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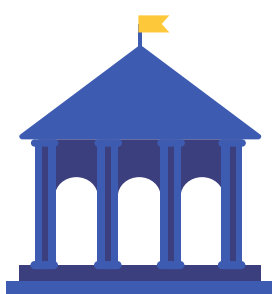
# U!REKA WORK PROGRAM

**Concrete activities, quick wins and joint projects that the  
U!REKA community will be working on.**



# FACTS AND FIGURES

**U!REKA is a consortium of eight European universities of applied sciences in Amsterdam, Edinburgh, Frankfurt, Ghent, Helsinki, Oslo, Ostrava and Lisbon established in 2016. The universities partner in various ways to educate, shape and empower the European professionals of tomorrow.**



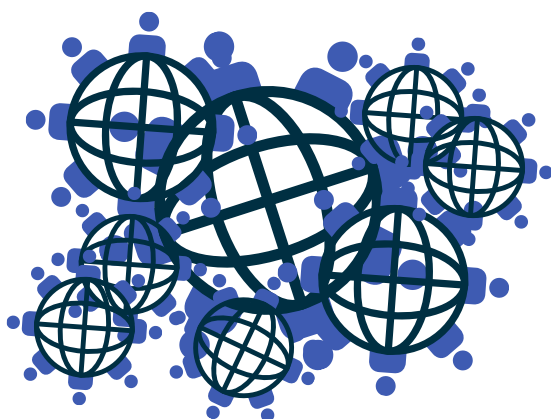
8 Universities



8 Countries



8 Working groups



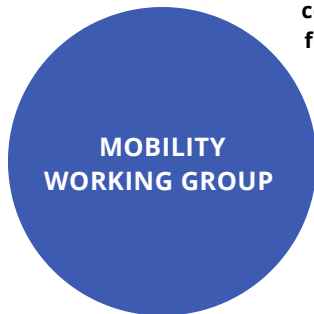
74 colleagues active within the working groups

100 of participants in workshops, cafés, webinars, conferences, meetings etc.

# CURRENT ACTIVITIES



Mapping of summer schools



**MOBILITY  
WORKING GROUP**

Set up new bilateral agreements and expand existing agreements to more study programmes

Investigating consequences of Brexit for mobility within the U!REKA network

Mapping of academic calendars to identify windows for cooperation

Joint U!REKA staff weeks collaboration

COIL/virtual exchange webinars and project development trainings for teachers



**INTERNATIONALISATION  
AT HOME  
WORKING GROUP**

Possible collaboration between Mobility and I@home WG - how to work together to move things forward



**STUDENT  
WORKING GROUP**

Two workshops with students on the idea of the European Universities initiative



**URBAN COMMONS  
WORKING GROUP**

Urban Commons Days for students and teachers



**RESEARCH SUPPORT  
WORKING GROUP**

Virtual Network Café on Wellbeing and hybrid services: invitation to researchers of all U!REKA partners to participate in this networking event



**HERD  
WORKING GROUP**

Temporarily on hold due to time / schedule issues



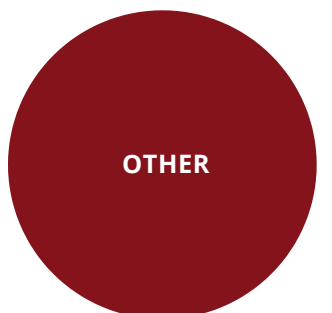
**DIGITAL  
TRANSFORMATION  
WORKING GROUP**

Sharing best practices in (supporting) digital education and working towards new joint education



**COMMUNICATION  
WORKING GROUP**

Setting up an U!REKA wide communications strategy including newsletters, communications platform and communications support.



**OTHER**

Mapping the networks within the different universities  
Determine opportunities for future collabs



# FUTURE ACTIVITIES

## MOBILITY WORKING GROUP

Erasmus without papers testing – set up some specific tests on LA and IIA  
New Erasmus+ program: make a headstart with joint opportunities for the Blended Intensive Programmes (BLIP)  
Share best practices

## INTERNATIONALISATION AT HOME WORKING GROUP

Developing more COIL projects between partners and establish joint summer schools – virtual, hybrid and/or on campus.

## STUDENT WORKING GROUP

Connecting the student parliaments and student initiatives of the different U!REKA institutions.  
Bringing the students involved in the U!REKA Lab Urban Commons, The Studium Generale Course (HOGENT; Frankfurt) and other student initiatives organized by the other WG into contact with each other in a virtual format.  
Offering a networking platform for these students during the U!REKA annual meeting.

## RESEARCH SUPPORT WORKING GROUP

Build networks and participate in COST actions (as U!REKA consortium, but also join existing consortia)  
Share the expression of interests for potential Marie S. Curie fellowship candidates (call opens April, closes September)  
Preparing U!REKA conference in Hogent (November)  
Ongoing activities: circulating information about opportunities / partner search for consortium building (e.g. Horizon Europe), exchanging information and best practices (e.g. How to join a successful consortium, ERASMUS+)

## URBAN COMMONS WORKING GROUP

Urban Commons lecture series for students and teachers  
Research dedicated to Urban Commons

## DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION WORKING GROUP

Specialized teams for eLearning helping the teacher vs the teacher as Uomo Universale who does it all by himself  
Digital promotion  
Blended Learning Programs starting a project regarding learning analytics and virtual educational practices.  
HXRC center of excellence  
<https://helsinkiixrcenter.com/>. Setup of digital studios (new starting project with service design mindset).  
Expanding EXAM studios to allow self-paced camera monitored exams without presence of an instructor.

## COMMUNICATION WORKING GROUP

Content and contact database U!REKA – who is who within the network?  
Start the U!REKA-wide newsletter  
Plan internal and external communication

## OTHER

Connect deans, teachers, researchers and staff from similar faculties and programs with each other  
Meet the members of Parliament @Brussels for U!REKA students  
U!REKA Innovation program  
U!REKA Global Goals Jam  
U!REKA Webinars  
Monthly U!REKA Coffees open to all staff and students.  
Joint training & development: U!REKA Staff training weeks and Joint Supervision Programs  
U!REKA Annual General Meeting