

# European Space University for Earth and Humanity

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## 1. Deliverable description

This deliverable gathers the minutes of all the governance bodies meetings that took place between the end of October 2022 and the end of April 2023 : Student Council, Governing Board, Quality Assurance Committee and Steering Committee.

## 2. Annexes

### • **Student Council of 20.10.2022**

Attendees: Thomas Calvy, Marie Phan-Thanh, Jules Coeuillet, Dagmara Stasiowska, Milan Grigull, Burak Subashi, Sigrid Holgersson, Victor Olofsson

No representant from Uni.lu

14.00 - 14.10 Brief introduction of governance in the project

14.10 - 14.15 Round table, introducing newcomers

14.15 - 14.20 Filling the gaps in the various boards, attributing a position to all newcomers and decision is taken to share a gform with the empty positions to allow every SC member to apply.

### **Jules Join the quality Assurance Committee and the WP6**

14.20 - 14.40 Feedbacks of the EC on the Progress Report and reading of the recommendations of the EC regarding the SC.

- Need to explain clearly everybody's tasks and respective deadline on the minutes meeting
- Explanation of the selection process of students representative in each partner universities.

### **DECISION:** 8/8

- appointed by the previous representative in universities without student teams
  - Vote of the student team when there is one
  - A mandate is due for 1 year, it is possible to be reelected as long as volunteers are students
  - Student representatives should respect diversity (in schools/ club/ gender represented) in the same university.
  - Modification of the Terms of Reference **SC meets 3 times a year.**
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- Keep track of the various student representative members over time
    - Build institutional memory

- Detailed positions to facilitate newcomers' training
  - Create job position offer (Ask Mathilde)
  - Archives for new members to get to know more about what has been done before
  - Creation of a dense and easy document to get a deeper understanding of the project as a whole for newcomers

14.40 - 14.50 change in the organigram

**DECISION:**

Creation of vice-presidents position to share the tasks of the president

- Representation in meetings
- Organisation of the SC and follow up on the various universities

14.50 - 15.00 Universeh 2.0

The place of the student representatives in the WPs is not clear, most of us do not do a lot. Underrepresentation, or not enough representation of students' point of view in WPs.

Not always easy for us to attend because the meetings usually are when we have classes.

Writing of a letter to compile ideas and solution

Milan Grigull responsible for a shared drive where every member of the SC could have the issues they raised and possible solution. Sum up of the ideas the next SC (before Kiruna SC)

**DECISION:** google doc to gather ideas on how to change the student representation in the WPs. **DEADLINE for the student's letter Nov 30th.**

15.00 - 15.15 Student team 'universeh space club in partners universities'

- Organisation of events on a local level
- Organisation of events in common on a European level
- Creation of a shared drive with a list of ideas regarding possible activities, organisation, structuration etc...

**DEADLINE Creation of a student team in each partners universities : Jun 30**

15.15 - 15.30 Closing discussion

- Student retribution, how is it going to be organised for SC members (Ask Mathilde)
- Pioneers club, former Universeh representatives
  - Meet once a year with alumni, a side event on in presential meeting week
  - Newsletter once or twice a year with an explanation of what is going on on universeh to keep them aware
  - Badge for belonging - it could be distributed to the representatives when they enter universeh SC and it is the mark of appartenance at the pioneers club.

- Idea : creation of a linkedin with the publication 1 or 2 time a year of a portrait of an alumni to share who they become
- Creation of an official alumni list with positions and point of contact
- Creation of a shared drive

- **Student Council of 15.11.2022**

Attendees: Thomas Calvy, Jules Coeuillet, Milan Grigull, Burak Subashi, Natalia Mizera, Filip Wylegala (Vyara Nonchava from 6:40)

No representant from Lulea

06.30 -6.40 Brief recap of the last sessions ; quick reminder of who's going to Rome (Thomas & Milan among those present). We will continue to meet once a month until UniversEH 2.0 is ongoing

6.40 - 6:45 : Quick reminder of UniversEH Governance ; Milan will join the Academic Council, Natalia will stay a member of the Same Council ; Victor could go in WP3, see if he agrees.

