

# EU-CONEXUS Research for Society (RFS)

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

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

It is a transnational European higher education and research institution that covers the smart urban sustainable coastal development from a global point of view.

The EU-CONEXUS teaching, research and innovation programmes include the totality of social, economic, and environmental problems and opportunities that coastlines are facing today.



# EU-CONEXUS RESEARCH FOR SOCIETY

## Towards Building The Future European University Alliance

Aims at a institutional transformation in all partner universities for creating a multidisciplinary, challenge-driven, internationally competitive research and innovation structure, relying on researchers who follows a career path, and who is open to qualitative new, participatory and innovative partnerships with industries and the civil society.



# Expectations



1. Interconnection of transformations will **complete already engaged long-term vision for the European University.**



2. Facilitating researchers' mobility and access to multiple work environments will bring a **new profile of European researchers to have more attitude on environmental issues.**



3. Enabling public and intra-alliance access to information **will increase exchanges, enable cooperation and co-creation, build inter-partner projects.**



4. Sharing resources will bring **lower costs, offer the opportunity to reach the ecological impact** of multiple purchases and investments in new resources.



5. Training and exchanges with actors of the social and economic innovation system will enable to **reduce challenges that coastal areas and cities are facing.**



6. Understanding the specific challenges **each university will harmonise practices and working conditions, making them fairer, more sustainable and more environmentally friendly.**

# A Hub of Excellence in Smart Urban Coastal Sustainability

4,000 ACADEMIC STAFF

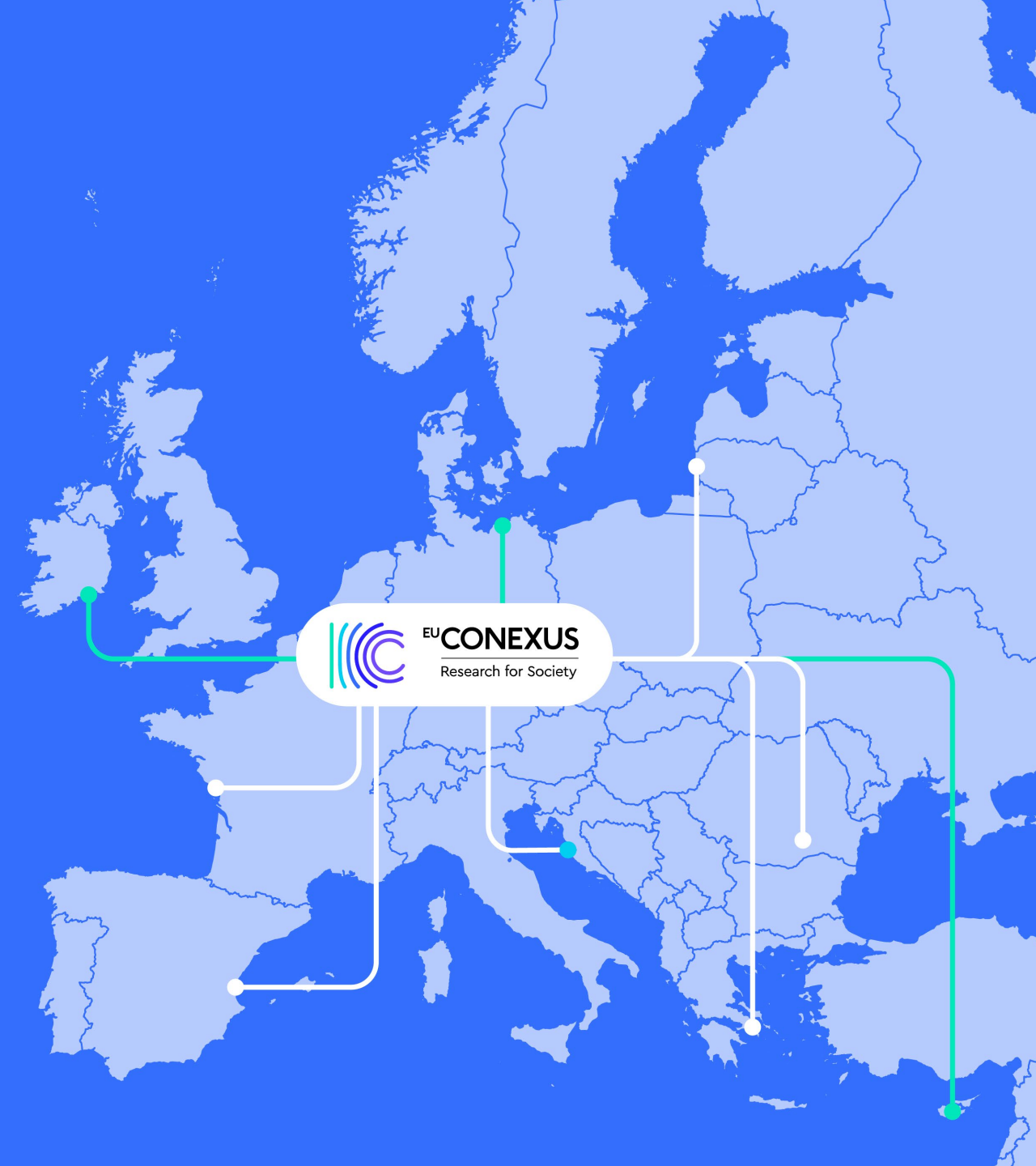
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65 RESEARCH INSTITUTES

