RUN-EU

Regional University Network – European University

www.run-eu.eu

What is RUN-EU?

RUN-EU is an alliance of European universities that offers unique internationalization opportunities for students, teachers, researchers, technical staff, and administrative staff through joint study programs, experience exchanges, and joint initiatives in the field of research, development, and innovation (R&D&I) in the context of international mobility and activities supporting interregional development in various European countries.

RUN-EU aims to build a truly European university with the goal of strengthening connections between people through the sharing of skills and experiences.

The more we connect, share, collaborate, and learn from each other, the greater the potential we can create together for the future.

What are the goals of the alliance?

be an active institution that helps develop society in the regions concerned

promote sustainable economic, social, cultural, and environmental development

offer study programs that develop the skills needed for the professions of the future

enhance the quality, innovation, and attractiveness of European higher education

strengthen the national and international competitiveness of individual regions

RUN-EU consists of
10 universities
in 9 countries

Technological University of the Shannon (Ireland) - **TUS**

NHL Stenden University of Applied Sciences (The Netherlands) - **NHL**

Polytechnic University of Leiria (Portugal) - **IPL**

Polytechnic University of Cávado and Ave (Portugal) - **IPCA**

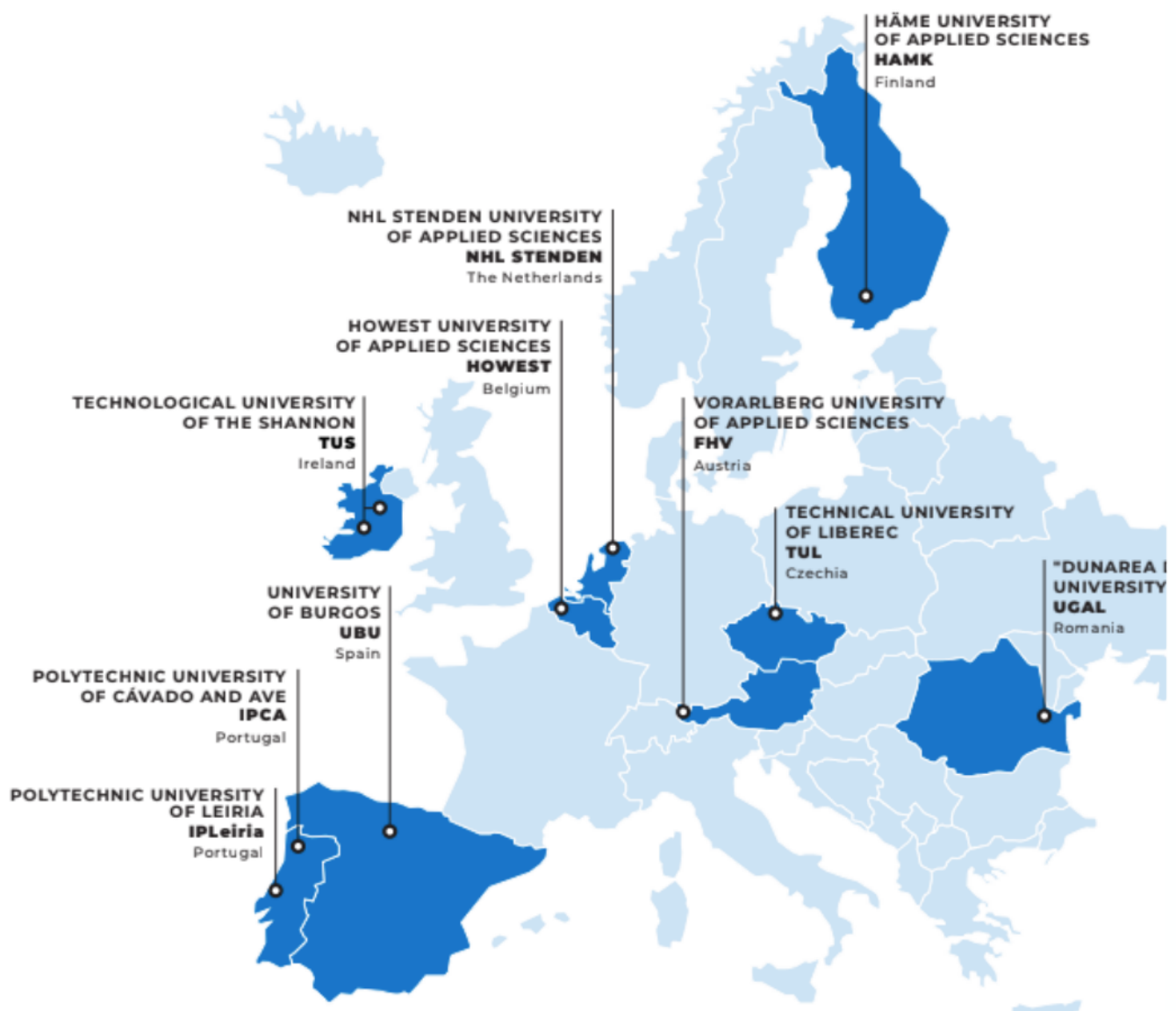Häme University of Applied Sciences (Finland) - **HAMK**

