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The civivis Journey

CIVIS is a journey, not just a destination

A pioneer of the first wave of European Universities Alliances, CIVIS brings together **11 member universities in Europe** and **6 associate members in Africa** embarked on an odyssey to transform higher education.

CIVIS is an Alliance where we join forces to do together what we could not do apart.

We believe the future of higher education must be transdisciplinary, global with a local anchor, embedded in society and focused on solving its most pressing challenges.

We strive for multicultural, multilingual and truly democratic education for all.



Our member universities in Europe

CIVIS is a vibrant community of over half a million students and 70.000 staff members, including 37.400 academics

- **Aix-Marseille Université**, France
- **National and Kapodistrian University of Athens**, Greece
- **University of Bucharest**, Romania
- **Université libre de Bruxelles**, Belgium
- **Universidad Autónoma de Madrid**, Spain
- **Sapienza Università di Roma**, Italy
- **Stockholm University**, Sweden
- **Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen**, Germany
- **University of Glasgow**, United Kingdom
- **Paris Lodron University of Salzburg**, Austria
- **University of Lausanne**, Switzerland



Member universities :



Our associate member universities in Africa

The Mediterranean zone and Africa are at the heart of CIVIS' global strategy. Six prestigious universities in the region enrich the CIVIS journey.

- **Makerere University**, Uganda
- **Eduardo Mondlane University**, Mozambique
- **Université Hassan II de Casablanca**, Morocco
- **University of Sfax**, Tunisia
- **Université Cheikh Anta Diop de Dakar**, Senegal
- **University of the Witwatersrand**, South Africa



Associate member universities :



