



## EU-CONEXUS: European University for Smart Urban Coastal Sustainability

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## European Universities transforming higher education in Europe by



promoting <u>European values</u> and identity,

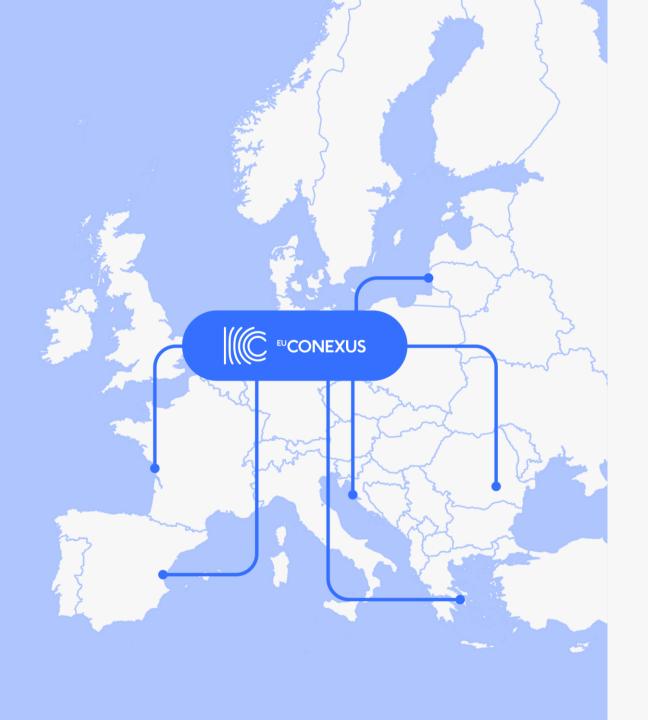
- revolutionising the **<u>quality</u>** and **<u>competitiveness</u>** of European higher education,
  - creating unique inter-universities campuses in Europe.

They are a unique opportunity in the long-term

to design **student-centred curricula** across disciplines, boarders, cultures and languages,

to build **multi- and trans-disciplinary skills** for students, academics, cities, companies working together to tackle society's greatest challenges delivering common European diploma.





## A strong partnership covering European coasts

6 Universities **together** have built the European University for Smart Urban Coastal Sustainability



La Rochelle Université, France

A human-sized university specialising in Smart Urban Coastal Sustainability issues.

### Technical University of Civil Engineering of Bucharest, Romania

We build education in engineering since 1818 in Romania.

Universidad Catolica de Valencia, Spain

Professional and personal growth of students, staff and society.

University of Zadar, Croatia

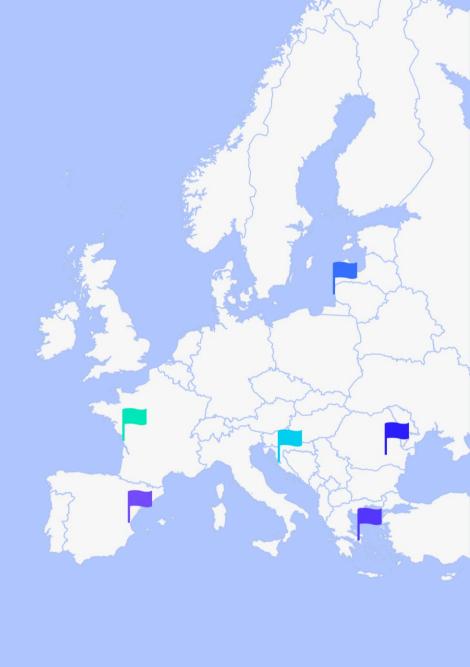
A space of creativity and transfer of new knowledge and technologies.

## Agricultural University of Athens, Greece

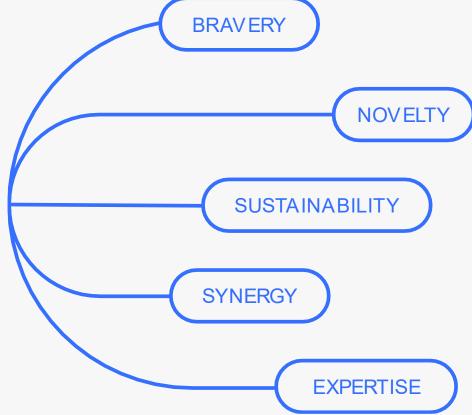
Provides a high level of Education and Research since 1920.

### Klaipeda University, Lithuania

A national and Baltic Region leader in the field of marine sciences.



