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Inside the European University Alliances: an associate partner's view

The experience of Sumy State University



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E³UDRES²: our most active alliance

E³UDRES²
Engaged and Entrepreneurial European University as Driver for European Smart and Sustainable Regions



9
full member universities

6
associate partners, incl. SumDU

6
agreements with member universities

Work packages
our experts contribute and lead where their competences fit

Staff weeks, General Assemblies, summits
we always take part, and ran our own workshop at the 2025 Spring Summit

Hackathons, conferences, resource databases
where people across the network find each other

Bilateral agreements
alliance contacts turned into Erasmus+ inter-institutional agreements

Joint consortia
CBHE and Horizon Europe applications with alliance partners

NEOLAiA: focused partnership

Focus areas
Law · Medicine · Business

- Member of the law and medicine networks
- Inter-institutional agreements with partner universities
- Access to the Open Research Hub and Virtual Café
- Blended Intensive Programme at Örebro University
- Joint applications to upcoming calls in preparation



NEOLAiA stand, EAIE 2024 Toulouse



Partner Days, Örebro University, Sweden
September 2025, NEOLAiA family

FilmEU: a podcast built on trust

filmEU
EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY

Focus areas
Media · Creative industries

- Revived contacts from an earlier joint project
- SumDU presented at the FilmEU IRO meeting
- Podcast "FilmEU Without Borders – Ukraine": 4 episodes, 4 SumDU voices, interviewers from 4 countries
- Next: Podcast Club, mobility, Creative Europe



EAIE 2026: networking via alliances

Alliances are visible at EAIE
every year, with their own stands and sessions

Partners can support
a Ukrainian university to attend

Joint session proposals
with Ukrainian universities as co-presenters

Networking through your alliance
meetings and introductions at the alliance stand









FOREU4ALL topical group on Ukraine

Oct 2025
Workshop in Prague

After Prague
Recommendations submitted to the EU

Sept 2026
Presented at a dedicated EAIE session

Key reflections of the focus group

- Move from bottom-up initiatives to a strategic, long-term role of alliances for Ukraine
- Pave the way for Ukrainian universities to become full alliance members
- Build their capacity now through mobility and dedicated alliance activities
- Alliances as an investment in people for Ukraine's recovery

Prague workshop, October 2025





Dedicated session, EAIE 2026 Glasgow





Lessons for Ukrainian universities

Show up

General Assemblies, staff weeks, summits. Visibility brings invitations.

Pick your work packages

Match real strengths and send the colleagues with that expertise.

Go bilateral

Turn alliance contacts into agreements, mobility and joint CBHE, Horizon Europe, Creative Europe bids.

Show your expertise

Ukrainian universities bring expertise others lack: teaching in crisis, resilience, recovery. Name it and offer it.

Plan your capacity

No dedicated alliance office: name one coordinator per alliance.

Use the network beyond

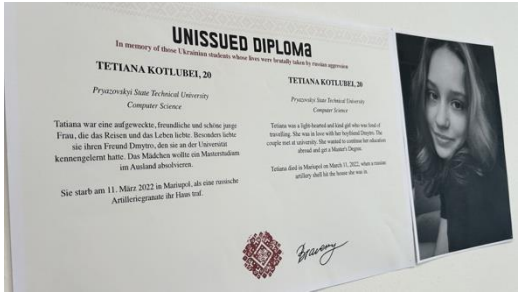
EAIE, FOREU4ALL and policy dialogue with the European Commission.

Beyond the main activities

Making Ukraine's voice heard and Ukrainian universities supported

Unissued Diplomas

Exhibition in memory of Ukrainian students killed in the war, at two E³UDRES² universities







Workshops: our expertise

At E³UDRES² summits: COIL, e-learning, Pedagogy amidst war, Three Horizons





E³UDRES² Spring Summits 2025 and 2026

Humanitarian aid

Equipment and fundraising from Fulda; furniture and laptops from Örebro





Being an associate partner:
synergy beyond expectations

Thank you!

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E³UDRES² Autumn Summit | Fulda University of Applied Sciences | October 2024



E³UDRES² Spring Summit | JAMK University of Applied Sciences | April 2026