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Legal status for alliances: added value

EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY







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"Today we are nine, tomorrow we will be one."



VISION :

We believe in a technological education that empowers citizens and impacts society to build a powerful Europe.

KNOW HOW:

A European model of technology Helping every student to find a place in society. Excellence for all

EUROPEAN VALUES EMPOWERING TECHNOLOGY

MISSION:

Building a new European model of university that raises responsible citizens through technology.



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Motivation

Pilot experimenting of an EU cooperation instrument

- Explore the feasibility of a possible European legal status as an alliance of HEI
- Goal of taking transnational cooperation to a new level of intensity
- EUt+ as an alliance is based on a network of previous individual connections
- Give EUt+ a legal European personality for existence
 - Ability to act transnationally as one entity legitimately representing all members ____
 - Creating external identity, credibility and reliability —
 - Equal participation internally by binding decisions and ownership through inclusion into alliance — Transfer of continuous service tasks for simplification of provision and securing of
- <u>investments</u>





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Project Description

Develop a genuinely European dimension based on shared values

- Addressing the global question of the creation of the legal tool, the services and the ÷. implementation of processes to advance the EUt+ trajectory towards merging
 - Definition of common governance bodies and processes with an increasing integrative trajectory
 - Establishment of a European Grouping of Territorial Cooperation (EGTC) providing common services to the alliance members
 - Initially, a digital backbone to provide information services with potential for further support



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STYX Processes

A proposal of 10 integrative EUt+ processes

- Encapsulating the essence of EUt+
- Offering a methodology to gauge members' transformation
- Promote collaboration
- Support the common governance bodies
- Pave the way for convergence towards a unified framework

Comprehensive Approach

- + Resources and Participation in EUt+
- An Education Oriented to the EUt+ **Students**
- + Equity, Diversity and Inclusion
- Multilingualism and Intercultural learning
- + A sustainable, ethical and environmentally responsible EUt+ campus
- + EUt+ Embedded in the Study Offer
- + EUt+ in Research, Development, Innovation, and Entrepreneurship
- + EUt+ Brand and Outreach
- EUt+ as Long-Term Strategy
- + EUt+ Standards Assessment and Reviews



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Legal Status

Analysis elements for development of an EGTC for EUt+

- European instrument geared for public bodies
- Deployment as EUt+'s non-profit agency
- Lean management and governance inclusion
- The legal entity will not replace the current universities
- It will add value to this super campus for certain cases, functions, services, support ...
- Preparation of the future of the alliance

Value Creation

- + EUt+ in working modus
- Need for unambigious information processing
- Permanence through adequate composition of integrative processes
- + Lean management structure possible
- + Clear tasks definition and governance anchoring
- + Accountability and liability definable
- + Creation of a European information management layer
- + Mutualisation of resources and sharing
- + Simplification through coordination
- Exploitation of economies of scale
- + Long-term operation ensurance
- Preservance of investments



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STYX Roadmapping

Situation analysis results

- Success factors in realising the EUt+ ambition of a merger
 - sociological acceptance and a well-driven convergence ____
 - a suitable legal space for experimentation —
- EGTC for public authorities as a path towards a European identity
- EGTC as the relevant form for non-profit transnational collaboration at peer-level -
- Overcoming limitations as given when using national constructs
- Strategic approach to integrate EUt+ and support the integrative trajectory
- Initial start based on given laws with service provision to gain experience





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STYX Roadmapping

Insights

- The EUt+ legal entity needs to be designed as a living system
- + Further development to be envisioned towards a full university mission
- Presently obstacles given to proceed as a European University
- Existing legal instruments could evolve for academic needs and flexibility
- Suggestion for the adaptation of the legal instrument EGTC with special types
 - EGTC to EGUC (European Grouping for University Cooperation)
 - EGTC to EGAC (European Grouping for Academic Cooperation)
- Supporting further development







Thank you!