## Gathered around the same values





### EU-CONEXUS opens up opportunities :

TO EDUCATION THROUGH NEW GENERATION OF EUROPEAN UNIVERSITIES

city and in Europe

- to sustainable development
  of urban coasts
  to 6 coasts
  to create blue economy in your
  - to local experts to solve global challenges





### One of the 17 first 'Universities of the Future'

Project No: 612599-EPP-1-2019-1-FR-EPPKA2-EUR-UNIV Start: 01/09/2019 End: 31/08/2022 Duration: 36 months Budget EU-CONEXUS: € 5,645,079.25 EU grant : € 4,516,063.00

Kick-off meeting in Paris, 28 08 2019

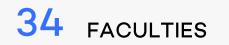


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## Building an EU-CONEXUS community

4,1223	STUDENTS	5,421	STAFF		396
30981	Bachelor´s	3592	Teaching/Reaserch		168
8004	Master´s	1581	Administrative		189
1638	Ph.D.	248	Other (technical,		35
2624	Foreign Students		infrastructure)		17
1585	Vocational students				







PROGRAMMES

Postgraduate specialised

study programme

Bachelor's

Master's

Ph.D.

# A new role model of collaborative university

**GOVERNING BOARD (GB)** 

takes strategic decisions; composed of Rectors/Presidents of each university.

ACADEMIC COUNCIL (AC)

#### STUDENT BOARD (SB)

makes the proposal on academic offers to the GB

makes proposals to AC, GB and other units of the project.

#### MANAGEMENT BOARD (MB) COORDINATION TEAM

for operational actions

Advisory boards of EU-CONEXUS

#### **EXTERNAL ADVISORY BOARD**

ensures evaluation and quality control, gives advices on governance.

#### FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

give advice and support on financial and administrative issues

## Performing all missions of a University





SMART CAMPUS



COMMUNICATION AND DISSEMINATION



### Performing all missions of a University



WP 3 MOBILITY WP 6 CAMPUS LIFE





**ΓΕΩΠΟΝΙΚΟ ΠΑΝΕΠΙΣΤΗΜΙΟ ΑΘΗΝΩΝ** 

WP 5 INTERNATIONAL AND EXTERNAL RELATIONS



WP 8 COMMUNICATION AND DISSEMINATION

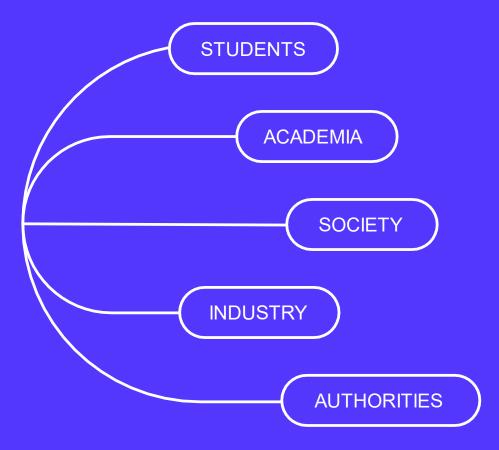




## Main objectives of EU-CONEXUS

Joint academic offers	Smart Campus		
Blended mobility	Impact on public policies		
Joint research area	Cultural diversity		
University-industry cooperation	Hub of expertise		

## **EU-CONEXUS** for





### **EU-CONEXUS** for students

EU-CONEXUS OPENS UP OPPORTUNITIES TO ENROL AT ONE UNIVERSITY, BE A STUDENT OF 6



- 1. Joint study programmes and European diploma
- 2. Student centred curricula
- 3. Professional skills development
- 4. Blended mobility (virtual and physical)
- 5. Summer and Winter schools

- 6. Language courses
- 7. European inter-university campus
- 8. Cultural and sports events and festivals
- 9. Transnational job and internship offers



## **EU-CONEXUS** for academia

EU-CONEXUS OPENS UP OPPORTUNITIES TO BE PART OF A RECOGNISED HUB OF EXPERTISE ON SMART URBAN COASTAL SUSTAINABILITY

- Strengthening and widening of multi and transdisciplinary studies and research
- 2. Centre of excellence for pedagogical innovations
- 3. Engagement in international projects

- 4. Long-term links with regional, national and international social and regional stakeholders
- 5. Promotion of transnational careers
- 6. Sharing good practices (pedagogy, research, management, etc.)



