

ANEXO I

CIVIS – European Civic University Alliance Mission Statement ABSTRACT

We, Aix-Marseille Université, National Kapodistrian University of Athens, Université Libre de Bruxelles, Universitatea din București, Universidad Autónoma de Madrid, Sapienza Università di Roma, Stockholms Universitet, and Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen, are joining forces to build a European University alliance under the name of “CIVIS”.

CIVIS stands for a transnational collaboration of civic universities, with strong links to our social and geographical environments. It will bring together around 384.000 students and 55.000 staff members, fostering multilingualism and European cultural diversity. Our alliance is committed to implementing to the largest extent possible the principles of the Bologna process, in order to be part of the European Education Area construction. We envision our European Civic University as a space for innovative and responsible teaching, research, cultural exchanges and citizen action within Europe from the Baltic to the Mediterranean Sea, while engaging with the world, its inhabitants and its institutions.

At a strategic level, CIVIS organizes its construction phase around a selection of major global challenges and aims at being a vector of change and innovation with the following priorities: Health; Cities, Territories and Mobility; Climate, Environment, Energy; Digital and Technological Transformations; Society, Cultures and European Heritage. The Mediterranean and African regions will also be at the core of our global strategy by scaling up our respective universities’ partnerships with Mediterranean and African institutions and joining forces to face today’s major challenges.

We are committed to this Civic University alliance and are deeply convinced that the involvement of each of our universities will help reduce the gaps, strengthen access to quality education and create real chances for success to all our students.

Our excellence in research will be a key asset for contributing to research-based training and innovative activities. CIVIS will reinforce the links existing between our universities through complementary expertise, shared research infrastructures and incentive funding for joint projects. We will implement a wide variety of programs shared by the eight European campuses to construct a real European Higher Education Area and contribute to create a solid knowledge-based European society.

CIVIS will have a governance structure based on a participative principle, which will evolve through time in the various phases of the building of our alliance. All the stakeholders involved in the life of our universities will contribute to the definition of the alliance’s orientations and activities: students, academics, researchers, administrative staff, non-academic partners, etc. will be called upon to participate in permanent structures.

We want to develop our project in the long term, by setting realistic, stepwise goals. CIVIS will evolve over the next decade in three phases ensuring participative inputs during the entire process, so that our European University alliance may become a reality.
