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# Political environment and regulatory framework for alliances

## MAY 2024

[A European Maturity Model for Micro-credentials in Higher Education](#): The micro-credentials team of the European Digital Education Hub (EDEH) summarises the latest academic insights on microcredentials' business developments and marketing, technology and data and quality assurance.

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## JUNE 2024

[The next leap forward for transnational cooperation](#): The European University Association issued a position paper on transnational cooperation "within and beyond European Universities alliances". In this paper it calls on member states in particular to ensure a long-term funding scheme for alliances.

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## JUNE 2024

[Community of Practice "FOREU4ALL" accepted for funding](#): The Alliances Coordinators' network FOREU won an Erasmus+ funding for recruiting staff that will support its administration and coordination. See also: [University World News article](#)

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## JUNE 2024

[14 new alliances selected](#): The Commission announced the selection of 14 new alliances as the result of the 2024 Call for proposals. The [press release](#) states that the European Universities Initiative now counts 560 universities collaborating in 64 alliances.

# EU-CONEXUS participation in strategic development actions

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## European Student Assembly 2024

10-12<sup>th</sup> of April 2024,  
Strasbourg, France

The [3<sup>rd</sup> edition of the European Student Assembly](#) brought together over 250 students from 170 institutions all over Europe involved in 41 different alliances. The students adopted [79 policy recommendations](#) for the promotion of European citizenship. The EU-CONEXUS student secretary, Mirna Erlic, and four selected students from UROS, KU, UTCB and AUA participated in this years' Assembly: Sarah Katja Fuhrich, Edita Lenkauskaite, Myrsini-Anastasia Stagaki-Barlou, Alexandra-Estefania Branescu.

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## CHARM-EU Session on Microcredentials

22<sup>nd</sup> of April 2024,  
online

EU-CONEXUS Plus WP leaders joined an exchange with Quality Assurance Agencies, Ministries and experts on micro-credentials organized by the CHARM-EU Alliance. The presentation prepared by WP 2 leader Amanda Sancho, UCV, WP3 leaders Niamh O'Brien and Mike Kinsella is available [HERE](#).

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## A Blueprint for a European Degree

29<sup>th</sup> of April 2024,  
Brussels, Belgium

GB member Arturas Razbadauskas, KU, AC Vice-chair Sonata Maciulskyte, KU, Neringa Narbutiene, institutional coordinator and ED-AFFICHE partner, UCV, Raquel Blave, ED-AFFICHE partner and ED Isabella Baer-Eiselt, representing EU-CONEXUS as ESEU associated partner participated in the final dissemination event showcasing the results of all pilot projects on policy experimentation for a European Degree and a legal status for European Universities Alliances. An event report is available on the [EU-CONEXUS website](#).

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# European Open Science Forum 2024

hosted by the European Commission

**12-15<sup>th</sup> of June 2024,  
Katowice, Poland**

The EURECA Pro Alliance invited EU-CONEXUS to participate in a roundtable discussion entitled "The European Universities Initiative – new ways of strengthening international cooperation and connecting researchers" at the ESOF 2024, [www.esof.eu](http://www.esof.eu). EU-CONEXUS-Research for Society project manager Edita Lenkauskaitė represented EU-CONEXUS at the roundtable.

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# Upcoming events

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## EAIE-European Association for International Education, Toulouse, France

17-20<sup>th</sup> of September 2024

The annual conference for professionals of internationalisation of education is taking place in Toulouse. EU-CONEXUS will be represented with a stand and a representative group of participants in the conference (JCU members, institutional coordinators, Alliance coordination). Please find more information about the objectives and expected outcomes of the conference in the [concept presentation](#).

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## Internationalisation of European Universities Alliances: The New Frontiers, Toulouse, France

17<sup>th</sup> of September 2024

As a side event to the conference the FOREU Coordinators group organises a [half day meeting of European University Alliances](#) representatives. The event is designed to explore why and how European Universities alliances build strategic partnerships with universities and stakeholders beyond the European Union. Per alliance three representatives can participate in the side-event. EU-CONEXUS will be represented by Vice-Director Laura Delvaux, Head of Joint Communication Unit, Inga Petrauskiene, KU and Beatriz Manrique-Huarte, UCV.

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## EUA Funding Forum 'Sense & Sustainability: future paths for university finances', Helsinki, Finland

3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> of October 2024

The European University Association (EUA) invites university leaders and management teams, national and European public authorities, funding agencies, and partners to its "Funding Forum" centred around the question of what will be funded tomorrow, and how, in the context of society's and policy makers' expectations of universities.

[Register here!](#)

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## Useful Links

[Updated European Commission EUI Website](#)

[Interactive Map of European University Alliances](#)