

Management and Coordination

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What is the work package about ?

The aim is to ensure the coordination and implementation of the ERUA activities and the long-term sustainability of the ERUA Alliance.

This is achieved through the

- development of a long-term strategy
- establishment and functioning of an ERUA reformed governance structure
- provision of an efficient project and financial management
- establishment of quality management
- creation of shared services
- establishment of an advocacy strategy

Who is involved ?

- Lead: Université Paris 8 Vincennes-St Denis (France) - also the Coordinator of the Alliance
- Coordination at Viadrina: EU unit of the Research Department
The Management Team is composed of the Local Coordinator (Dr. Sandra Evans) and EU Project Manager. The Local coordinator coordinates the activities of the ERUA Team and ensures the efficient management of tasks, milestones and deliverables. The project manager ensures the correct legal and financial implementation. The Viadrina Team is presided by the Local Coordinator and is composed of the Viadrina managers of the different work packages in ERUA.

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- Start of the whole Alliance through a Kick-off Meeting at the University of Las Palmas Gran Canaria
- Signing of the Consortium Agreement
- Establishment of all governance bodies (Management Committee, Steering Committee, Board of Rectors, Student Board)
- Formulation of a long Sustainability Strategy and Management Guidelines
- Constitution of an Advocacy Group

What flexible elements are there ?

- Call for Participation in an ERUA Advocacy Group

How can you get involved ?

- You will receive targeted information on the opportunities to participate in different ERUA initiatives that involve other ERUA partners (teaching and research cooperation, mobility opportunities, thematic conferences and summer schools).
- Specialists in Human rights from a legal, political and social sciences perspective can join the ERUA Advocacy Group led by the University of Macerata.

Designing ERUA's innovative learning pathways

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What is the work package about ?

The aim is to reinforce the ERUA framework of teaching and learning opportunities and to promote new initiatives such as:

- a Joint Master Degree Programme on migration
- the use of innovative teaching formats (microcredentials) and pedagogy (service learning)
- Teaching oriented mobility paths (intensive modules, travelling seminars, graduate school)
- Academic Innovation Laboratory incl. publication of educational materials

Who is involved ?

- Lead: SWPS University of Social Sciences and Humanities (Warsaw, Poland)
- Coordination at Viadrina: Department of International Affairs
Due to the strong pedagogical aspects and the creation of a joint degree, the involvement of researchers at different levels is a major asset.

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- Setting-up a task force for overcoming impediments to joint degrees
- Setting up an ERUA joint degree programme on migration
- Roadmap to joint programmes including pre-PhD and master programmes
- Academic innovation manual
- Definition of microcredentials

What flexible elements are there ?

- Calls for intensive modules, travelling seminars, graduate schools

How can you get involved ?

- If your research and teaching activities are related to the topic of migration you can be involved in the realisation of the first ERUA Joint Degree on migration.
- Teaching staff can participate in mobility intensive teaching programmes.
- If you are interested in new pedagogical approaches you can be involved in the Academic Innovation Laboratory and in the elaboration of innovative pedagogical materials.

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Shaping ERUA through Research

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What is the work package about ?

The aim is to connect researchers from the participating universities and to support the initiation, development and realisation of joint projects at all career levels. This includes the promotion of cooperation primarily – but not exclusively – in the thematic areas of ERUA through virtual labs, networking events and joint funding and skills development programmes.

The thematic areas are:

- Migration, Exile and Refugees
- Democracy, Human Rights, Inclusion & Gender Equality
- Interculturality and Multilingualism
- Arts and Edges

Who is involved ?

- Lead: Mykolo Romerio Universitetas in Vilnius (Lithuania)
- Contact person: Regina Valutyte (Vice President for Research)
- Co-lead(s): Université Paris 8 Vincennes-St Denis (France) and – in a work package – also the European University Viadrina
- Contact persons: Paris 8: Arnaud Regnaud (Vice President for Research)
Viadrina: Geny Piotti (Research Department) and
Jan-Hendrik Passoth (Vice President for Research and Career Development)

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A joint framework for research clusters and initial activities to support early career researchers in phases R1 (doctoral students) and R2 (postdocs) have already been established. Joint networking events for researchers are organised as part of the annual conference on “Social Innovations” in Vilnius. Cooperation between the universities’ research departments will be established in a joint research unit, i. e. a joint funding programme to initiate cooperation projects and support joint third-party funding activities. This work package will also establish joint skills development programmes and mobility programmes for early career researchers.

