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EU GREEN: What opportunities are there for students?

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1. European Universities Initiative and EU GREEN

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European Universities Initiative

Flagship **initiative** of the **European Commission** to achieve:

1. European **inter-university campuses**, **study** and **joint research programs**
2. Transnational **teams** and **multidisciplinary** working to tackle **societal challenges**
3. To create **world-renowned Universities of the Future** with a **structured** and **sustainable impact on society**

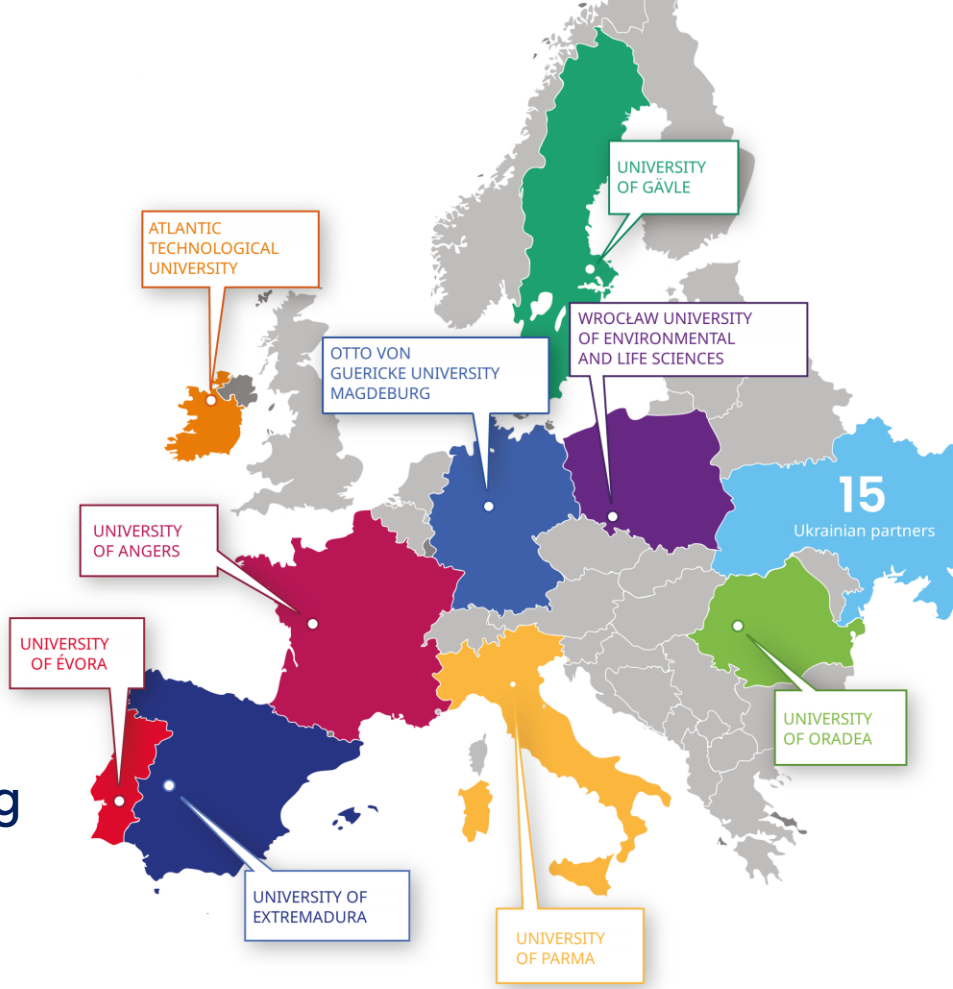
There are **73** partnerships between **European universities** involving more than **650** higher education institutions

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What makes EU GREEN unique

EU GREEN's objective:

Rethinking European higher education to promote **sustainability** from the periphery and for the periphery, bringing excellence to all regions to tackle real-world challenges



The meaning of sustainability for EU GREEN

The EU GREEN was conceived on the basis of a genuine sustainability perspective, **encompassing the economic, social, cultural and environmental dimensions of the term** and their interdependencies. Our approach is closely aligned with the **Sustainable Development Sustainable Development Goals** across our four core missions: education, research, innovation and service to society. Together, we build an inclusive environment and a **collaborative partnership that places the SDGs at the heart of our approach to research and innovation and integrates them into our teaching and learning model**

