made in the implementation of R&I longterm strategies, in particular via the identification and removal of legal/financial/regulatory barrier(s)" Due date: M36 Poitiers

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