

EU-CONEXUS Policy Brief

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POLITICAL ENVIRONMENT AND REGULATORY FRAMEWORK FOR ALLIANCES

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[Council Resolution on a joint European degree label and the next steps towards a possible joint European degree: boosting Europe's competitiveness and the attractiveness of European higher education:](#)

The Council's resolution sets out the member states' vision for a joint European degree label and proposes a roadmap towards a possible joint European degree, with three phases to be carried out by 2029. The accompanying recommendation specifies the criteria for awarding the joint European degree label. The label would be granted to joint programmes delivered via transnational cooperation between universities from different countries, including at least two EU member states. A presentation has been made to the EU-CONEXUS Academic Council in June prepared by Neringa Narbutiene, UCV institutional coordinator (available [here](#) with the relevant documents).

EU-CONEXUS PARTICIPATION IN STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT ACTIONS

26-27th May 2025

Towards a Stronger Europe: Franco-German-Irish Perspectives on the Future of European University Alliances

This conference was hosted by the French Embassy, and the German Embassy to Ireland at the European Parliament Offices, Dublin, Ireland to foster dialogue and exchange of best practice between French, Irish and German academic institutions that are involved in European University Alliances. Fourteen alliances are active in Irish academic institutions, and all were present including EU-CONEXUS. The conference also provided a forum to discuss common challenges and share best practice ahead of next year's Irish Presidency of the European Union. David Denieffe, Claire Doran, Mike Kinsella, Siobhán Rudden and Ashkan Denghen (Student Board member) represented EU-CONEXUS at this event.

2nd September 2025

LERU & The Guild – After the MFF Proposal: Envisioning the Future Horizon Europe and Erasmus+

Fernando Galan participated in the event organised in Brussels on envisioning the Future Horizon Europe and Erasmus+ after 2028.

4th September 2025

Meeting of the Irish European Universities Initiative National Forum

SETU hosted the 8th EUI national forum on its Carlow campus, chaired by Helen Murphy. The forum meets quarterly to discuss issues and opportunities that are common to the fourteen alliances that are active in Ireland. Key items discussed at this meeting included opportunities arising for Alliances around next year's Ireland's Presidency of the European Union, future funding at national and EU levels, and sharing experiences of reporting stages.

9-12th September 2025

EAIE-European Association for International Education, Gothenburg, Sweden

Following up on the 2024 edition, EU-CONEXUS was present in the Swedish edition of the EAIE. EU-CONEXUS representatives participated in this international fair.

Neringa Narbutiene, Institutional coordinator at UCV, co-hosted world café session on EU-CONEXUS IamSUDENT project key theme 'Co-creating a shared student identity within the EUI alliances'. More information [here](#).

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4th-6th September 2025

EUSAF - European Universities Student Ambassadors Forum 2025, Warsaw, Poland.

Philipp Schubert, Student Board representative from Rostock University participated in the EUSAF conference to represent our Alliance in Poland.

More information available [here.](#)

29th September 2025

International Information Day — “European Excellence Initiative”

NCP_WIDERA.NET hosted an online International Information Day, dedicated to the current European Excellence Initiative EEI Call: HORIZON-WIDERA-2025-01-ACCESS-01. During the event, #WIDERA experts provided essential guidance on the call's requirements, outlining best practices as well as common pitfalls in proposal preparation. In addition, former EEI applicants presented their success stories, offering valuable insights drawn from their experience. EU-CONEXUS was represented by Ilinca Năstase, EU-CONEXUS Enables project director.

USEFUL LINKS

[Updated European Commission EUI Website](#)