



# EU-CONEXUS Policy Brief

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# POLITICAL ENVIRONMENT AND REGULATORY FRAMEWORK FOR ALLIANCES

## January 2025

### [European Universities initiative - outcomes and transformational potential - Monitoring framework](#)

This report provides a snapshot into the progress and achievements of the European Universities initiative as a whole, since its inception in 2019. It presents the initiative's potential, lays out aspects to be addressed, and provides future policy direction and avenues to continue making the European Universities initiative a success in the long-term. Get the key features in the link provided above. The report is a source of inspiration for the development of the European Universities initiative under the next EU multi-annual financial framework. In this context, the European Commission is consulting EU countries, higher education stakeholders and the alliances on an investment pathway for European Universities. The investment pathway aims to facilitate a more comprehensive funding approach and to seek synergies with national and regional funding sources.

## March 2025

### [Union of skills :](#)

The European Commission has launched a communication to the European Parliament, European Council, Council, European Economic and Social Committee and The Committee of the Regions on 5th of March on "the Union of skills". To be competitive and prepared for the future, the EU needs to support and prepare its people with the skills and competences needed for success in learning, work, and life, as highlighted by the [Competitiveness Compass for the EU](#) launched by President von der Leyen. The Union of Skills delivers a new approach, combining education, training and employment policies with a common vision of competitiveness.

Find the factsheet [here](#) and the official document [here](#).

### [EU-CONEXUS inputs to French Member of EU Parliament](#)

Alliances through FOREU4ALL were invited to give inputs to French MEP Laurence Farreng, member of CULT committee, currently working on an own initiative report on the future of the European University alliances, entitled "A new vision for the European Universities Alliances". The reply from EU-CONEXUS is available [here](#).

# EU-CONEXUS PARTICIPATION IN STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT ACTIONS

## **FOREU4ALL Forum Board meeting**

**26th of February 2025, Brussels**

The Alliance coordination team (Isabella Baer-Eiselt, Laura Delvaux, Etienne Bellin and Pauline Fery) participated to the first General Forum of FOREU4ALL with around 100 participants. Interactive sessions were organised on communication, collaboration within the alliance, governance, networks and funding. Recent policy developments were also presented such as polish Presidency event in June, Union of skills, European Degree updates, Investment pathway. All documents are available [here](#).

## **European Universities Rectors' meeting and coordinators' meeting**

**26 - 27th of February 2025, Brussels**

DG EAC and EACEA organised in Brussels a high-level event called "Shaping the future: European universities alliances for a competitive Europe".

Radu Vacareanu and Arturas Razbadauskas (President and Vice-President of EU-CONEXUS) participated to the Rectors's meeting organised in Brussels on 26th of February.

The Alliance coordination team (Isabella Baer-Eiselt, Laura Delvaux, Etienne Bellin and Pauline Fery) participated to the coordinator's meeting on 27th. The [event](#) included speakers from European Commission, new and old Alliances and EU-CONEXUS JMPMB student Enrico Alexander Green made a great speech in front of all participants. Parallel sessions were organised in the afternoon.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## **European Universities legal entity meeting**

**21st of May 2025, Brussels**

EACEA and DG EAC are organising a hybrid meeting on legal entities. The meeting will aim to provide clarifications on the strategic vision for legal entities within the European Universities initiative, and on key aspects related to grant management. It will allow for a direct monitoring exchange between the legal entities and the Commission, focussing on how the legal entities understand their role in the wider framework of a European Universities alliance and on what main challenges they face in fulfilling their specific responsibilities defined in the Description of Action.

All established legal entities will have the opportunity to briefly present their current practices, challenges and strategic reflections of European Universities in terms of involving legal entities in their Grant Agreements. More concrete information regarding the objective and scope of these presentations will be shared closer to the meeting.

## USEFUL LINKS

[Updated European Commission EUI Website](#)

[Interactive Map of European University Alliances](#)