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Update on the European Universities initiative

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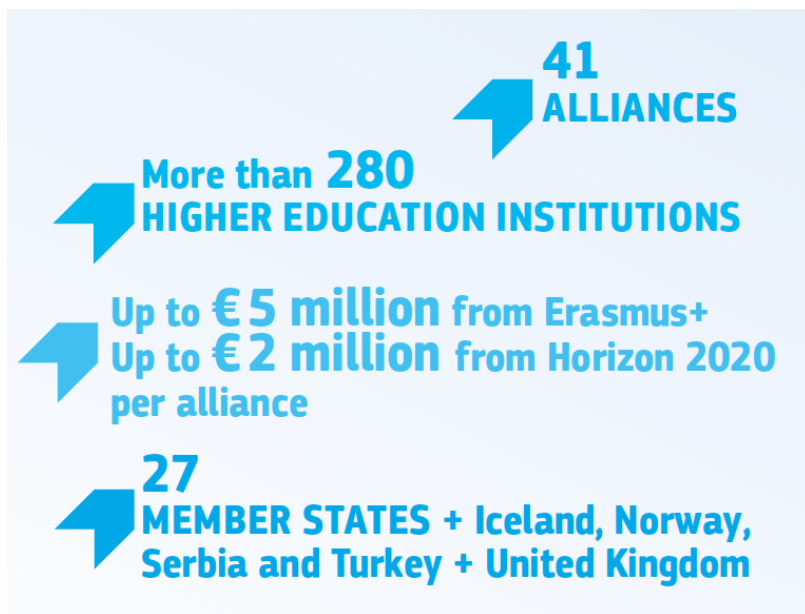
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1. Unleashing the potential of European Universities

European Universities

state of play



- **Implementation** of long-term vision
- **Mid-term reporting first 17 alliances**
- **Horizon 2020 top up funding**





Next steps European Universities

- **Council Conclusions**
Portuguese presidency (for adoption May 2021)
- **Co-creation** with Member States & stakeholders
 - Ad-hoc expert group
 - Stakeholder group
 - European Universities



2. Broader policy framework

European Education Area: Looking Forward

New initiatives in Higher Education



- ▶ Collective vision on the transformation agenda for higher education and universities
Targeting all higher education institutions covering all missions
- ▶ Full roll-out of the European Universities
- ▶ European approach to micro-credentials
- ▶ Examine development of a European degree
- ▶ Discuss further development of Quality Assurance
- ▶ Explore feasibility of a European University Statute

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EUROPEAN DEGREE

PROPOSED VISION

To create a globally recognised degree that will be synonymous for innovative and transformative higher education from multiple institutions in multiple European countries.



European Commission Study on the European Degree (2021-22)

To explore the **scope, benefit and feasibility** of a European degree that would reflect the benefit of a education experience in the **transformative** European higher qualification the students obtain, both for the purpose of **further learning** opportunities and **for the labour market and social integration** purposes.



The enablers

ECTS and Diploma Supplement

European Qualifications Framework

DEQAR database of external quality assurance results

European Approach for Quality Assurance of Joint Programmes

Council Recommendation on Automatic Recognition of qualifications

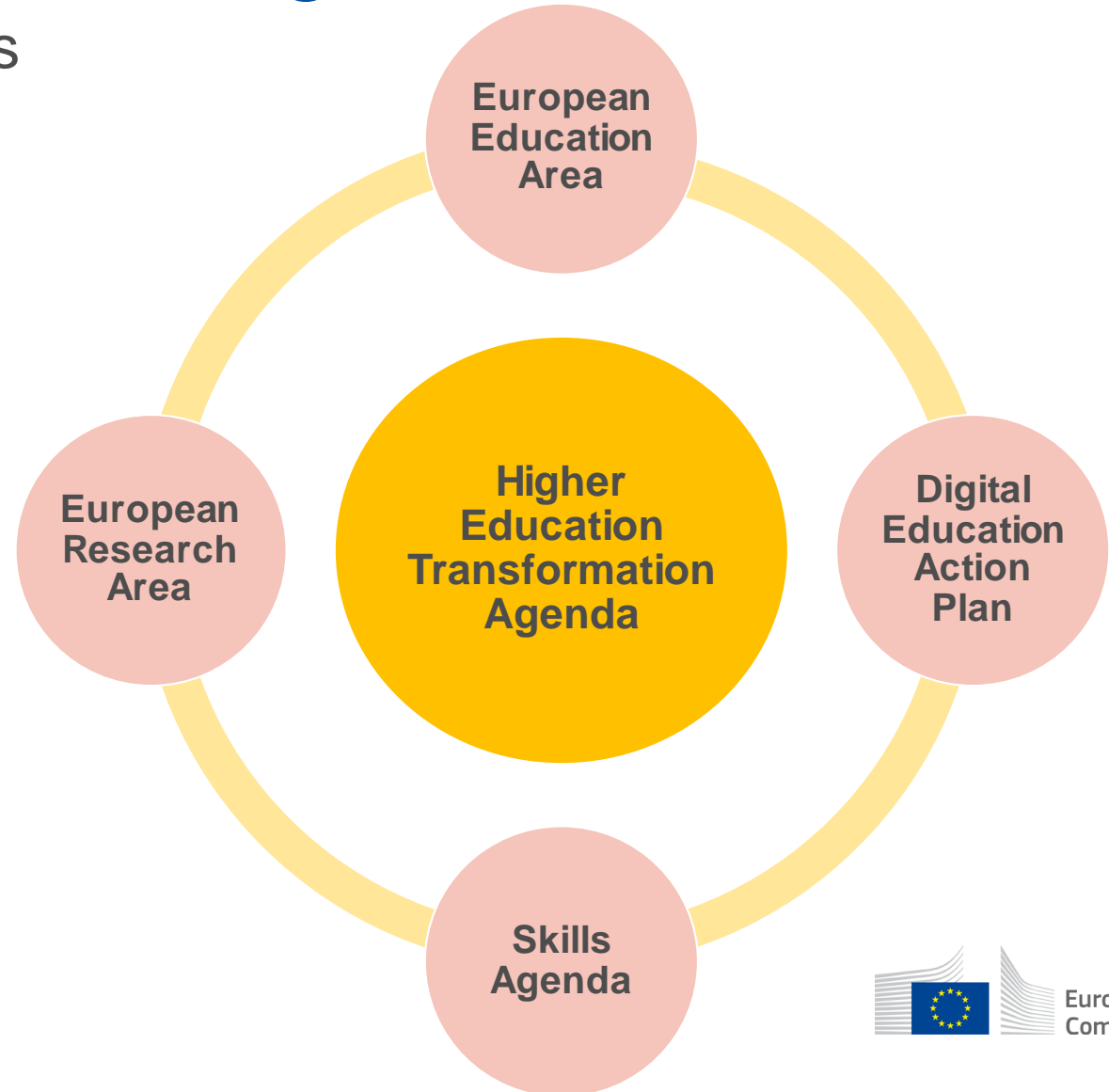
European Approach for Comprehensive QA of University Networks (EUniQ)



3. Higher Education Transformation Agenda

Transforming European Higher Education sector

A collective vision on all missions



Co-creation process towards the Higher Education Transformation Agenda





4. Input from EUniQ project

Suggestions to the EUniQ framework

Benefits for alliances, national authorities, QA agencies etc.

Clear purpose of framework

No additional complexity

Link to the European Approach for the QA of joint programmes?

Link to European Degree?

Enhancement and accountability?

Based on 2 EQAR-registered QA agencies

Procedural feasibility



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shaping the
universities of
the future!**