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98 RESEARCH GROUPS

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— La Rochelle Université,  
France

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

— Catholic University of  
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.

— Waterford Institute  
of Technology

Education-focussed collaborative,  
inclusive, ethical and innovative community

— Technical University  
of Civil Engineering of  
Bucharest, Romania

We build education in engineering  
since 1818 in Romania.

— Agricultural University  
of Athens, Greece

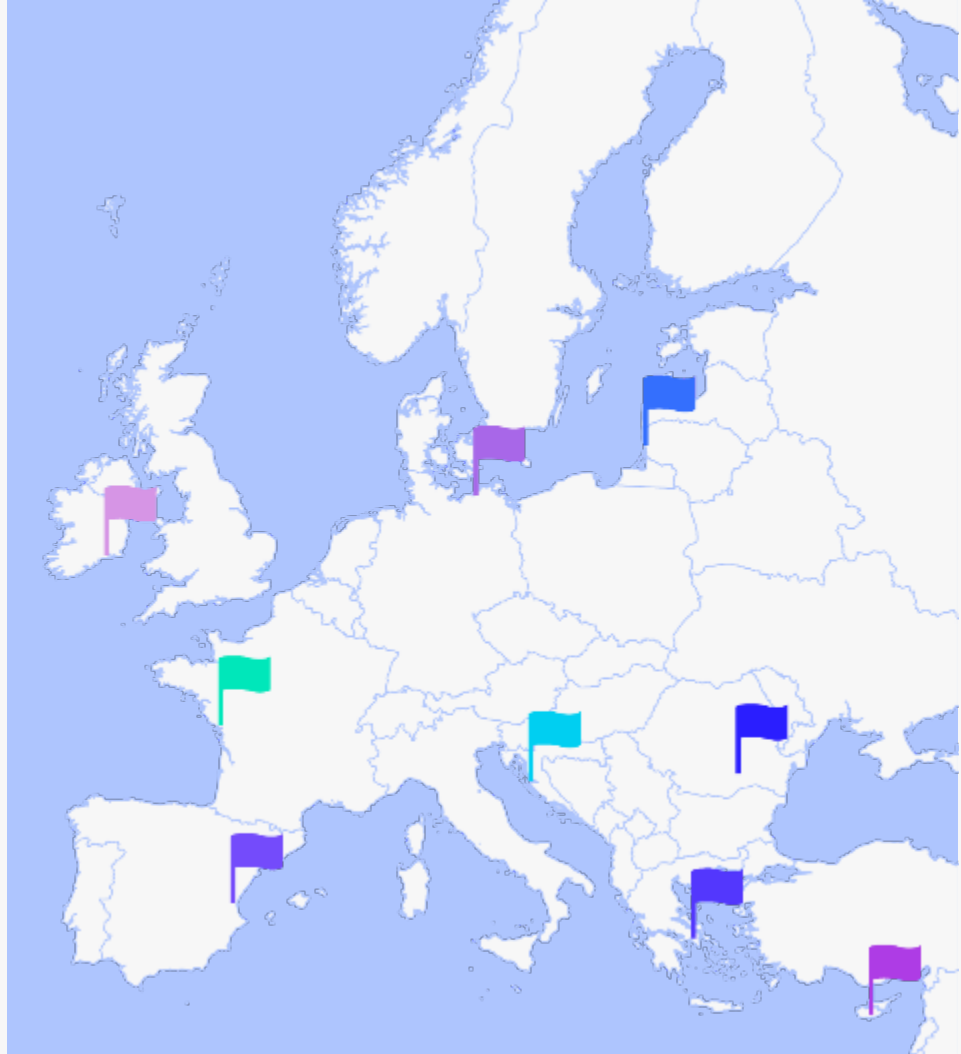
Provides a high level of Education  
and Research since 1920.