UNIVERSITY OF THE
WITWATERSRAND
JOHANNESBURG



MAKERERE UNIVERSITY



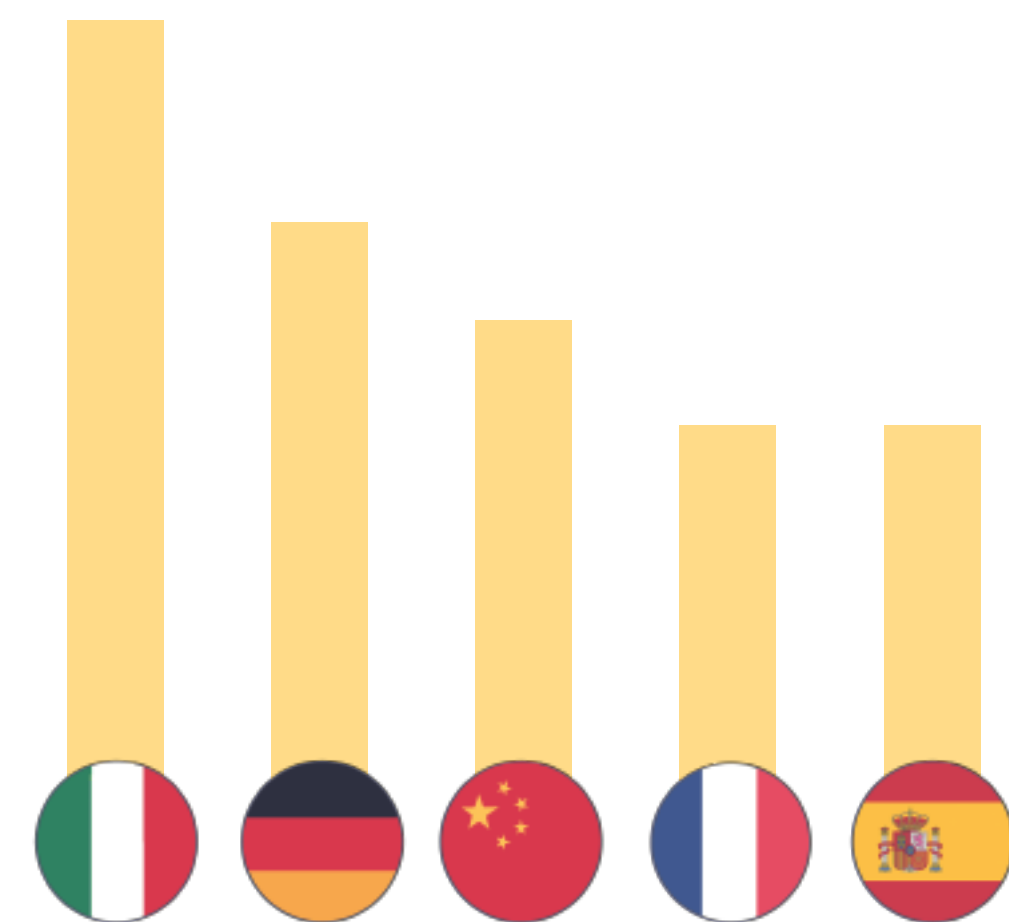
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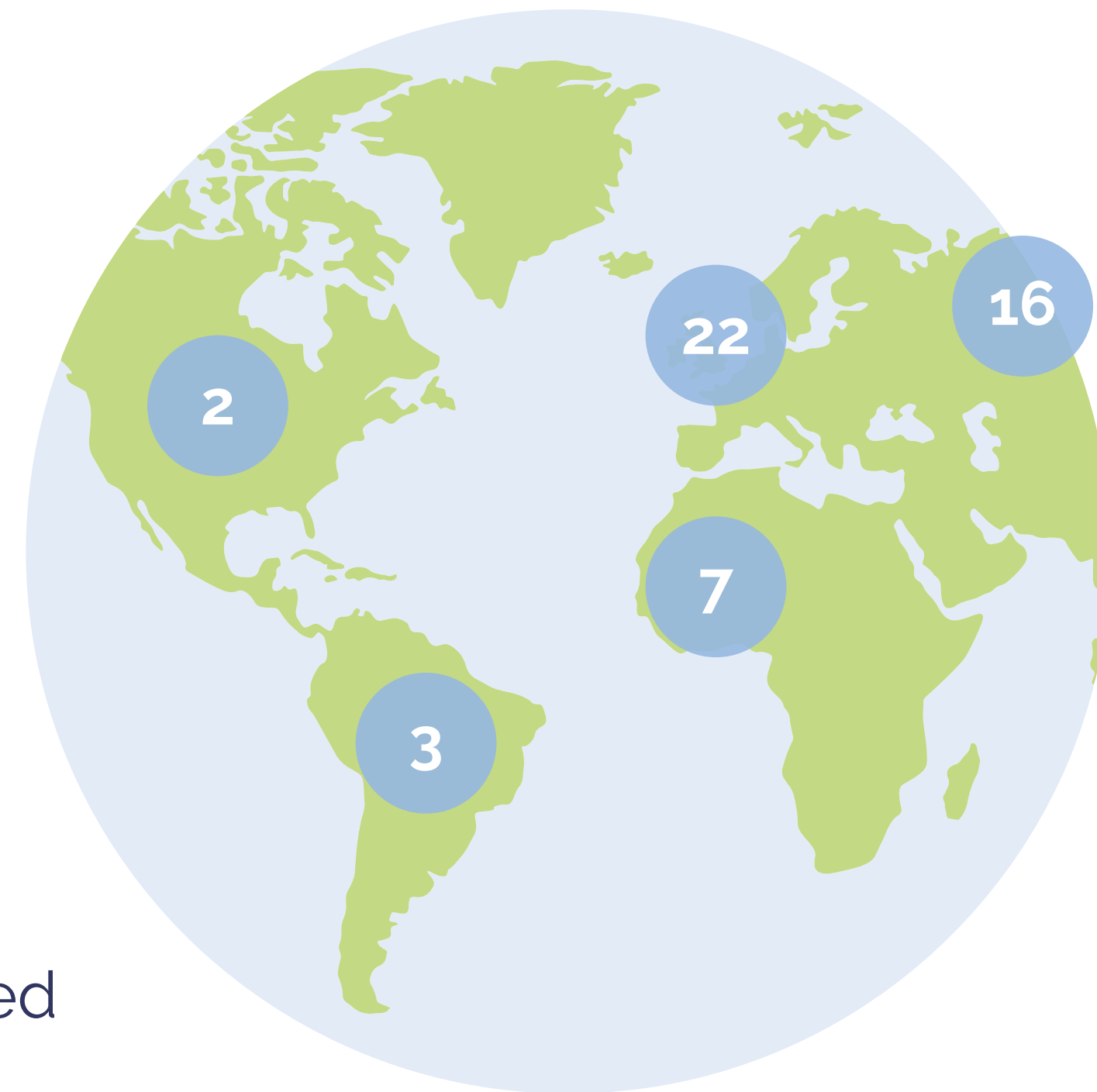
University of Sfax
TUNISIA