Mission Statement of **EU GREEN**

The six research clusters

1. Emerging paradigms for **health and** well-being
2. **Agriculture, food and environmental** sustainability
3. **Engineering and technology** for sustainable development
4. **Sustainable Heritage and Tourism**
5. **Educational sciences** for sustainable development
6. **Biodiversity** and **ecosystems**

Further research research clusters, if common research interests are identified

2. What has EU GREEN achieved so far?



What has already been achieved has EU GREEN?

- ✓ Joint applications for **European projects** (75 projects involving UÉ and other partners, **21 of which have been approved**)
- ✓ **Funding for *Seed Projects*** (**29 projects** have already been funded, with UÉ participating in 24).
- ✓ **Mobility programmes** for researchers and lecturers (*Research and Teaching Mobility*)
- ✓ **More than 200 Co-authored articles** between UÉ and other partners.
- ✓ **Three joint Master's programmes have been submitted for accreditation**, in accordance with the **European** accreditation approach. A further three joint Master's programmes and two joint PhD programmes are in preparation. UÉ participates in seven of these joint programmes.

What has already been achieved has EU GREEN?

- ✓ 5 **redesigns of existing course programmes** with a view to: (i) aligning them with sustainability and (ii) promoting mobility. The Bachelor's degrees in Biology and in Ecology and the Environment have already completed this process
- ✓ **Co-supervision** of master's dissertations and doctoral theses
- ✓ 3 editions of **'3 Minutes Fame'** for PhD students
- ✓ Organisation of **65 *Blended Intensive Programmes* (BIP)** (3 in 2023, 11 in 2024, 22 in 2025 and 29 in 2026). UÉ was part of the teaching team for 46 of these.
- ✓ A 'Minor' in Sustainability (***International Programme in Sustainability***), launched in 2026/27 by three partners (UÉ, Parma and Oradea).

What has EU GREEN achieved so far?

- ✓ Organisation of **18 Education Masterclasses** and other webinars (***Citizen Science Webinar***, ***Digitalisation in Teaching and Learning***, etc.)
- ✓ Organisation of two editions of the ***Entrepreneurs' Journey***: **Inspiration Days, Innovation Days** and **Entrepreneurs Festival** (the 3rdª edition will be in November in Évora)
- ✓ **Sports and cultural events** (photography competition, winter sports in Gävle, **EU GREEN Kiplin Challenge** (3 editions)
- ✓ **Other events:** Insectopia, Train the Trainers (participatory method), Academic Retreats, Young Researchers Marathon, Language Immersion Programmes, Language Cafés, Meeting of Directors of Science and Technology Parks, Conference of Parties (with local councillors and other regional stakeholders), …

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3. How can students get involved with EU GREEN?



Which EU GREEN activities can PhD students take part in?

- ✓ ***Blended Intensive Programmes***
- ✓ ***Research Mobility Programme***
- ✓ Have your Master's/PhD thesis co-supervised by academic staff from partner institutions
- ✓ Take part in the 3 Minutes Fame
- ✓ Take part in the **Entrepreneurs' Journey (*Inspiration Days, Innovation Days*, Entrepreneurs Festival)**
- ✓ Take part in **sustainable campus activities** (e.g. *Kiplin Challenge*)
- ✓ Take part in **inclusive cultural and sporting events**

Which EU GREEN activities can students take part in?

- ✓ Take part in organising conferences
- ✓ Take part in the production of MOOCs and other courses
- ✓ Take part in ***webinars*** and **EU GREEN conferences** (examples: **Research Webinars** , ***Masterclasses by the Education Team*** – focusing on topics in *Teaching for Sustainability*
- ✓ Take part in the ***Young Researchers Marathon***
- ✓ Taking part in the **building of EU GREEN**:
  - Work on ***Work Packages***
  - Act as a representative of UÉ in **bodies** of the EU GREEN (***Student Council*** and ***Senate***)

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