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**TU Austria – Stronger Together**  
How Austrian Technical Universities benefit from European University  
Alliances  
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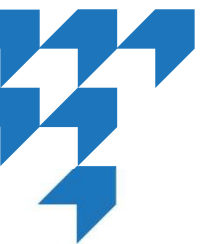
# European Commission: Political Guidelines 2024-2029

## “ Tackling the skills and labour gaps

Europe needs a radical step change in ambition and action – for all skill levels and for all types of training and education. This is as important for people’s careers and prospects as it is for our competitiveness. To do so, we will establish a **Union of Skills**.



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## The Union of Skills



- **Build skills for quality jobs and lives** through a strong educational foundation, with an inclusive lifelong learning approach.
- **Upskill and reskill an agile workforce** mastering the digital and clean transition, notably those with lower and middle skills.
- **Circulate skills** with the free movement of people across the EU, unlocking the single market's full potential.
- **Attract, develop and retain talent.**

# EU STEM Education Strategic Plan

## “ Tackling the skills and labour gaps

Three key objectives:

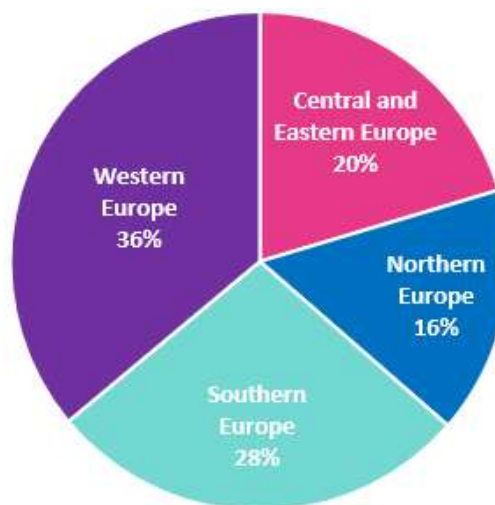
- anchor STEM as a strategic pillar in the EU's education and skills policy
- build a stronger and more inclusive EU STEM talent pipeline
- advance women in STEM and inspire future innovators (LIFT barriers).



## European Universities alliances

**More than 570 higher education institutions  
in 65 alliances, in 35 countries**

**Deep level of inter-university  
cooperation with a joint long-term  
strategy**



**Structural, Systemic and  
Sustainable impact**



**Teaming up with around 2200  
associated partners, including  
higher education institutions from  
Bologna Process countries**





# Joint long-term strategies and governance structures

## European inter-university Campuses

Bachelor/Master/Doctoral levels



Flexible and  
personalised  
European curriculum

Innovative  
pedagogies and  
challenged-based  
transdisciplinary  
approach

Embedded and  
seamless student and  
staff mobility

Forward looking skills



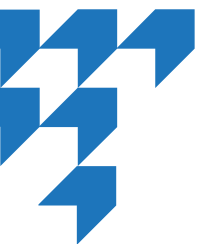
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“ It also means attracting new talents and retaining the best and brightest minds here in Europe. To do this, I want to strengthen the collaboration between research departments, higher education and business – notably by **strengthening our University Alliances**.





# European Universities – funding

Erasmus+ 2021-2027: EUR 1.2 billion


4 years support + bridge funding into the next MFF programming period

Complementary sources of funding:

Horizon Europe, Digital Europe, Cohesion Policy funds, RRF, InvestEU

2028-2034: Investment Pathways (next MFF)





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# Thank you!

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