6:45 - 6:50 : discussion about the Vice Presidency of the Student Council (to provide help for its organization and activities). Burak applied for the post and is the only one who did so far.

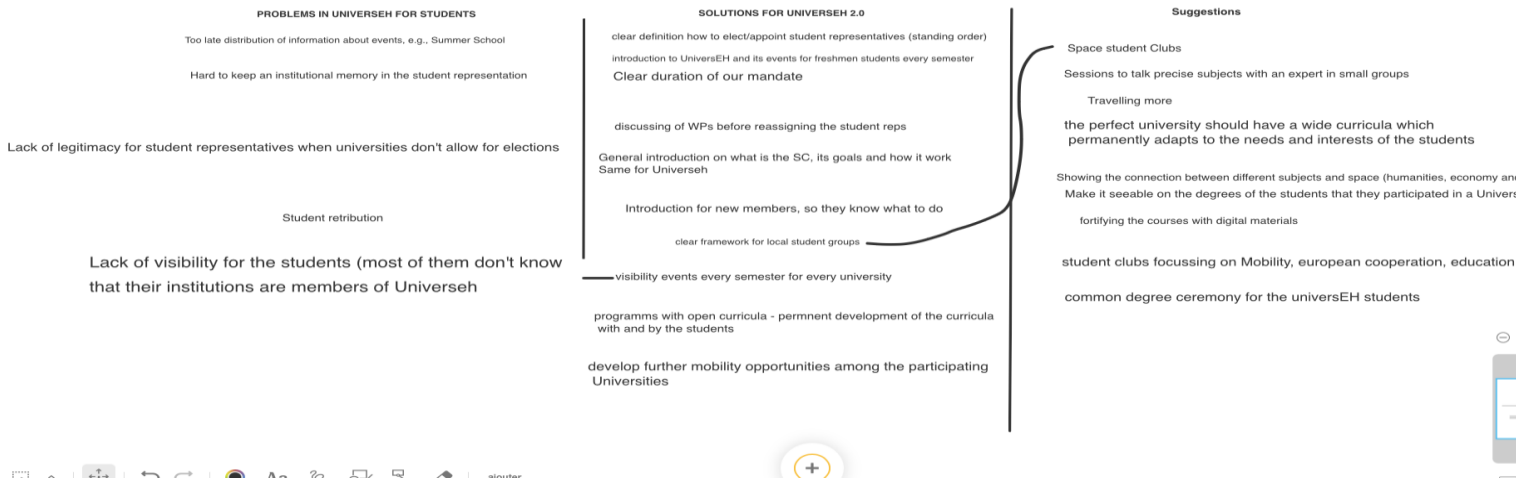
6:50 - 7:15 : Discussion about the Student Letter for UniversEH 2.0 ; so far, Universities choose their student representatives ; should students be elected by their peers for the future, and if so who would qualify as such ? Thomas launches a Klaxoon for members of the SC to join ; we discuss the subject there.

Milan reminds the team that the letter should not only contain what we should change for UniversEH 2.0, but also the things that we can not. An inventory should be formally made of what has been brought up by students in order to improve the project.