What flexible elements are there ?

- Calls for conferences and networking events
- Regular calls for the funding of joint research projects / research clusters
- Calls for the provision of skills development programmes and offers from other universities
- Offers for the support of early career researcher mobility
- Support services from the Joint Research Unit for application and third-party funding activities

How can you get involved ?

- as contributors at conferences and networking events
- as co-designers in the scientific committees of the research clusters, conferences and funding programmes
- as researchers in joint cooperation initiatives in the calls of the research cluster

Shaping the ERUA Campus

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What is the work package about ?

The aim is to lead ERUA in the development of a consistent campus experience in a wide sense.

This includes:

- a widely spread and persistent sense of community across ERUA members, including students, faculty and non-academic staff
- seamless mobility as part of the everyday campus experience
- common standards for greener and more sustainable virtual and physical campuses
- a common visual identity and brand

The intend is to promote a “slow mobility” approach focused on sustainability that aims at maximising the quality and added value of mobility instead of pushing numbers up.

Who is involved ?

- Lead: University of Macerata (Italy)
- Coordination at Viadrina: Department of International Affairs (Torsten Glase)
Viadrina has a co-leading role in this work package.

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- enlargement of multilateral exchange agreements among ERUA partners and implementation of the European Student Card
- increased cooperation among International Offices
- cooperation to improve foreign language capacities at the member institutions
- support to low income and special needs students’ mobility
- establishment of a green and inclusive campus strategy and policy recommendations
- realisation of a common visual identity
- realisation of an alumni book

What flexible elements are there ?

- Calls for physical, blended, and virtual mobility opportunities in order to consolidate networking and solidify partnerships
- sport and musical competitions, travelling exhibitions
- venues and activities for the engagement of alumni

How can you get involved ?

- participation in co-teaching and other mobility opportunities, in sport and musical competitions
- organise travelling exhibitions
- participate in the Green and Inclusive Committee
- alumni get-together

Achieving Social Change in ERUA's local Communities and Regions

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What is the work package about ?

- Linking universities with stakeholders from the regions. The aim is to bring together academic and non-academic stakeholders in cross-sectoral teams.
- Together, these teams will focus on global social challenges and thus contribute to shaping a fairer, more open and inclusive society that is aligned with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

Who is involved ?

- Lead: University of the Aegean (Mytilini, Greece)
- Co-lead: Mykolas Romeris University (Vilnius, Lithuania)
- Coordination at Viadrina: Constance Krüger (Cultural Coordination)

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- ERUA's inventory of sustainable research in the form of a database as a continuation of ERUA 1
- Establishment and support of Interregional Knowledge Communities through joint events and an online platform
- Supporting sustainable creative and interregional knowledge communities by creating a roadmap
- Conception, organisation and implementation of own event formats (Science Cafés, iDeaThons, HackaThons) and 2 biennials "Art and Edges"

What flexible elements are there ?

- Annually: Science Cafés, iDeaThons, HackaThons
- 2 biennials "Art and Edges" 2025 and 2027

How can you get involved ?

- Bring your own topic suggestions for the above-mentioned event formats
- Participate in the events; opening up the network to other partners from the region

Developing ERUA's Social Entrepreneurship

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What is the work package about ?

The aim is to promote entrepreneurship in the social sciences in the ERUA university community, potentially collaborating with STEM disciplines to address societal challenges

Specific objectives include:

- increasing the employability of students through the creation and consolidation of start-up and spin-off companies
- connecting ERUA universities with their social environment and its problems
- transferring and applying academic knowledge to solve European social challenges
- improving entrepreneurial infrastructure/resources in higher education institutions to address societal challenges
- developing an entrepreneurial spirit among internal and external stakeholders of ERUA universities

Who is involved ?

- Lead: Universidad de Las Palmas de Gran Canaria (Canary Islands)
- Coordination at Viadrina: Ulrike Käfer (Viadrina Founders Center)

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After identifying relevant social challenges and business opportunities through expert interviews, the work package will develop specific training materials and online courses. Subsequently, multidisciplinary teams will be put together to solve the pre-defined challenges in an entrepreneurial way and will be supported through mentoring, seminars and workshops. Additional support will be provided through procurement and allocation of financial resources. The best social enterprise projects will be presented to the public.

