

SGROUP EUROPEAN UNIVERSITIES' NETWORK

*A Network of Opportunities
for Universities from Europe and beyond*



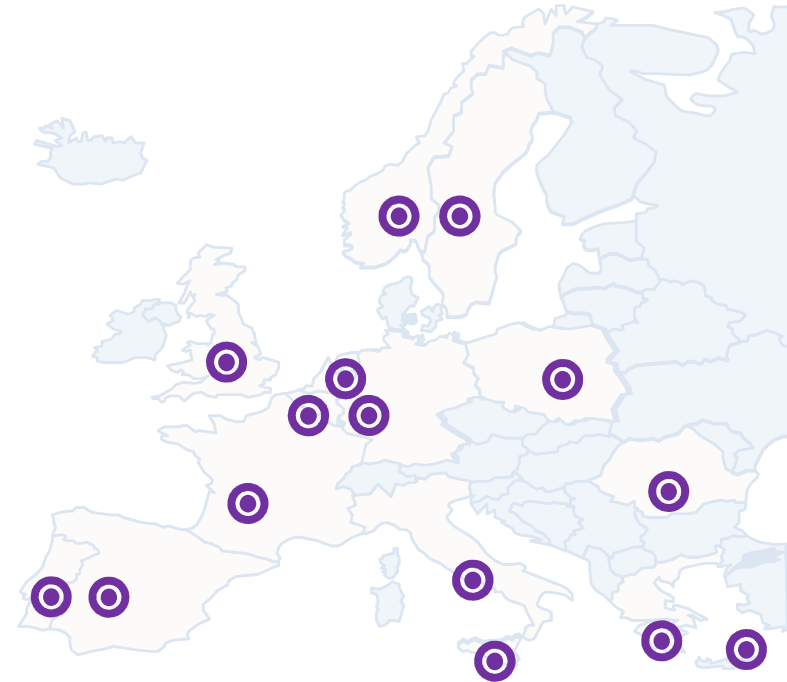


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- **The SGroup** mission is based on four core areas of co-operation:
 - ✓ internationalisation strategy,
 - ✓ academic collaboration,
 - ✓ academic mobility,
 - ✓ and transfer of knowledge.

SGroup members



The SGroup is a network with over 25 years of experience in university collaboration within Europe and beyond



OUTSTANDING EXPERIENCE IN ACADEMIC MOBILITY

- The SGroup has been involved in most European Community mobility programmes such as **ERASMUS, ALβAN, LEONARDO DA VINCI, LINGUA, TEMPUS, LLP**, and other. These exchanges have involved about **4000 students**.
- SGroup has developed relations with a **number of other regions of the world including the USA** (e.g. Agreement with the University of California at Berkeley), **Latin America** (Alβan Programme) and **Africa** (UNESCO Unitwin Chairs).

OUTSTANDING EXPERIENCE IN ACADEMIC MOBILITY

- The SGroup participated also in the **SIGMA "Group of Groups" European Universities' Network Project**.
- The representatives of the six Groups of European Universities (COIMBRA Group, COMNET, EUROMETROPOLE, SGROUP, UNICA, UTRECHT Networks) agreed to request support from the European Commission in order to participate in the **"assessment of the results of cooperation activities carried out between European Universities - in particular within the framework of the ERASMUS Programme"**.