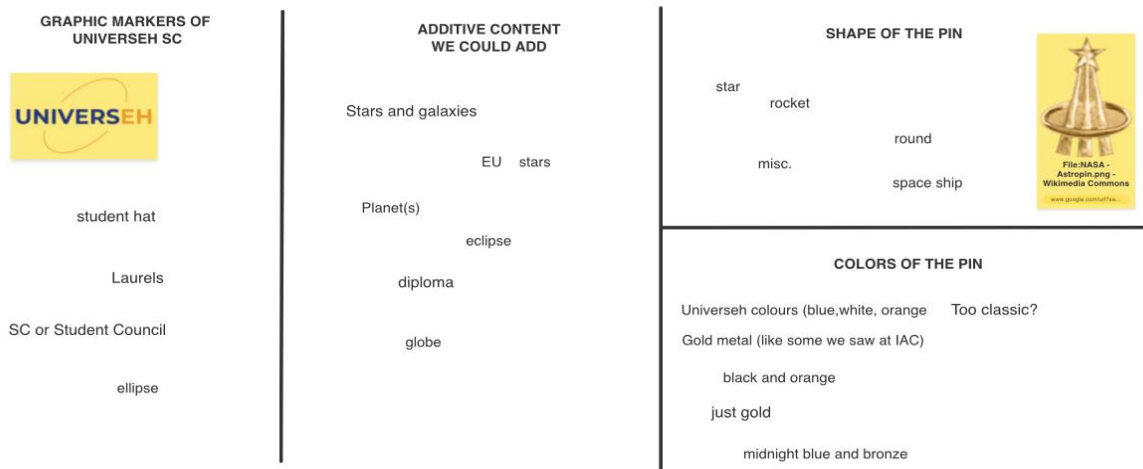
*Filip leaves the meeting at 7pm*

7:15 - 7:30 : discussion about the creation of a Student Council pin for former and current members of the SC

## Work on UNIVERSEH 2.0 Student Feedbacks



## Work on the design of SC PIN



- **Student Council of 27.01.2023**

**Attendees** Thomas Calvy (SC President)

Jules Coeuillet (Université de Toulouse)

Vyara Noncheva (Luxembourg)

Dagmara Stasiowska (AGH)

Miray Subashi (Düsseldorf)

Milan Grigull (Düsseldorf)

Long Chen (Düsseldorf)

Natalia Mizera (HHU)

Elizaveta Shashkova (Operational Project Manager for Beyond UniversEH)

*No representative from Lulea*

04.00 - 04.15 Elizaveta introduces herself to members of the SC who don't know her yet. Gives a summary of her curriculum and her role in UniversEH: former SC President, member of the Steering Committee, Governing Board. Nowadays, Elizaveta is Operational project manager for Beyond UniversEH and responsible for student involvement. She works on the creation of ADN, supervising WP22 (Roadmap 2035 and Vision 2050), helping out with student activities, stakeholders... She gives her coordinates for members of the SC to reach out to her. She asks students to add her in copy of their emails regarding student activity.

04.15 - 04.20 Elizaveta asks if any of the SC members would volunteer to attend the event organised in Strasbourg by the European Parliament ; France is still looking for someone, no other volunteer. *Elizaveta leaves for about 15 minutes.*

04.20 - 04.30 Thomas is talking about next meeting in Kiruna and unveils the names of the new WPs (cf slides)

- WP1 : Project Management
- WP2 : Space crew (Students & Staff)
- WP3 : Space education
- WP4 : Inclusion, diversity and sustainability
- WP5 : Space innovation
- WP6 : One entity
- WP7 : Service to society
- WP8 : Comms & dissemination

Thomas then focuses on the prerogatives of the WP2 : Space Crew, which will be the most 'students focused'. Talks about many projects that this WP will be responsible for ; train members of the SC and local teams in soft skills in order to help them manage the local projects, organise and finance local team projects (visits of Space-related facilities)

04.30 - 04.40 *Elizaveta comes back.* Small debrief with a few local teams : Düsseldorf is close to having a definite local team, Barak is planning to have it done in the upcoming weeks. Vyara has not planned to form a local team so far; she wonders if she has to create an official club in her University. Jules reminds her that ISAE-SUPAERO has done that in the University of Toulouse, but only to facilitate communication with the school administration.

Toulouse will take a moment in Kiruna to explain a bit more about how it came to creating a local student team.