Howest University of Applied Sciences (Belgium) - **HOWEST**

University of Burgos (Spain) - **UBU**

FHV - Vorarlberg University of Applied Sciences (Austria) - **FHV**

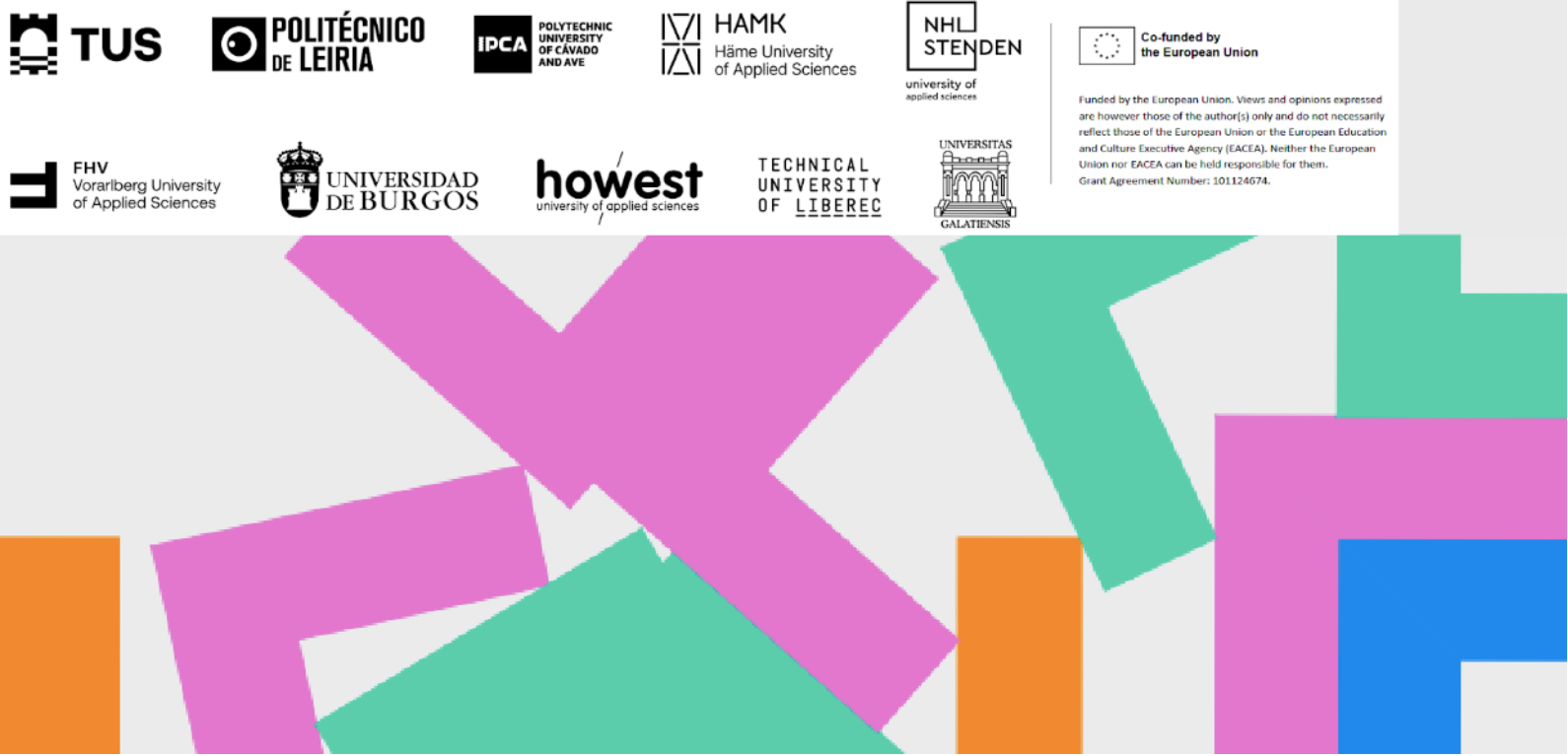Technical University of Liberec (The Czech Republic) - **TUL**

University of Galaty (Romania) - **UGAL**

HÄME UNIVERSITY
OF APPLIED SCIENCES
HAMK
Finland

NHL STENDEN UNIVERSITY
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The Netherlands

