

# AURORA

## ALLIANCE

# Aurora European University Alliance Programme to start

**The Aurora Alliance is a group of nine universities dedicated to matching academic excellence with societal relevance and impact.**

It has been selected as one of the 41 European University initiatives under the Erasmus+ programme to lead the way to European universities and university education that contribute to a Europe of prosperity and well-being.

The Aurora Alliance has grown from the Aurora Universities Network. Originally formed in 2016, Aurora is a consortium of research-intensive universities deeply committed to the social impact of our activities, and with a history of engagement with our communities.

The University of Aberdeen and the University of Grenoble Alpes are not part of the Aurora Alliance programme, but will be involved as much as possible.

### AURORA ALLIANCE MEMBERS:

<p>1</p>  <p><b>UNIVERSITY OF ICELAND</b></p> <p>UNIVERSITY OF ICELAND</p>	<p>5</p>  <p><b>UNIVERSITÄT DUISBURG ESSEN</b></p> <p>UNIVERSITY DUISBURG-ESSEN</p>	<p>9</p>  <p><b>Palacký University Olomouc</b></p> <p>PALACKY UNIVERSITY</p>
<p>2</p>  <p><b>University of East Anglia</b></p> <p>UNIVERSITY OF EAST ANGLIA</p>	<p>6</p>  <p><b>universität innsbruck</b></p> <p>UNIVERSITY OF INNSBRUCK</p>	
<p>3</p>  <p><b>VRIJE UNIVERSITEIT AMSTERDAM</b></p> <p>VU AMSTERDAM</p>	<p>7</p>  <p><b>CBS COPENHAGEN BUSINESS SCHOOL</b></p> <p>COPENHAGEN BUSINESS SCHOOL</p>	
<p>4</p>  <p><b>UNIVERSITAT ROVIRA I VIRGILI</b></p> <p>UNIVERSITY ROVIRA I VIRGILI</p>	<p>8</p>  <p><b>UNIVERSITÀ DEGLI STUDI DI NAPOLI FEDERICO II</b></p> <p>UNIVERSITY OF NAPLES</p>	

### ASSOCIATE PARTNERS:

- 1 SOUTH-WEST UNIVERSITY "NEOFIT RILSKY"
- 2 PAVOL JOZEF ŠAFÁRIK UNIVERSITY
- 3 UNIVERSITY OF TETOVA
- 4 KARAZIN UNIVERSITY

The Aurora Alliance stands for:

## Learning for societal impact

Aurora graduates will be willing – and able – to bring value to society. They are social, entrepreneurial and innovative. Through the Aurora Alliance programme, we will help them develop the competencies that allow them to make impact and to make a difference to the world.

Our testing grounds are:

- **Sustainability & Climate Change**
- **Digital Society & Global Citizenship**
- **Health & Well-being**
- **Culture: Diversity & identity.**

The Aurora student population will truly reflect the diversity of our societies; each student will gain meaningful international experience. Academics will be supported and equipped to be teaching for societal impact.

**“Learning for Societal Impact”** is what we aim to do.

## Engaging communities

Working in co-creation with students, private organisations and companies, public and citizen organisations will be second nature for Aurora academics and support staff. Experts in our four testing grounds and in social entrepreneurship & innovations will create and strengthen local innovation eco-systems and integrate these into European eco-systems.

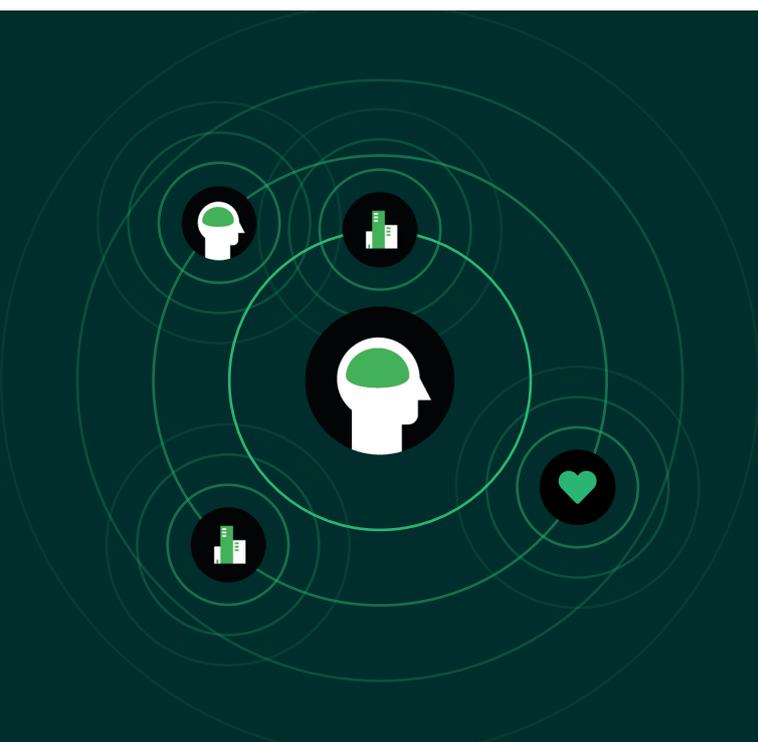
Aurora will contribute actively to create more balance in the European landscape of education, research and innovation. A network of associate universities in central and eastern Europe will be working closely with Aurora and will strengthen regional knowledge infrastructure.

**“Engaging, co-creating and collaborating”** is how we want to operate.

## Sustainability pioneers

The Aurora Alliance puts sustainability and commitment to the sustainable development goals at the heart of its vision and strategy. Building on existing strengths in Aurora member universities and in the Alliance as a whole (e.g. the SDG bibliometrics for relevance), our mission is to get beyond explaining how our teaching and research relates to the SDGs towards showing how our teaching and research actually contribute to achievement of those goals.

**“Sustainable”** is what we aim to be.



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