- 04.40 - 04.50 Thomas talks about the pioneer club of UniversEH. *Elizaveta leaves to take a call.* Quick reminder of the pin's project approved by the board. Miray will try to come up with a few designs among which the SC members will be able to choose one.
- Thomas asks Elizaveta to make a list of all the former members of the Student Council so that they'll get a pin and join the UniversEH pioneers.
- 04.50 - 04.55 Elizaveta talks about recognition of Student involvement ; she would like to establish a certificate and would find it even better to hold an "official" event during which this award would be given to its recipients. A document has been written to give the conditions under which students can ask to receive this certificate. Such an event would probably be held in Düsseldorf around June, where multiple events are supposed to be held at around the same time.
- 04.55 - 5.00 Dagmara makes a quick reminder about a survey she has sent regarding WP4 aiming at starting a methodology to create partnerships within the space sector. She also talks about a new platform that WP6 would like to start regarding inclusiveness, especially about mobility within UniversEH. They would need first stories from people with disabilities or any other experiences with mobility. They would like them to share their stories regarding this topic. She would be grateful if we could help her provide content for this new platform.

- **Student Council of 22.02.2023**

### **Team building**

Everyone got to know each other better through a small team building exercise, during which SC members had to guess the writer of a personal anecdote

Attendees :

Victor Olofsson for Sweden

Iryna Uhorchuck and Mariana Rachkevych for Ukraine

Milan Grigull, Miray Subasi and Long Chen for Germany

Vyara Noncheva & Ulisse Bassi for Luxembourg

@Jules & @Thomas for France

@22 février 2023

Student Council Kiruna Meeting - Day 1 2

Ensued a competitive spike-time where the French team crushed everyone else.

### **Pioneers Club Pin's**

Miray proposed many designs for the student pin's, which are available here

Logo Drafts - Google Drive

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1--HgJ8F1itFBKivGn-GdzULqGlr1ESS4?usp=sharing>

The SC emitted recommendations for the design and chose the following as a basis

Miray accepted to complete it with the following ideas ;

The text USC shall be replaced by 'UNIVERSEH' with the official font or the

UniverseH logo

Below this shall be written 'PIONEER'

Half the stars of the European flag shall be represented on the larger half circle, that would be 7 stars, just like the numbers of European partners !

### **Other matters**

proposed to create a Notion Workspace for the Student Council. If you're reading this, it means he has managed to convince you. Hands up to him.

@Jules

Student Council Kiruna Meeting - Day 1 3

Miray also reminded the team that the Discord was now fully operational and that we could use it for upcoming calls and communication

SC members eventually watched the video from the spike competition which once again demonstrated absolute victory of the French players.

SC will reconvene again in Düsseldorf in June and through Discord or Zoom until then!

- **Student Council of 30.03.2023**

Attendees      Thomas Calvy (SC President)  
                     Jules Coeuillet (Toulouse)  
                     Vyara Noncheva (Luxembourg)  
                     Ira Uhorchuk (AGH guest)  
                     Dagmara Stasiowska (AGH)  
                     Victor Olofsson (LTU)  
                     Miray Subasi (Düsseldorf)  
                     Long Chen (Düsseldorf)  
                     Natalia Mizera (AGH)  
                     Ulisse Saverio Bassi (Luxembourg)

03.00 – 03.20    Talks about student retribution to adopt the resolution discussed in Kiruna regarding the rewarding of student involvement.

The proposed text is unanimously accepted (9/9 present for) and at least one student representative of each partner university was present.

03.20 – 03.25    Discussions about the template of the student involvement degree. Suggestions are made that the UNIVERSEH logo is maybe too high on the page, better alignment and spacing between the partner logo can be performed. In addition, the Erasmus logo should be in black and white to fit the other logos.

03.25 – 03.45    Information point about the future meeting in Düsseldorf. Thomas Calvy highlights the fact that it is important to have at least one SC representative for each partner university on-site. AGH is planning to send 1 student but still need to see with their administration, Luxembourg will have 2 SC members, Toulouse will have 1 SC member and one local team student and LTU do not know yet.

03.45 – 03.50    Talks about the SC pins and logo. It will be suggested to the SC by Miray Subasi next week.

03.50 – 04.05 Round table of the progress of the implementation of the students' local teams in the universities. Thomas Calvy informs everybody that a document has been produced and shared on the drive which collects the feedback and the advice of the Toulouse SC member for the creation of the local team and the issues they faced while creating their local team.