A Kaleidoscope of cultures

On average, there are 139 different nationalities represented in CIVIS universities. From every corner of the globe, students come together to learn, grow, and build the university of the future.



Top 5 nationalities represented in the 11 CIVIS universities



An average of
139 NATIONALITIES
in the CIVIS member
universities

50 different nationalities appear
in the **top 10** of the 11 member
universities

22 from **Europe**
16 from **Asia**
7 from **Africa**
3 from **South America**
2 from **North America**

Where we started

Among the 17 first European Universities Alliances selected in July 2019, the CIVIS journey started with the ambition to become a space for innovative and responsible teaching, research, cultural exchanges and citizen action within Europe.

Our Global Strategy puts a special focus on the Mediterranean region and Africa, rooted in the belief that our future is interconnected.

During our pilot phase, we developed a participative governance structure, deployed mobility initiatives and took the first steps to build our inter-university campus, among other achievements.



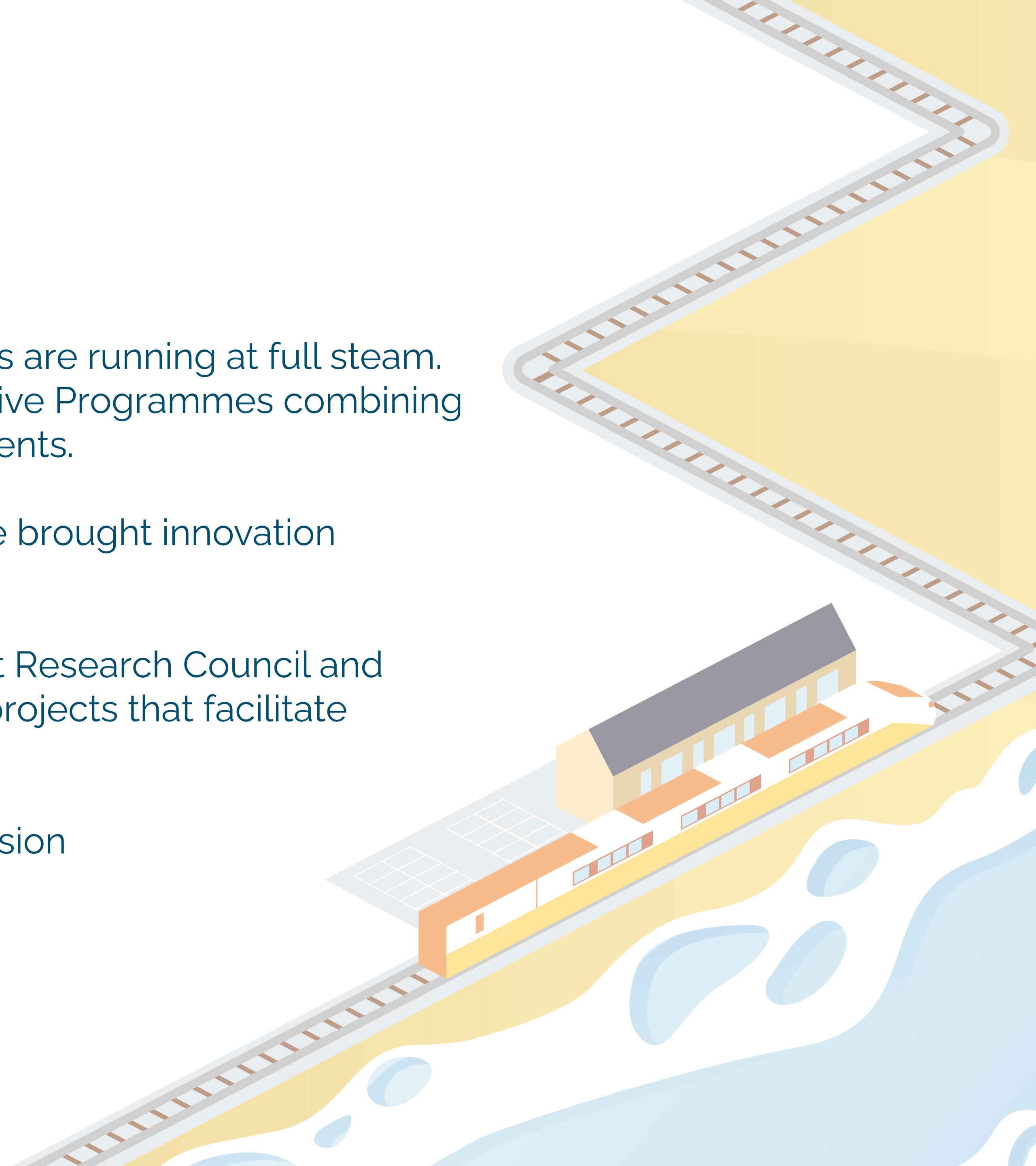
How it's going

The CIVIS journey is gaining traction and some areas are running at full steam. Our Alliance has organised over 150 Blended Intensive Programmes combining online teaching with a physical mobility for our students.

More than 62 Innovative Pedagogy Workshops have brought innovation to the centre of our teaching.

Joint research is blossoming too. CIVIS set up a joint Research Council and our Alliance is providing seed funding to nearly 30 projects that facilitate African-European collaboration.

Structurally, a legal entity supports the long-term vision and goals of our Alliance.