— Klaipeda University,  
Lithuania

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

— The University of Rostock

University's motto "Traditio und Innovatio"



— Frederick university

Assists students achieve the maximum of  
their potential and empowers them to have  
a positive impact to society.

# Project data

Project title: EU-CONEXUS Research For Society

Acronym: EU-CONEXUS RFS

Funding Programme: HORIZON 2020 Programme –  
“Science with and for Society”

Start: 1st March, 2021

End: 29th February, 2024

Duration: 36 months

Total budget: 1 992 960 EUR

EU grant: 1 992 960 EUR



# EU-CONEXUS



JOINT STUDY  
PROGRAMMES



SMART CAMPUS



CAMPUS LIFE



MOBILITY



MANAGEMENT



GENDER EQUALITY &  
NON DISCRIMINATION



INFRASTRUCTURE



EXTERNAL AND  
INTERNATIONAL  
RELATIONS

# RESEARCH FOR SOCIETY



RESEARCHERS' CAREER



JOINT RESEARCH



KNOWLEDGE TRANSFER



# Institutional transformation at Alliance level

Interdisciplinarity

Transversal Skills

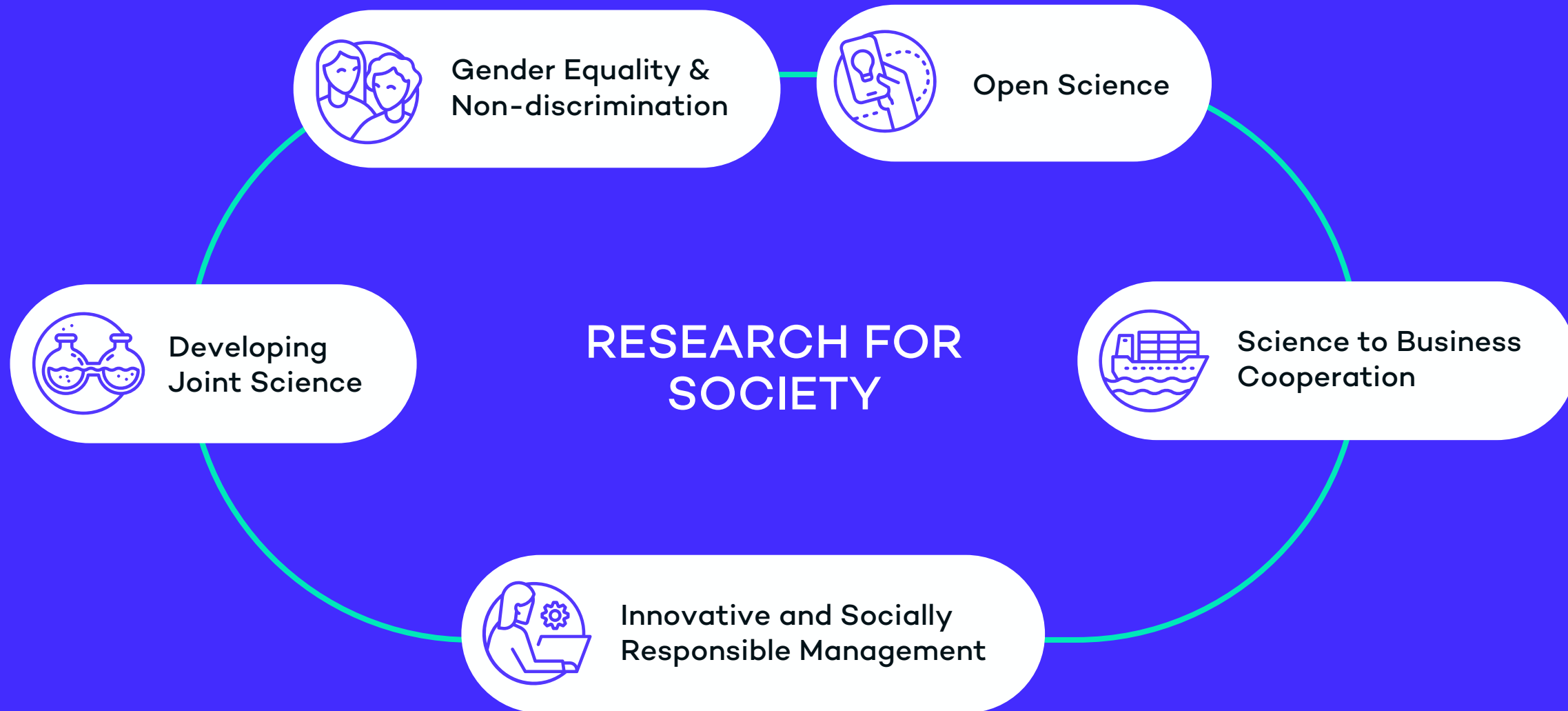
Innovative structure

**RESEARCH**

European Research Area

Joint science

Innovation agenda



# Developing Joint Science



## BY SHARING RESOURCES AND INFRASTRUCTURES

- A Joint Research Area in:
  - 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 9 times more research infrastructures
- Reduce ecological impact, be more sustainable



# Gender Equality & non-discrimination



## PROMOTING EQUAL CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

- Comparing women/men working conditions for promoting equalitarian careers
- Developing a knowledge transfer and innovation management system for representing both genders equally
- Bringing a specific focus of an innovative mentorship programme
- Promoting gendered innovations
- Ensuring non-discrimination culture



# Science & Business Cooperation



## INDUSTRY ENGAGEMENT IN RESEARCH

- Engaging innovation ecosystem
- Expertise services to stakeholders
- Science commercialisation
- Knowledge transfer
- Innovation hub:  