HHU has created a form and has received 20 responses. They will conduct in the next few days a concert of the new student to define activities and how to organise the local team.

Luxembourg has created a club in their university and it was accepted a few days ago. They are starting the creation of social media and will launch a communication operation to hire people in their local team.

AGH have welcomed 4 new members and one of them is already operational in the WP12 for the work on Universeh 2.0. They are in discussion to make newcomers join other WPs and they are planning to launch a larger recruitment process by the end of april and another one in october.

LTU is going to have a discussion between the SC members to define the tasks to implement the UNIVERSEH student local team in their partner university.

04.05 – 04.15 Proposition by Miray Subasi to make the future SC meetings on discord. Miray has implemented a functional discord server for the SC. Several members added that using discord for the meeting will help to save the important information in the dedicated channels and it would also ease the new SC members to find the information they need. It echoes and answers partly the European recommendations for the UNIVERSEH 2.0 program regarding the turnovers in the SC members. The change from zoom to discord meetings is adopted.

04.15 – 04.25 Natalia Mizera described her work on excellence and inclusion for the European Student Assembly which will take place in Strasbourg this year.

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The work is in progress and it may lead to a workshop at the next SC meeting to discuss these issues.

04.25 – 05.00 No AOB.

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- **Governing Board of 23.02.2023**

#### **Attendees**

Marc Renner (UT), Birgitta Bergvall-Kåreborn (LTU), Anja Steinbeck (UDUS), Catherine Leglu (Uni.lu), Tadeusz Uhl (AGH), Thomas Calvy (UT, student representative), Annick Castiaux (UNamur), Francesca Dominici (UNITOV, online)

Hélène Gentils (UT), Florence Voitier-Sienzonit (UT), Emmanuel Zenou (UT), Nicole Dittrich (HHU), Jean-Philippe Gastellu-Etchegorry (UT)

#### **Excused**

Jerzy Lis (AGH, represented by Tadeusz Uhl), Nathan Levialdi Ghiron (UNITOV, represented by Francesca Dominici), Jens Kreisel (Uni.lu, represented by Catherine Leglu),

#### **Discussions**

#### **Welcome and introduction**

Marc Renner opens the meeting and thanks the partners from LTU for the warm welcome and great organisation of the consortium meeting in LTU's space campus.

Birgitta Bergvall-Kåreborn welcomes the partners to Kiruna, and is very happy to have the meeting organised at LTU.

#### **Update on consortium enlargement**

Following the last Governing Board (Oct. 12<sup>th</sup> in Paris), the UNIVERSEH Consortium has welcomed a new member, the University of Namur. As per the Governing Board request, an addendum to the UNIVERSEH consortium agreement has been signed by the University of Namur and the University of Rome Tor Vergata, in order to enable them to take part in governance bodies and project activities (on their own budget, and without any reporting obligation).

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The Governing Board members unanimously **agree to have a similar accession document signed to enable UNamur and UNITOV to join the partnership for the Beyond UNIVERSEH project.**

Tadeusz Uhl underlines that such an agreement is key for the implementation of Beyond UNIVERSEH, and to ensure the new partners are fully integrated to the creation of a team of researcher, with a view of applying for a Doctoral Network (MSCA project, Horizon Europe funding).

Annick Castiaux welcomes this opportunity and confirms the engagement of UNamur in these activities.

### **Presentation of UNIVERSEH 2.0** – see presentation attached to the minutes

Hélène Gentils, Nicole Dittrich and Emmanuel Zenou present UNIVERSEH 2.0 (see presentation attached), and discussion ensues.

#### *On WP2 – Space Crew*

Birgitta Bergvall-Kåreborn asks a question regarding the languages courses prior to mobility to support students, even at basic level. Nicole Dittrich explains that languages courses are already provided online prior to summer/winter schools, online. Whether or not these courses give credit depends on the university. During the schools, the main lectures are in English but some events are multilingual, and as an Alliance we always aim to make things bilingual/trilingual.