HOWEST UNIVERSITY
OF APPLIED SCIENCES
HOWEST
Belgium

VORARLBERG UNIVERSITY
OF APPLIED SCIENCES
FHV
Austria

TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY
OF THE SHANNON
TUS
Ireland

TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY
OF LIBEREC
TUL
Czechia

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UNIVERSITY
UGAL
Romania

UNIVERSITY
OF BURGOS
UBU
Spain

POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY
OF CÁVADO AND AVE
IPCA
Portugal

POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY
OF LEIRIA
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Portugal

Alliance in data

- 65 alliances of European universities
- 12 Czech universities + TUL (October 1, 2025)
- 570 European higher education institutions
- 2200 European entities (partners in various fields who cooperate with alliances)
- 2020 (year of establishment of the RUN-EU alliance, 8 European universities)
- 2025 (involvement of two additional universities - TUL + UGAL)

https://www.dzs.cz/clanek/jaka-bude-role-alianci-v-budoucnosti-evropy-ohlednuti-za-ctvrtym-kulatym-stolem-k-aliancim

Opportunities offered by RUN-EUN-EU nabízí

Meet new friends, take on challenges
and discover yourself.

Take part in various short-term
study opportunities within RUN-EU.

For students

Other benefits

Career opportunities
Employers value international experience. Mobility and RUN-EU projects enhance CVs and
open doors to global job markets.

Skill development
Acquire digital, environmental, intercultural, and problem-solving skills that are highly
sought after by employers.

Flexibility
Take advantage of short intensive programs (SAP), online modules, and blended learning.

Networking
Build an international network of colleagues, professors, and industry partners across
Europe.

Credit recognition
All RUN-EU programs provide ECTS credits, so your efforts count towards your studies.

Personal growth
Discover new cultures, languages, and perspectives—become more adaptable and resilient.

Scholarships and funding
The activities are supported by Erasmus+ or RUN-EU funds.

Open up new professional and personal horizons,
be inspired, and learn from colleagues across the education sector.

As a teacher, you can join RUN-EU and help create courses, develop existing teaching methods, and learn new ones.

As a researcher, you will gain access to joint funding, opportunities to share knowledge, and expand your research focus within the RUN-EU network.

Other benefits

International cooperation
Collaborate with colleagues from other countries on joint course development, research projects, and teaching methods.

Professional recognition
Participation in the European University project increases visibility in the academic community.

Research opportunities
Gain access to research networks and EU-level funding.

Curriculum innovation
Co-create joint programs, double degrees, and future-oriented curricula.

Training and development
Participate in staff mobility, workshops, and leadership programs.

What activities does RUN-EU offer for our university?

Learning opportunities - opportunities in education and teaching

More information here - https://run-eu.eu/learning-opportunities/

SHORT ADVANCED PROGRAMME

SAPs are short intensive courses blending online and in-person learning, earning ECTS and tackling real-world challenges.

BLENDED INTENSIVE PROGRAMME

BIPs are Erasmus+ funded collaborative short-term learning opportunities combining online learning and physical mobility.

MASSIVE OPEN ONLINE COURSE

MOOCs are open online courses offering flexible, self-paced learning with no participant limits or formal admission requirements.

LEARNER EXCHANGE SCHOOL

LEXS are short 1–2 weeks in-person learning experiences where diverse learners tackle real-world challenges.

COLLABORATIVE ONLINE INTERNATIONAL LEARNING

COILs connect students and teachers from different countries for collaborative online learning and intercultural exchange.

Research - research opportunities

More information here - https://run-eu.eu/research/

RUN-ERA operates through three interlinked pillars

RUN Immersive Research Institute (RUN-IRI)

RUN Discovery (RUN-DIS)

RUN European Innovation Hubs (RUN-EIH)

RUN-IRI provides research and innovation-focused training to our extensive research community of over 2000 people. RUN-IRI emphasises mutual learning, where all researchers can be both learners and teachers, sharing knowledge to promote lifelong learning and career development in research and innovation.

RUN-DIS Is the engine for building future-oriented European Research, Development and Innovation (RDI) teams. It brings together researchers, students, academic staff and regional partners in a multidisciplinary approach to deliver innovative solutions across Europe.

RUN-EIH aims to foster collaborative research, innovation and engagement activities by using knowledge transfer tools between RUN-EU Alliance members and regional stakeholders in business, industry, government and society.