## **EU-CONEXUS** for society

EU-CONEXUS OPENS UP OPPORTUNITIES TO DEVELOP YOUR HOMETOWN





Raising awareness and providing solutions to the challenges of coastal areas



European hub of expertise on smart urban coastal sustainability



Commitment and participation in sustainable implementation of regional policies



Promotion of national cultures and languages



## **EU-CONEXUS** for industry

EU-CONEXUS OPENS UP OPPORTUNITIES TO SMART SOLUTIONS ON URBAN COASTAL SUSTAINABILITY



- Holistic approach to the regional sustainable economic development
- 2. European hub of expertise on smart urban coastal sustainability
- One-window for research, development and technology transfer services

- 4. Industry needs based study programmes
- Inclusion of industrial partners into the teaching and training to nurture talents
- 6. 'University-Industry' platform and job fairs
- 7. International network of companies-industriesresearch institutes-chambers of commerce



## **EU-CONEXUS** for public authorities

EU-CONEXUS OPENS UP OPPORTUNITIES TO EXCHANGE OF GOOD PRACTICES FOR DEVELOPING COASTAL AREAS



- **1**. Support of sustainable economic development
- 2. Closer university-industry cooperation
- 3. Support of blue economy
- 4. Easily accessible experts to advice public policy makers
- 5. Development of innovative problem solving

- 6. Boost of the knowledge about coastal areas
- 7. Higher quality of education
- 8. Regional adapted vocational training programmes
- 9. Promotion of national culture and European identity
- 10. Support of a successful role model of future university



## Activities by thematic areas



## Management



- Strategic development
- Operational management
- Financial and administrative coordination
- Advices on quality assurance
- Implementation of the European Education Area principles



### A comprehensive academic offer

### FROM SCHOOLS TO PROFESSIONALS:

University to school programme

#### BACHELOR'S:

- 2 Minors (from Jan 2021)
- Professional Minor courses (from Sep 2021)

#### MASTER'S

- 2 joint programmes (from Sep 2021)
- Specialisation courses (from Sep 2021)

#### PH.D.:

1 joint programme (from Sep 2021)

Qualification development courses (from Mar 2021)

Specialisation courses (from Sep 2021)

## Blended mobility

### MOBILITY OBJECTIVES

- Creation of a joint mobility office
- Development of a common mobility package
- Facilitation of mobility within EU-CONEXUS partners (physical, virtual, blended)
- Short mobility for students and staff
- Implementation of Erasmus Without Paper
- Intra EU-CONEXUS student card

## Students Ph. D students Teaching and research staff Administration and services staff Physical and/or virtual mobility Physical mobility Solo 20% **50%**



A hub of excellence in Smart Urban Coastal Sustainability

### SYNERGY AND INNOVATION

- A Joint Research Area:
  - Life Sciences and Biotechnology
  - Environmental Sciences and Biodiversity
  - Coastal Engineering
  - Social Sciences, Culture and Human Sciences
- Development of joint research projects
- Wider training opportunities
- Access to 6 times more research infrastructures
- Joint Ph.D. programme