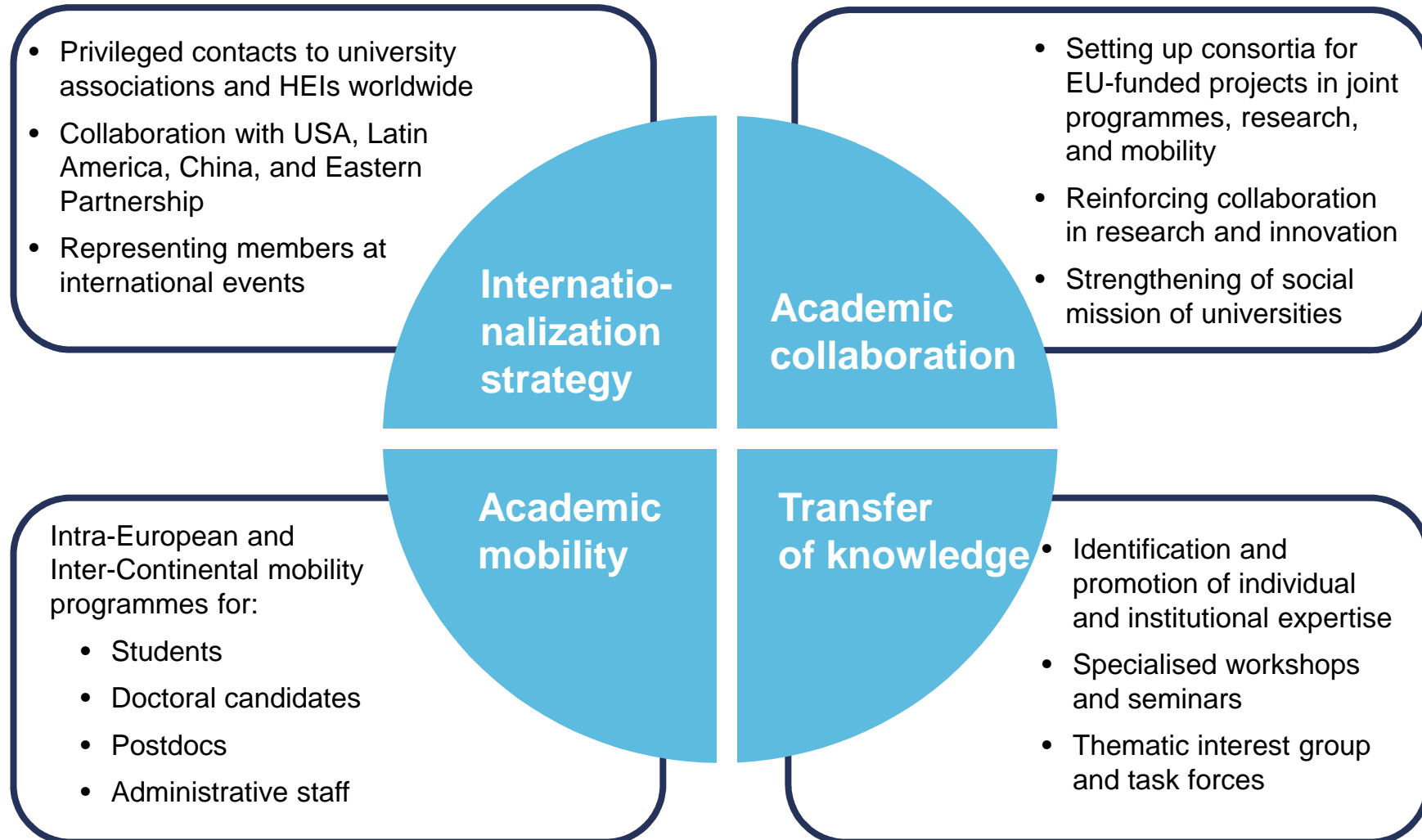
OUTSTANDING EXPERIENCE IN ACADEMIC MOBILITY

- The SGroup has developed its own **independent academic mobility schemes for both students as well as academic and administrative staff.**
- Some university members of SGroup have played an outstanding role in mobility programmes and their participation has been distinguished with European awards such as **Erasmus prizes.**





SGROUP - WHAT WE DO





SELECTED PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES

Regional Collaboration & Mobility

- Collaboration with USA, Latin America, Eastern Partnership, Africa e.g.:
- **Berkley Exchange Programme** – University of California, Berkeley, USA
- **Icon** – Intercontinental Academic Mobility Programme
- **STEP Programme** – Placements for students

Transfer of Knowledge

- **Summer schools** for Doctoral Students
- Specialised workshops and seminars
- **United Nations Academic Impact Project**

Strategic Alliances

- **Collaboration with university associations** from Europe and beyond e.g. with Latin America (FAUBAI, AUGM, ASCUN)
- Collaboration with Erasmus Mundus consortia

Strengthening Research Capacities

- **Networking for EU funded projects**
- **Assistance with internationalisation of Science and Technology**
- Thematic workshop and training