What flexible elements are there ?

- organisation of events such as hackathons, peer discussions and public presentations
- opportunity to participate in training courses, seminars and workshops
- chance to join multidisciplinary teams that tackle societal challenge

How can you get involved ?

Interested students:

- register for events (hackathons, peer discussions and public presentations)
- apply for participation in multidisciplinary teams
- take part in training courses and workshops

Interested teaching staff:

- help with networking with students from courses/seminars who are interested in founding a company
- organise/develop joint courses in cooperation with the work package

Shaping ERUA through Student Engagement

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What is the work package about ?

The aim is to boost initiative, co-creation and engagement of students within the entire ERUA alliance in order to promote democratic participation, social responsibility and mutual (intercultural) learning. This includes advancing students' visibility in ERUA, the empowerment of students through exchange, networking and training, the implementation of joint student projects and a "Young Forum for Action on Climate Change". The objectives are cross-cutting issues closely linked to all other work packages.

Who is involved ?

- Lead: European University Viadrina
Team at Viadrina (at the Centre for Teaching and Learning): Elena Schmid, Husam Jafare & Judith Franke (student team), Niki Kasis (academic staff), in collaboration with the AStA
- Co-Lead: New Bulgarian University (Sofia, Bulgaria)

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The work package content is designed and implemented by and with students.

- creation of a Student Board represented at the ERUA governance level
- a tutorship programme to support students' onboarding into in the Alliance
- ERUA Student Ambassadors as the first point of contact for students at each partner university
- student-managed open call for joint student projects
- Initiatives and events for local and international student networking
- a virtual platform and a student-designed magazine for communication and the exchange of information

What flexible elements are there ?

- regular online and offline team meetings – open to interested students
- call for Student Ambassadors
- calls for funding of joint student bottom-up projects
- calls for contributions to the ERUA student magazine
- calls for student contributions to the summits, conferences and networking events
- online peer-to-peer sessions for students to exchange on study-related topics that influence academic success

How can you get involved ?

The work package is primarily targeted at students. You can participate:

- as contributors or participants in the tutorship programme for student engagement
- as an ERUA Student Ambassador or as a Viadrina Student Engagement Coach (SHK/WHK)
- in the Local Board (with the possibility of being elected for the governance level)
- in joint bottom-up projects with students from partner universities
- as active contributors in ERUA-Summits (talks, workshops etc.), the Young Forum for Action on Climate Change, to the ERUA magazine or other events on European level
- in peer-to-peer sessions for students to discuss study-related topics that influence academic success (e. g. mental health, discrimination, learning disabilities)

Administrative staff can support the activities according to their professional expertise (e. g. in project management, mental health, inclusion).

Teaching staff can publish seminar results and projects in the ERUA magazine together with students or provide scientific input within student activities (e. g. at the Young Forum for Action on Climate Change or at the ERUA Summits).

The work package is open to further initiative proposals from students and explicitly welcomes student participation.

The communication language with the partners in the alliance is English.



Communication and Impact

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What is the work package about ?

This work package is focused on the promotion of ERUA and the dissemination of its results and achievements:

- The participating universities use their existing communication channels – print, online and social media – and strengthen ERUA's own communication channels by disseminating content.
- The further development of the ERUA website and the „Digital Campus“ will strengthen the visibility and functionality of ERUA as a European university.

Who is involved ?

- Lead: National Bulgarian University, Sofia (Bulgaria)
- Coordinator at Viadrina: Communications manager (at the Department for University Communication)
- Activities relating to the Digital Campus are coordinated at Viadrina by the IKMZ and the Department for International Affairs.

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- Meetings of the Communication Committee
- ERUA Annual Summits
- Conception and implementation of a ERUA communication strategy
- Conception and implementation of ERUA digital services

How can you get involved ?

- Please let us know if you are planning any ERUA activities: we will support you in finding out how we can best present and disseminate them.
- We would be delighted if you could contribute to ERUA with ideas for PR and communication and/or transfer formats (events, online/offline meetings, etc.); we would be happy to support you with PR.