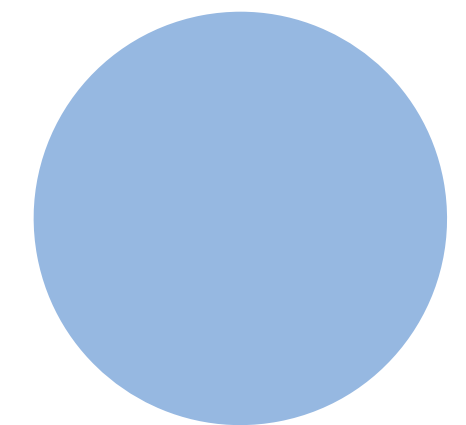
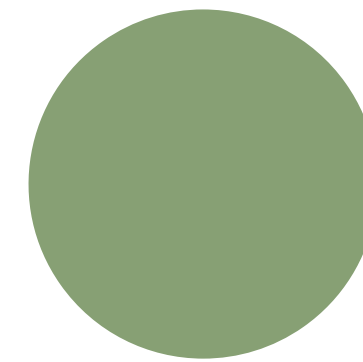
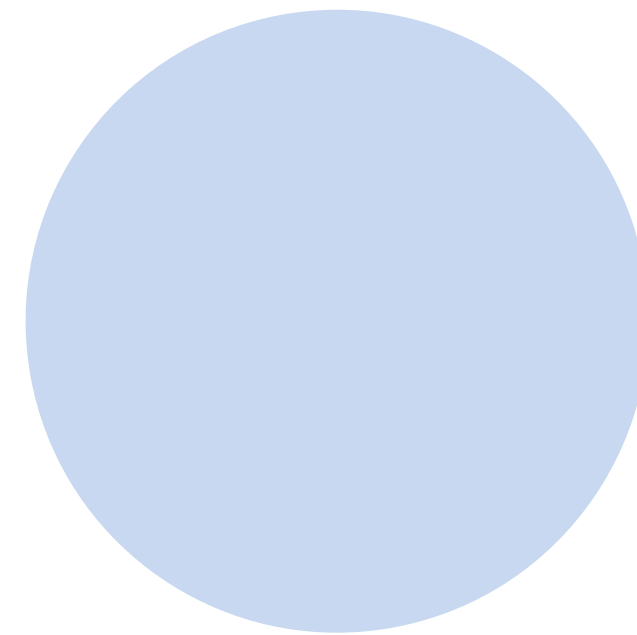
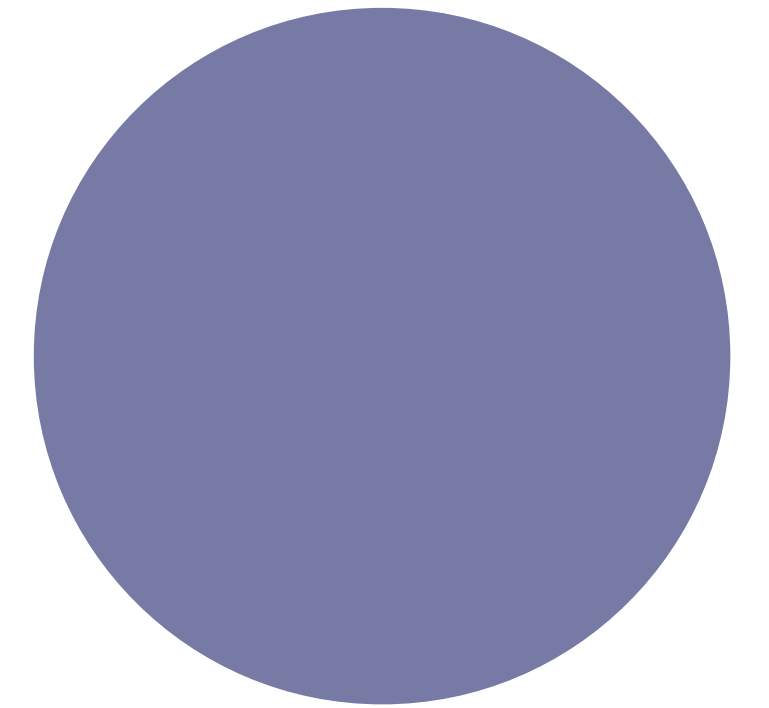
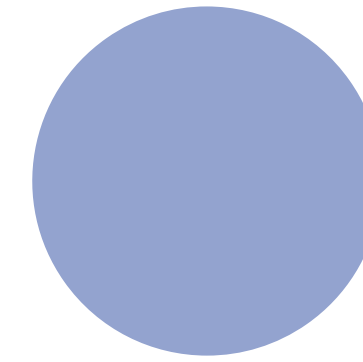