This approach encourages RUN-EU member

Societal Engagement and Entrepreneurship - social impact and entrepreneurship

Bližší informace zde - https://run-eu.eu/societal-engagement-and-entrepreneurship/

Our key programmes within ESEC include:

The RUN Entrepreneurship Programme

Designed to ignite the entrepreneurial spirit

| Entrepreneurship ⌄ |

Future Innovators Labs (FILS)

Focused on inspiring the next generation in Social fields

| FILS ⌄ |

Ready to Service (RETOS)

Our service to society platform that promotes student engagement in solving societal problems

| RETOS ⌄ |

European mobility

More information here - https://run-eu.eu/european-mobility/

You can take advantage of mobility at all universities that are part of the alliance.

Pedagogical development - educational developmentj

More information here - https://run-eu.eu/pedagogical-development/

Cultivating a Collaborative and Inclusive Learning Community for Future Skills

Buiding on collaboration, openness, and wellbeing

- Making space for collaboration and supporting everyone's involvement in the community
- Promoting equality, diversity, and inclusivity guides, what we do in our pedagogical community
- Being open to sharing and learning from each other in our pedagogical community

Promoting innovation, research-informed knowledge generation, and multidisciplinary engagement

- Fostering creativity, resourcefulness, and curiosity in learning and teaching
- Ensuring that our learning and teaching are research-informed
- Providing opportunities to work in multidisciplinary and international teams

Implementing constructive alignment and student-centred teaching and learning

- Supporting students' activity and agency learning
- Following the principles of constructive alignment in our teaching
- Utilising assessment practices that support learning and focus on the learning processes

Student Council

The Student Council is a body composed of student representatives that operates within the RUN-EU (Regional University Network - European University) alliance.

Its aim is to represent and promote the interests of students across universities involved in RUN-EU, support their mobility, organize joint events, and facilitate the sharing of experiences between students from different countries and cultural backgrounds.

This involves the participation of approximately 10–15 students, who will have the opportunity to meet 1–2 times a year for a week-long meeting abroad.

From this group, approximately 5 students will be selected to promote RUN-EU in various ways, such as recording podcasts, preparing content for social media, or giving presentations at faculties.

Detailed information can be obtained via activity "SAP"

„How to Become a True Ambassador for RUN-EU"

https://run.eu/products/sap-trumbsdr-03

Ramon Jongschaap
NHL Stenden

'I found it amazing how different cultures can come so good together in such a short time. I believe the SAPs can be a massive plus in your CV by tailoring your education in subjects and location'

Áine Daly
TUS

'Even though we are six countries and seven universities, we are one community with RUN-EU, with everyone working together as a collective with a common goal and purpose. The network is exactly what our students need. We are one, we are RUN'

What working groups do we have in the alliance?

WP1 - Coordination and Management

This work package, led by TUS, ensures the smooth implementation of the RUN-EU 2.0 project through professional project management, effective communication, and thorough monitoring and evaluation. It will create the necessary structures and processes for the successful completion of all project activities and outputs.

WP2 - RUN-EPA - European Programmes Academy

This work package, led by HAMK, aims to strengthen the educational mission of RUN-EU by creating new joint learning opportunities focused on future and advanced skills. It promotes pedagogical innovation and the development of various types of programs, including short advanced programs (SAP), blended intensive programs (BIP), international online collaboration in teaching (COIL), massive open online courses (MOOC), and European diplomas.

WP3 - RUN-ERA - RUN-European Research Area

This work package, led by TUS, aims to strengthen the research and innovation capacity of RUN-EU by supporting joint research opportunities and involving external stakeholders. It will establish RUN-European Research Area (RUN-ERA) and support the development of a research community across the entire alliance.

WP4 - RUN-ESEC - RUN-European Stakeholder Engagement Centre

This work package, led by UBU, focuses on establishing a European Stakeholder Engagement Center (ESEC) to promote the systematic involvement of external stakeholders from business, industry, society, and regional administration. It aims to support entrepreneurial education, innovation labs, and initiatives focused on services to society.

WP5 - RUN-EMIC - Run European Mobility and Innovation Centre

This work package, led by NHL Stenden, aims to expand support and services for mobility opportunities within RUN-EU and raise awareness of EU values and priorities. It will focus on promoting various forms of mobility, including physical, virtual, and blended, and strengthening the culture of European values.

WP6 - RUN-EU Governance, Legal status, Systems and Sustainability

This work package, led by IPLeiria, aims to create a European University with legal personality, the power to award its own degrees, and shared governance, administrative structure, and systems. It will focus on developing strategies for the legal framework, joint study programs, shared systems, and the long-term sustainability of the RUN-EU alliance.

WP7 – Communication, Dissemination and Impact

Led by IPLeiria. This WP is responsible for internal and external communication, dissemination of project results, and measurement of the alliance's impact. A central communication and dissemination office will be set up to ensure the visibility and value of RUN-EU.

Who will provide you with information?

We will provide you with more information at the RUN-EU office

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