European University of Technology EUt+

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STYX project

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LEG-UNIGR **BLUEPRINT FOR A LEGAL ENTITY FOR CROSS-BORDER UNIVERSITY ALLIANCES**



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Why: Knowledge Square

How: HEI-like Entity

What: Legal Instrument



For now, small not-for-profit entity (asbl in L)



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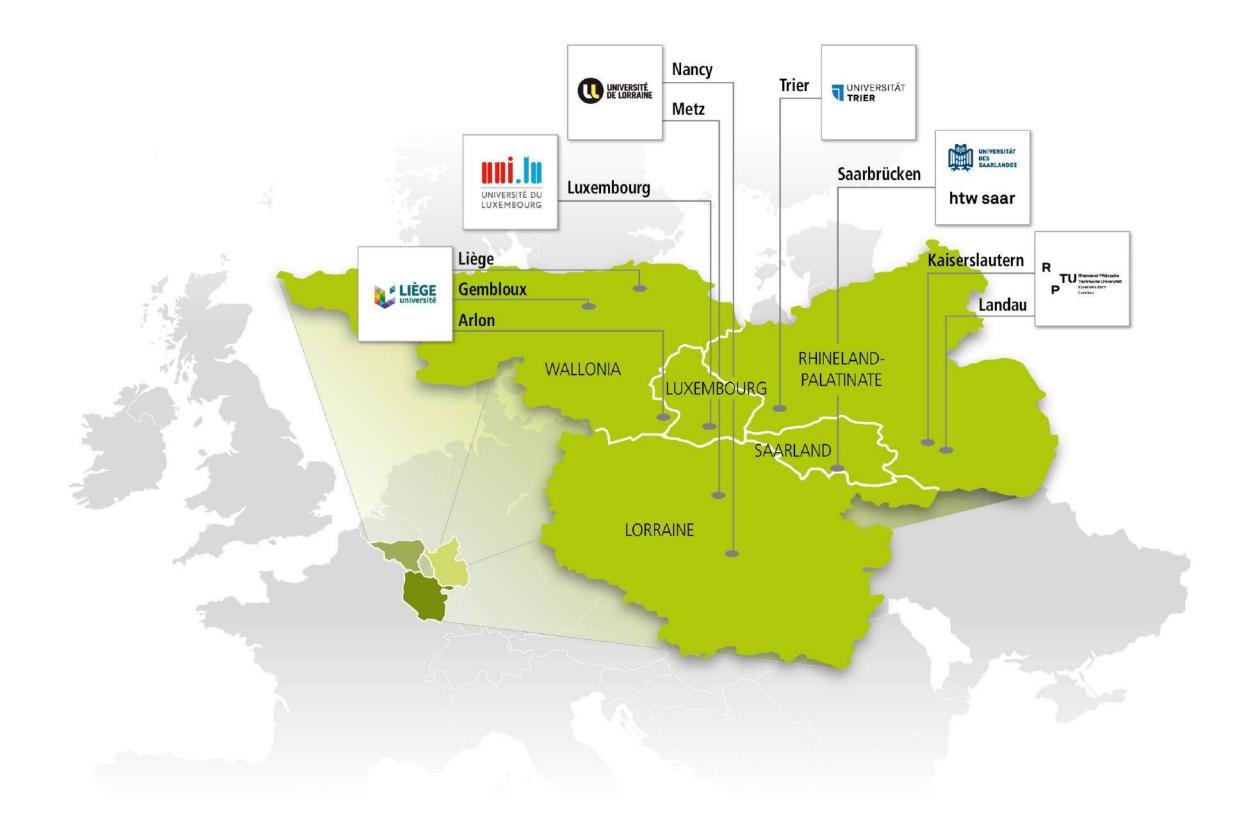


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Instrument







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- Legal entity
- Public
- **EU-regulated**
- Lean Governance
- Transnational
- **Branch offices**
- **Publicly auditable**



European Grouping of Territorial cooperation (88 in EU) Regulation (EC) Nº 1082/2006, amended by Regulation (EU) No 1302/2013



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"In order to be able to think, you have to risk being offensive."



Stairway to Heaven





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