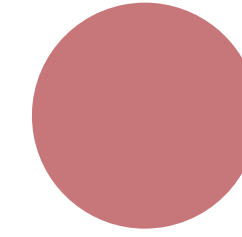
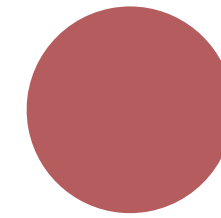
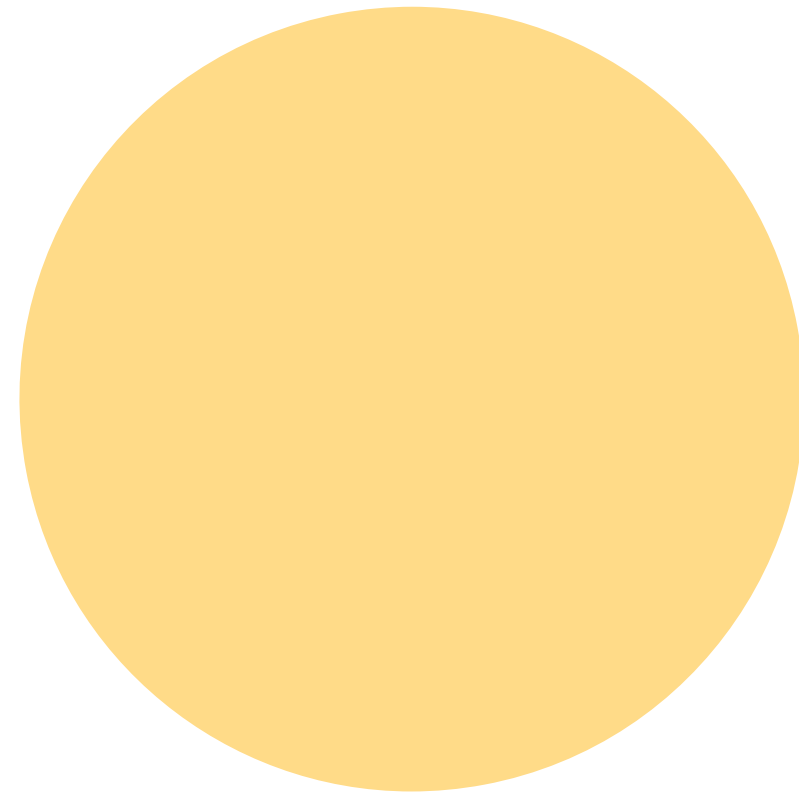
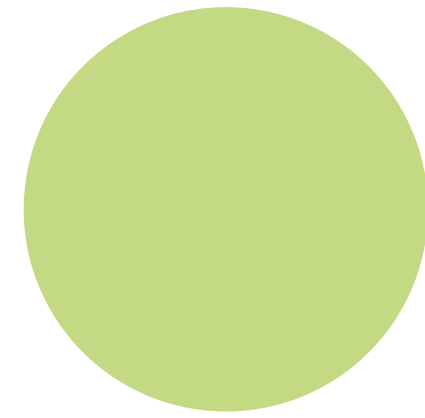
Our destination

