**European Universities Alliances: Swiss Higher Education Institutions (HEI) called to participate!**

As of 2022, the European Universities call allows HEI from Bologna countries, incl. Switzerland, to participate in European Universities alliances as “associated partners” ([call fiche](https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/erasmus/wp-call/2022/call-fiche_erasmus-edu-2022-eur-univ_en.pdf), p. 12). Associated partners do not receive EU funding. The Swiss Confederation is therefore making 6 million Swiss francs available to Swiss universities.

The Swiss National Agency Movetia is coordinating the application process for Swiss HEI (see [here](https://www.movetia.ch/en/programmes/europe/swiss-programme-for-erasmus/higher-education/european-universities)). [Eligible Swiss HEI](https://www.swissuniversities.ch/en/topics/studying/recognised-or-accredited-swiss-higher-education-institutions)s can submit their funding application to Movetia, the Swiss National Agency for Exchange and Mobility in Education. No minimum or maximum Swiss grant is defined, however, requested funds must be proportionate to the overall Erasmus+ project and the role of the Swiss institution in the project. Swiss funding can be requested for a duration of up to 48 months. Swiss applications submitted to Movetia by 6 March 2022 will receive a feedback on the Swiss funding before the Erasmus+ deadline on 22 March. It is expected that all Swiss HEI participating in successful 2022 Erasmus+ bids can be supported.

Associated partners, incl. Swiss HEI, do not count towards the number of full partners that will define the maximum possible EU grant ([call fiche](https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/erasmus/wp-call/2022/call-fiche_erasmus-edu-2022-eur-univ_en.pdf), p. 24). However, their role and contribution must be clearly described in the Erasmus+ proposal submitted to EACEA by 22 March 2022.

Alliances and HEIs interested in a collaboration with Switzerland may contact the Swiss HEIs directly or approach julia.gruenenfelder@movetia.ch for further support or in case of general questions