Thomas Calvy explains that students will be more involved in this new WP2, and each partner has set aside a sum of money, within the UNIVERSEH 2.0 WP2 budget for student activities. Students are also currently working on an alumni network, that could meet during the student conference in order to reduce travel fees. For now, this alumni network concerns the former Student Council members, but it will afterwards be enlarged with alumni from UNIVERSEH's master programme. It will also help students to have a point of contact in the companies.

Marc Renner underlines that this goes back to the original idea of European Universities training future citizens of Europe, European Universities are also about common values.

Regarding the common values, Birgitta Bergvall-Kåreborn suggest that at UNIVERSEH level we have an agreement on a low level, and then gradually move towards a middle stage and a final objective. The Governing Board could make a common statement that all members would agree on, about common culture, common values.

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The UNIVERSEH Office and Steering Committee will propose a first version for the next Governing Board, which could be based on pre-existing charters (EUA for example), as well as the Eurocharter.

#### *On WP3 – Space Education*

Thomas Calvy highlights the work carried out by the Student Council, and in particular the implementation of local student teams, on the model of what already exists in Toulouse.

Birgitta Bergvall-Kåreborn suggest that it could be helpful to suggest a few key social science and humanities areas that we believe are important (e.g. sustainability in space, freedom of space, AI, space law...), to support the integration of teachers and researchers from humanities in the project.

Emmanuel Zenou highlights the fact that it has been a challenging process to involve professors from social science and humanities and the need for a strong push from management. On the contrary, Tadeusz Uhl observes a strong interest from humanities in AGH, and Nicole Dittrich explains this is also the case at HHU. For example, all the students sent by HHU to the Summer School on mining (Krakow, may 2022) we humanities' students. Thomas Calvy explains that similarly, students are trying to find activities that fit into social science and humanities' students' curricula (e.g., visit to ESA in Cologne to discuss with a parastronaut, on psychology, the human factor, etc.). Other arts activities, on scenarios for science fiction could be organised.

Birgitta Bergvall-Kåreborn suggests that hackathons would be a very good way to involve all disciplines: a challenge could be defined (in relation with our stakeholders), for students from different disciplines to solve it (Law, AI, neuroscience etc.). All the members agree and Emmanuel Zenou explains that one of the eight stakeholders working groups focuses on the link with students, including hackathons and other practical experiences. For Tadeusz Uhl, new space is space for humanities, it is important to make space closer to people, to highlight the benefits for people, both from a technical and human point of view. Catherine Leglu explains that for UNIVERSEH, the very successful ideation cam run by uni.lu has been adapted. Uni.lu is quite used to organising these types of events where students have to act quite quickly, teaching them efficiency of work. Annick Castiaux explains that UNamur also organises hackathons for staff.

#### *On WP7 – Service to Society*

Anja Steinbeck is worried about the efficiency of the Advisory Board, composed of 12 members. She believes that a smaller group (for example, one stakeholder par partner university) would lead to more proactive work.

#### *On WP8 - Impact and dissemination*

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Birgitta Bergvall-Kåreborn highlights the importance of using what UNIVERSEH produces it at its best in our own universities and saw many things which could be implemented in a broader sense in the university.

She would welcome information on each work package in the form of one-page factsheet for each one. All rectors agree on this.

**Presentation of UNamur** – see presentation attached

A short video presenting UNamur is available here.

**Feedback from the meeting with Commissioner Mariya Gabriel** – see attached minutes from the EC and presentation

Annick Castiaux reports the comments from a person in the European Universities team at the European Commission on their lack of knowledge about UNIVERSEH – she will send the contact to UNIVERSEH Office so that a meeting can be arranged. An event to raise awareness about UNIVERSEH could be arranged in Brussels, in cooperation with Christophe Grudler, MEP, who is one of our stakeholders.

At the administrative level, our Project Officer has been invited to Kiruna, but was unable to attend this time. She might be able to join the consortium meeting in Düsseldorf.