True to our vision, we are building a European Universities Alliance where innovative and challenge-based teaching can thrive, all while embedding our actions in our communities.

By deepening our collaborations, we work together to educate a generation of engaged citizens, to reinforce research and open science and to strengthen our links to civil society.

In doing so, we contribute to a strong and competitive European Education Area that opens doors, transcends borders and strives for excellence. We are proud of the journey, of our travel companions and of the future we are building together.





Our missions

Learn



@AMU - Elea Ropiot

As part of the CIVIS community, students from our member universities have access to opportunities that allow them to grow within a rich multicultural and multilingual environment. And to learn while being an active part of our governance, as Student Council members or as CIVIS Student Ambassadors.

Our member universities work hand in hand to create and offer CIVIS students joint programmes & courses with physical, virtual or blended mobility that tackle the greatest societal challenges of our time.



"CIVIS has the potential to break down barriers and inspire innovative solutions to global challenges in higher education. I'm passionate about contributing to this transformative journey and believe in CIVIS' role in shaping a more interconnected and diverse higher education landscape for tomorrow".

Léa El Hajj, *Member of the Student Council, University of Lausanne*

Teach



@UT - Valentin Marquardt

We have a commitment to interdisciplinary, transdisciplinary, and civically engaged education that puts co-creation, challenge-based learning, innovation, civic engagement, and societal connectivity at the centre.

Our members benefit from a wide network, innovative pedagogies tools and training and administrative support to create educational programmes that make a difference.

They take part in the creation of a truly European interuniversity space to facilitate collaboration across borders between academics and researchers.

Research

Early-stage researchers and senior academics alike benefit from the guidance, network-building capacities and exchanges the CIVIS Alliance facilitates.

Job opportunities, career development resources as well as expert groups and partnership possibilities are some of the advantages of evolving in as a researcher in a European Universities Alliance.

Collaboration between members in Europe and Associated Members in Africa is enhanced and encouraged.



@PLUS - Luigi Caputo



"As an academic and researcher, I see CIVIS as an unrivalled catalyst for both setting up multilingual programmes on major societal challenges that we wouldn't be able to organise on our own, and for launching genuinely interdisciplinary European and transcontinental research projects, in particular with our African partners".

Prof. Anne Weyembergh, *Vice-Rector for External Relations and Cooperation, Université libre de Bruxelles*

Engage

We are Europe's Civic University Alliance. Rooted in their urban and regional landscape, our member universities seek to actively contribute to the social, cultural and economic dynamism of their ecosystem and promote European values such as inclusiveness, gender equality, non-discrimination and social equity.

Through our Open Labs and civic projects, we aim to forge richer interactions and co-creation of knowledge and skills with citizens, schools, enterprises as well as social and cultural associations.