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INTER-CONTINENTAL ACADEMIC EXCHANGE PROGRAMME - ICON

The ICon Programme is an international mobility initiative between higher education institutions belonging to the SGroup European Universities' Network (SGroup) and their partner institutions overseas (from **Latin America, Eastern Partnership and China to SGroup members and reverse**)

The Programme aims at the exchange of knowledge and experience between regions through academic mobility at all levels:

- **Undergraduate students**
- **Graduate students**
- **Doctoral candidates**
- **Postdocs**
- **Academic Staff**
- **Administrative Staff**

SGroup role: Global Coordinator for Latin America and Eastern Partnership





BENEFITS FROM ICON PROGRAMME

- **Privileged access to** a wide range of reliable and recognised institutions;
- **Structured information about diverse study offers available** in Europe and LA for students, academic and administrative staff;
- **Visibility and promotion** of partner institutions in both regions;
- **Recognition of study** and quality assurance mechanisms;
- **Possibility of networking** for new funding programmes;
- **Facilitation of bilateral collaboration** between universities as well as the associations of universities from both regions.





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**facilitate mobility
between
participating regions and
institutions**

www.iconmobility.eu





HOW TO COLLABORATE WITH SGROUP?

Full membership

- Universities from across Europe which have signed the SGroup Charter
- Entry to this class of membership will be reserved to universities offering PhD or equivalent degree courses and endorsement by the General Assembly

Associate membership

- Universities from non-European countries
- Entry to this class of membership will be by invitation of the Executive Committee and endorsement by the General Assembly





HOW TO COLLABORATE WITH SGROUP?

SGroup enables its members:

to **network for EU-funded projects** in education and research

to **access first-hand information** about educational and research policies in Europe

to **exchange** good practices and experiences

to **participate in specialised** work groups, seminar and training courses

to **promote expertise** and to **increase visibility of its members**

to **identify opportunities** for academic collaboration

More information about SGroup and the membership conditions available online at www.sgroup.be



BENEFITS FROM MEMBERSHIP

Projects and activities offered by SGroup	Full members	Associate members
Academic Mobility		
Berkeley Academic Exchange Programme with the University of California, Berkeley	✓	
STEP Programme – Student Training Exchange Programme	✓	
ICon Programme – Inter-Continental Academic Exchange	✓	✓
ICon Mobility Platform	✓	✓
Networking activities		
Networking for EU-funded or international projects	✓	✓
Promotion of members and their activities	✓	✓
Participation in European Projects	✓	✓
Access to database of experts	✓	✓
Access to online work platform	✓	✓
Policy making		
Membership on Executive Board	✓	
Initiating projects with internal funding schemes	✓	
Voting rights at General Assembly	✓	

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Projects and activities offered by SGroup	Full members	Associate members
Meetings and workshops		
Participation in General Assembly*	✓	✓
Participation in Liaison Officers Meeting*	✓	✓
Participation in specialised workshops and seminars*	✓	✓
Participation in Summer schools available to students and doctoral candidates*	✓	✓
*The participation at the events listed above is available to associate members with self-funding only		
Scholarships and grants		
Summer school grants – 5 grants for SG members	✓	
Subvention for members for the costs of accommodation and meals during the GA and LO Meetings	✓	
Applying for an internal funding scheme – 4 projects each up to 5000 Euros available on annual basis	✓	
Services of SG Headquarters in Brussels		
Meeting facilities in Brussels	✓	✓
Lobbying for our members at European Institutions and organization of higher education	✓	✓
SG News Bulletin	✓	✓
Traineeship at SG Office in Brussels	✓	
Organisation of study visits at European Institutions and organisations of higher education available to university management and faculty members	✓	
Access to information about available funding programmes available for research and education	✓	✓



IF YOUR UNIVERSITY WANTS TO:

- Gain access to the expertise in EU programmes, projects and benefits from the successful experience of over 130 million Euro-funded projects.
- Join a sustainable network of strong European and overseas Higher Education Institutions with excellent research and teaching profiles.
- Gain committed partner institutions, thus enhancing your strengths through the network.
- Enhance the global competitiveness of your institution.
- Foster your internationalisation mission by strengthening the impact of HEI's strategy on a global scale.

JOIN US!!! THE NETWORK OF OPPORTUNITIES

For more information on the services and activities, please contact the SGroup Secretariat at sgroup@sgroup.be.





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