

## A5- European Universities Initiative: Building the universities of the future

### ***About this session***

The European Universities Initiative will be rolled out under the next Erasmus programme, from 2021, and will be instrumental in achieving a European Education Area by 2025.

In the first round, 17 European Universities alliances have been selected and 24 new European Universities are expected to be announced in summer 2020.

One year after the launch of the first pilot call for European Universities, the objective of this session is to take stock of what has been achieved up until now and more importantly what are the next steps to make them a reality.

The session will discuss the lessons learned so far, possibilities under the new Erasmus 2021-2027, as well as the impact of this ambitious initiative towards the universities of the future. Representatives of several European Universities selected under the first call will inspire the participants by presenting them the ambition and objectives of their own European University.

### ***Something to think about***

Participants will be updated on the second call for European Universities and the main objectives of this initiative.

We welcome your active participation and kindly ask you to reflect on the following questions before the session

- 1. How would you define the ideal University of the Future?*
- 2. How can the selected European Universities pave the way for the universities of the future?*
- 3. What would be the main obstacles and challenges to achieve this?*