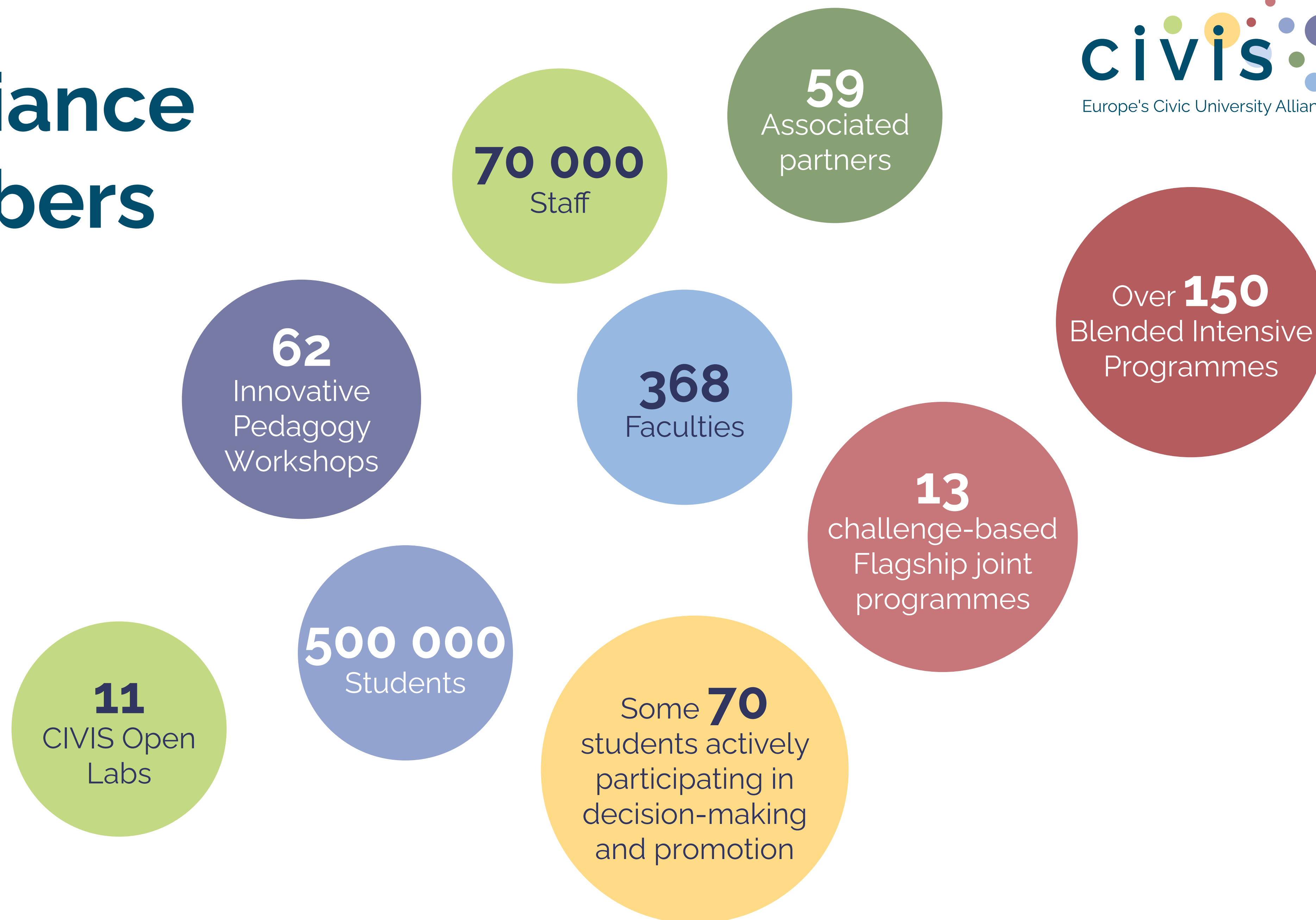




"My hope is that CIVIS incorporates the words of Jacques Delors and becomes based "on competition that stimulates, cooperation that strengthens, and (especially for me) solidarity that unites". This will benefit the whole Universities community because it would mean preserving each one's peculiarities while travelling the same road (with bumps and hills and curves, but still the same)".

Monica Fasciani, *Institutional coordinator*

Our Alliance in numbers





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