advertising innovative solutions



# Open Science



## OPENING SCIENCE FOR SOCIETY

- Increasing citizenship involvement
- Developing practices for society inclusiveness
- Increasing society's knowledge on research results
- Enabling co-creation, co-development and reuse of knowledge and making it more reliable, effective and reasonable
- Creating an EU-CONEXUS Open Science platform



# Innovative and Socially Responsible Management



## CONTROL & RELY ON SUSTAINABLE RESEARCH COOPERATION

- Innovative practices in strategic development
- Socially responsible financial and administrative coordination
- Harmonized quality assurance and monitoring
- Coherence within European Research Area



# EU-CONEXUS RFS FOR







# Governance Structure

## GOVERNING BOARD (GB)

Take strategic decisions for both projects; composed of Rectors/Presidents of each university.

## RESEARCH COUNCIL (RC)

Takes over the responsibilities of the Joint Research Steering Committee (Erasmus+) and supervises the RFS actions and the Erasmus+ WP4 actions, activities of WGs of both projects composed by Vice-rectors for Research.

## ACADEMIC COUNCIL (AC)

Makes proposals on academic offers (also in relations with Research activities PhD to the GB is responsible for Erasmus+ WP2 actions; composed by Vice-rectors in Academic Affairs.

## RFS- MANAGEMENT BOARD (MB)

For operational actions of both projects, composed by ED and representatives from all partner universities.

## -- Coordination Team

La Rochelle University team + Klaipeda University Project Manager

## RFS- WORKING GROUPS (WG)

- WP1 RFS Management Board (WG)  
Data Management And GDPR Issues (WG)  
Research Integrity Committee (WG)  
Gender Equality Plan (WG)
- WP2 European Research Area (WG)
- WP3 Joint Human Resources Unit (WP)
- WP4 Research Infrastructure and Resources (WG)
- WP5 Public and Corporate Relations Unit (WG)
- WP6 Open and Participatory Science (WG)
- WP7 Joint Communication Unit (WG)



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