

# European Universities – EU Flagship Initiative

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European Universities are transnational university alliances which aim at building a joint European Education Area. As “Universities of the Future”, they do not only promote sustainability and excellent education and research but also foster the European identity.

A new generation of Europeans is studying, teaching, and researching in different languages across national and disciplinary boundaries. Together, they are tackling the social challenges of our time and strengthening the European higher education sector.

To date, a total of 41 university alliances have been funded by the EU – and the University of Siegen, as part of the ATHENA alliance, is a member of a “University of the Future”, too!

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## DAAD Funding Programme

The DAAD accompanying national programme “European University Networks (EUN) – national initiative” strengthens participating German universities by providing specialist advice, networking opportunities, and financial support.

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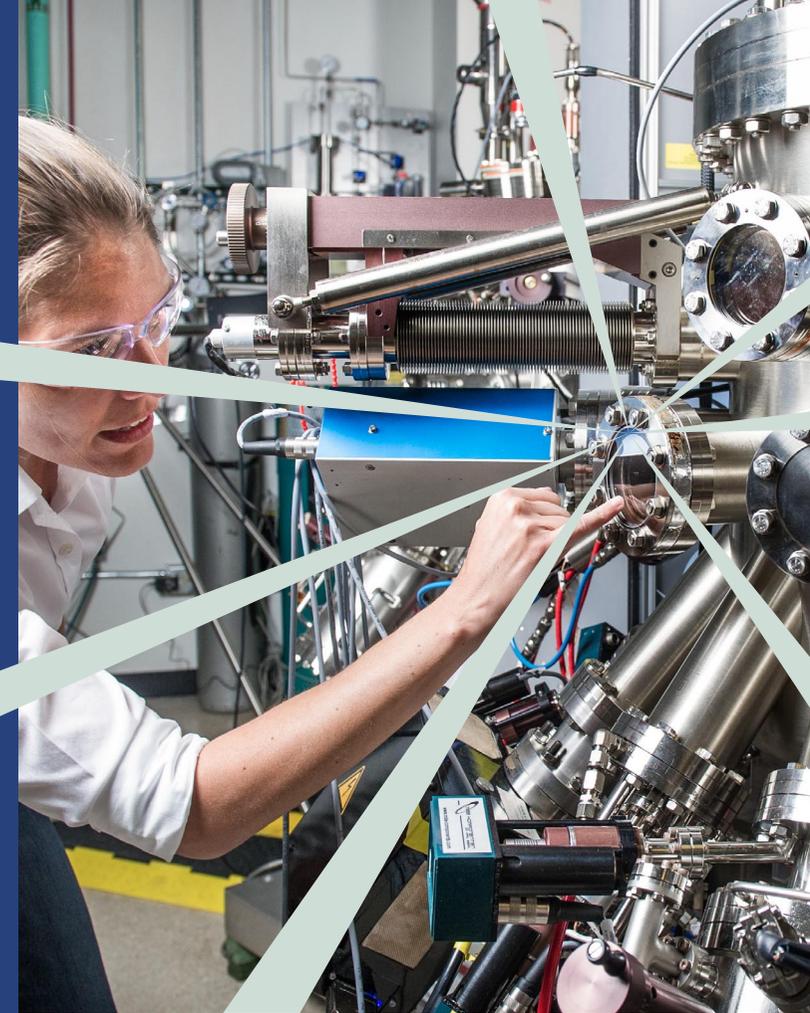
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Network Alliance

## What Is ATHENA?

The ATHENA European University aims to provide inclusive, innovative, and high-quality education. Its founding members are seven European universities who are working together closely both in research and teaching, and are creating a joint educational offer. A particular focus on physical and virtual mobility and a wide range of courses tailored to individual interests allow for flexible study options in a truly European environment.

Targeting global market needs and offering excellent training opportunities permit students and doctoral candidates to enter a career quickly and successfully, which is beneficial to both companies and society. Supported by regional industry partners, new findings and research results are actively disseminated among society.

### Our Offer ...

- Studying and doing research in an international environment
- Physical and virtual mobility
- Novel teaching and learning formats
- Innovative and applied research
- Involvement of local industry
- Transfer of knowledge to society
- Lifelong learning



### For Students

- Studying in an international environment
- Individual and flexible course selection
- Stays abroad at our partner universities
- Development of soft skills and language skills

### For Researchers and Teachers

- Applied research and teaching in an innovative environment
- International research cooperation
- Exchange and training opportunities for PhD students and lecturers
- Joint projects with industry partners

### For Technical and Administrative Staff

- Varied opportunities for further training
- Intercultural exchange
- Close cooperation in a European context
- Development of soft skills and language skills

### For Industry and Society

- Transfer of research results
- Excellently trained graduates
- European perspectives and networking opportunities
- Active exchange between universities, industry, and society

127,820 Students and PhD Students

10,645 Staff

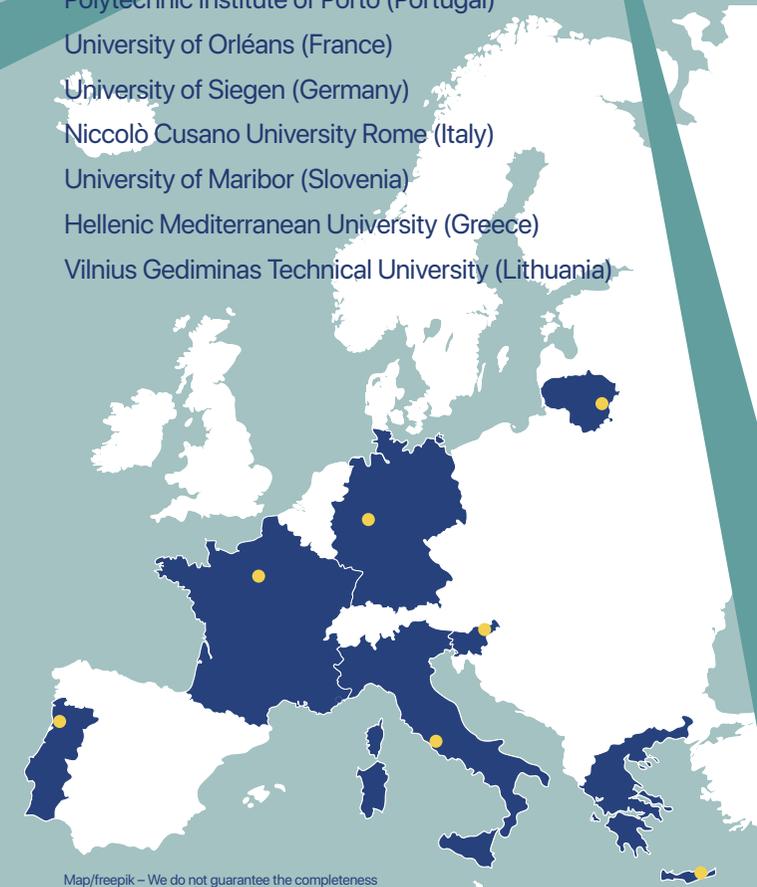
51 Associated Partners in Industry

7 Partner Universities

1 International University Alliance

## Our Alliance

Polytechnic Institute of Porto (Portugal)  
University of Orléans (France)  
University of Siegen (Germany)  
Niccolò Cusano University Rome (Italy)  
University of Maribor (Slovenia)  
Hellenic Mediterranean University (Greece)  
Vilnius Gediminas Technical University (Lithuania)



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