



# ERUA Newsletter

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ERUA is much more than yet another form of academic partnership. We have been working together on a joint strategy to promote innovative education and engaged and responsible research - based on common values and a joint vision of a community of reform universities closely linked with civil society.

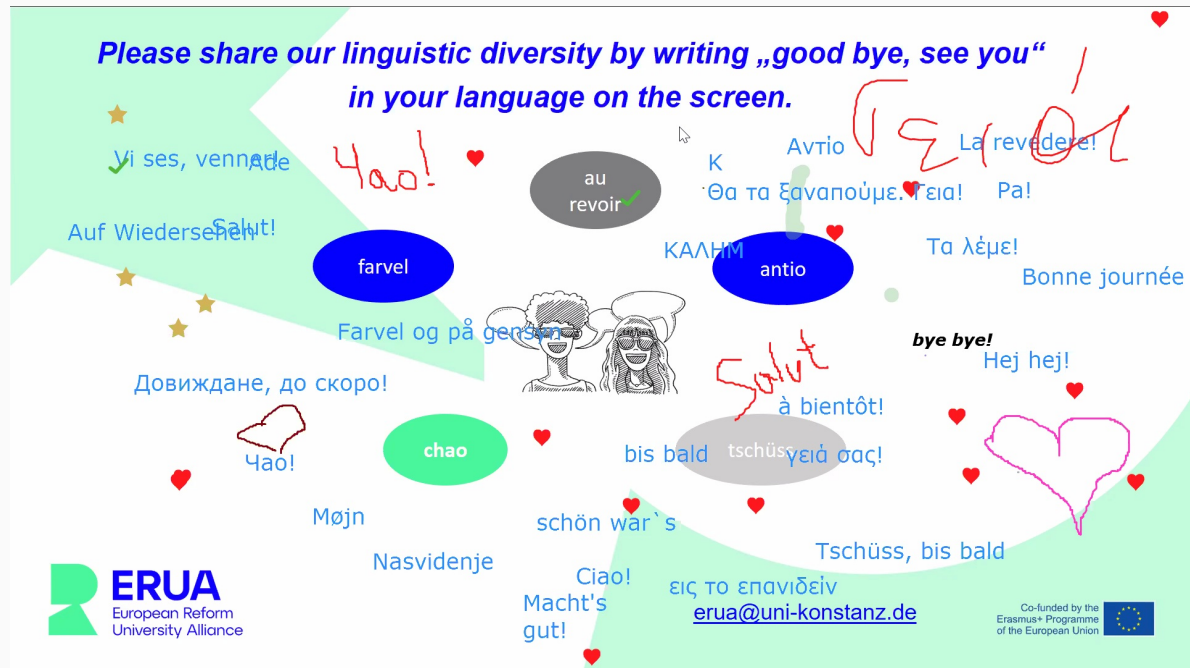


We share a vision of universities as creative spaces, an awareness of the power of experimental approaches, and an understanding of the promises of diversity. To address the challenges of our world, we want to bring together academics from all over Europe and international students from the top and bottom socio-economic deciles, rural and urban settings, of local and global backgrounds. Together, we will strive to shape a more just, more open, and more inclusive society.

As reform universities, we have fostered the modern university's critical function by reflecting upon, assessing, and advancing alternatives to current models.

After ERUA's first summit and the launch of Re:ERUA, our alliance is now entering a new and promising phase of structuring and maturation. Let us join forces and reimagine higher education and research!

## ERUA's First Annual Summit highlights



The inaugural summit of the European Reform Universities Alliance – ERUA focused on reimagining higher education, its future and progress, sustainability and modernisation in Europe...

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## ERUA testimonials



As these stories tell, ERUA is all about building communities.  
See what our stakeholders have to say about their ERUA experiences.

## Welcome on board of Re:ERUA

One year after becoming one of the 41 European Universities co-funded by the Erasmus+ programme, the European Reform University Alliance was awarded additional funding under a special Horizon 2020 call - "Science with and for Society", which provides focused support for the research and innovation dimension of European University Alliances.

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## Why participate in Re:ERUA working groups as a researcher?

We are launching different work packages to foster new forms of collaboration between our universities. Interested in joining the adventure of our alliance?

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## Our Europe Today



Since 2021, The University of Konstanz has organised ten ‘Our Europe Today’ workshops within ERUA. These online workshops took place every two weeks and brought together students and staff from our member campuses in Bulgaria, Greece, Germany, Denmark, and France.

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## Upcoming joint initiatives in brief

**Paris 8** - The University of Paris 8 launched a Re:ERUA label for research projects in November 2021. The objective is to consolidate the research carried out in partnership with at least one of our partners. A funding of EUR 1,000 to 7,000 could

be added for academic events or collaborative research projects under University of Paris 8's lead. This year, two collaborative projects received the label. The next call will be open from November 2022 to January 2023.

**Roskilde University** - The ERUA WP2 Research Support Group organised a virtual two-day workshop for early-career researchers ("Participating in and creating scientific networks", 23-24 March). The workshop aimed to facilitate exchange of experience in building international research networks between early-career and senior researchers.

**University of Konstanz** - ERUA's Research Group is organising a workshop titled "The History and Legacy of Reform: Changing Promises and Realities of Higher Education" which will take place on 5-7 May 2022 at the University of Konstanz. This is the second event in a workshop series conceived by the ERUA Research Group and designed to explore both existing and plausible future alternatives to higher education. As part of the workshop, William Whyte (University of Oxford) will give a keynote lecture on 'Reform and the University through History'. Further information and registration via this [link](#).

**University of Aegean** - In May, the University of the Aegean will organise a Digital Escape Meeting in Syros Island, Greece, for all digital minds within the Alliance (ERUA/Re:ERUA). Participants will discuss the Roadmap for Digital Reform. New calls and initiatives open to active student participation bring much euphoria about ERUA here: there is the new initiative "I am a passenger" (an ERUA Bauhaus experiment), as well as an eco challenge adventure for ERUA students, new competition calls for students in design thinking, ICT, culture, and sustainable development, and new travelling actions to an "ERUAhaus Aegean Island" exploring "aesthetic sustainability" and the Beautiful. Also, a new survey ("Re-up skills in campuses") under Re:ERUA is expected on EUSurvey in April - aimed to determine the training needs and competences for ERUA researchers and scientists as learners. More details coming soon - stay tuned!

**New Bulgarian University** - On 8-10 September, we are planning a larger workshop titled "Digital Transformation of Research and Practice at Reform Universities: Past, Present and Future". The workshop will take place at New Bulgarian University (the Sozopol base) and will address how the internet and new digital technologies have affected universities, especially reform universities, in recent decades. The deadline for abstract submission is 10 May. All are welcome. Additional information [here](#).

Find out more at [www.erua-eui.eu](http://www.erua-eui.eu)

**Upcoming events**

**Past events**



Interested in more events, calls, and opportunities? Keep an eye on our website for all the latest news and list of upcoming events.

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Our calendar page will give you details about many past ERUA events.

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## ERUA opportunities

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