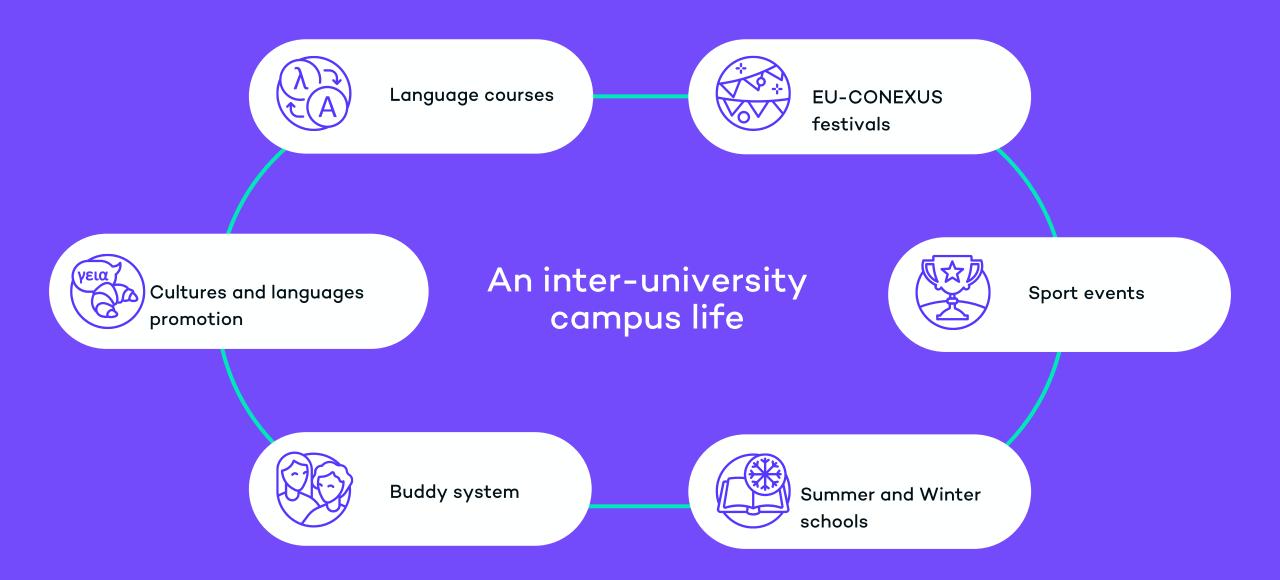


## A close industry university cooperation

- European hub of expertise in Smart Urban Costal Development
- R&D infrastructure and services: A gateway to joint R&D and technology transfer services and project
- Inclusion of industry partners through design of programs, teaching and practice to create talent

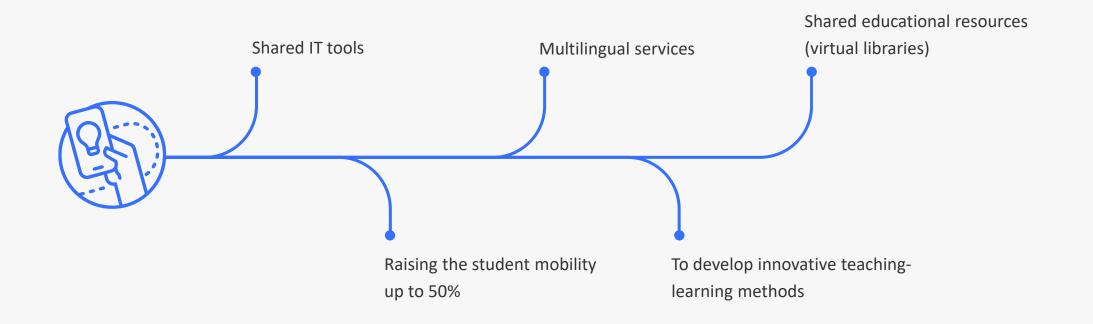
- 4. An alumni network : a pool of contacts for internship, jobs, mentoring
- Networking : International network of companies, industries, research, institutes, chambers of commerce
- 6. Holistic approach to sustainable regional economic development and support public policies





### An EU-CONEXUS smart campus

### 'BEING ABLE TO STUDY FROM ANYWHERE AT ANYTIME'



## **Dissemination and Communication**





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Common communication channels

## Sustainability

Financial sustainability

Research strategy

Structural development strategy

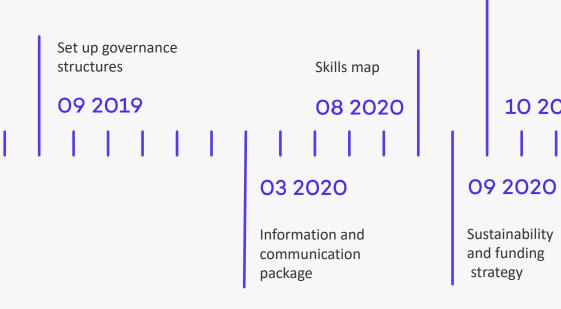
SUSTAINABILITY: WORKING ON LONG-TERM STRATEGY

Partnership strategy

Quality assurance strategy

Sustainable Education Offer

## Milestones



Common procedures for mobility of students and staff, **EU-CONEXUS** student card

University-Industry and Mentoring platforms 10 2020 02 2021

Sustainability and funding strategy

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**EU-CONEXUS Minor** programmes

Joint research area

Virtual campus and educational resources EU-CONEXUS joint Master's and joint Ph.D. programmes

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Automatic mutual recognition

05 2022

**Multilingual services** 

Buddy system and alumni network



### **EU-CONEXUS** challenges

- Flexibility in accreditation of study programmes
- Openness of relevant rules and flexibility in applying access restrictions.
- Flexibility for harmonising the academic calendar of our partners in order to offer joint programmes.
  - Support in developing a transnational quality assurance system

- Support in creating a European accreditation system for research
- Support in setting up a legal identity to EU-CONEXUS
- Achieving a mobility rate of 50% : funding for student mobility (e.g. short stays) and compatibility of the European University's virtual campus with existing ones
- Sustainable financial supports





## Time for questions



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