**Update on Beyond UNIVERSEH- See attached presentation**

Concerning the delays on deliverables, the Rectors ask for more information on the late deliverables. Florence Voitier-Sienzonit explained that this is general and linked to the lack of involvement of researchers due to the absence of implementation of research actions per se in the project.

WP6, which is coordinated by uni.lu is particularly problematic as there are no meetings, no discussion of deliverables. Additionally, there is no participation of uni.lu representatives in the Steering Committees for more than 9 months.

The Rectors agree that delays on deliverables have to be limited as much as possible to comply with the GA. Birgitta Bergvall-Kåreborn asked for a report on the delays of deliverables in Beyond UNIVERSEH.

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Catherine Leglu says that it is understandable that researchers choose to prioritise their research, but stressed the importance of promoting the achievements of this type of project to policy makers.

Birgitta Bergvall-Kåreborn adds that European universities should be built on two legs and that it does not make sense to support less research than education. Our results in the project can influence future funding programmes and give us real added value when responding to calls.

Birgitta Bergvall-Kåreborn asks that deliverable D2. Draft on the roadmap to be communicated to the Governing Board when ready to submission.

Thomas Calvy suggests that, as for students, each WP could be composed by at least one researcher. Florence Voitier-Sienzonit answers that it is normally already the case.

Marc Renner asks the opinion of Jean-Philippe Gastellu-Etchegorry on the difficulty to involve researchers, who explains that this may be due to the fact that the spectrum of research in space is wide and that the research themes are not necessarily identical among the partners. It may therefore be complicated for a researcher, at least at first, to find interest in the project if their research theme is not covered in the other partner universities.

Catherine Leglu asks Francesca Dominici if UNITOV would be interested to follow and join the UNIVERSEH research actions. The latter says that there is a large field of research at UNITOV and that collaborations are possible. However, for the moment only a small team will follow the work of Beyond UNIVERSEH and that there will be no broad involvement for now.

Florence Voitier-Sienzonit asks if it is possible to distribute a survey for researchers which is currently circulating in the framework of WP3. Francesca agrees.

### **Presentation of “UNIVERSEH Extended for Ukraine” (see attached presentation)**

Presentation made by Tadeusz Uhl

Following the presentation of this project, and the temporary presence of representatives from Ukrainian universities in the meeting, the Governing Board members would like some clarification on the exact role of Ukrainian partner universities in the project and in particular in the governance of UNIVERSEH.

Catherine Leglu also wonders if there are means to ensure that mobilities can take place in every partner countries as Ukrainians are not concerned by freedom of movement.

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## **Academic freedom, the security situation in the world, and how we can strengthen our alliance with these perspectives in mind**

Birgitta Bergvall-Kåreborn would like to discuss with the other rectors their respective policies in international collaborations.

### *Security and oversees students/Staff*

Only this week, a newspaper published a series of articles on Swedish cooperation with Chinese researchers, highlighting security issues. In Sweden, the government rarely gives guidelines on which organisation or country the universities can work with. These issues become more and more sensitive, and these questions arise more and more often. Currently, each university chooses whether or not to continue working with Chinese companies. Several continue because of their links with Ericsson. In LTU, background checks are carried out when recruiting students and staff from outside Europe, and some contracts with enterprises (e.g. Huawei) have had to be suspended following clear signals from the government.

Catherine Leglu explains that 3 countries are potentially posing a security threat: China, Russia and Iran. Uni.lu has been asked by the Luxembourgish government to look into all of their contracts with Chinese organisations, and as a result some contracts with private partners have been cancelled. Their 3 formal partnerships with Chinese universities are maintained, but following major fraud, uni.lu has decided to suspend the enrolment of freemovers. All formal partnership with Russia have been suspended, but individual ones continue. Uni.lu is also supporting Russian students to stay in Luxembourg. The Iranian students are the largest community in uni.lu. For the international space master, because of the link with NASA, they are not allowed to recruit Iranian students. The latter are divided between reformists / revolutionary, and this is very serious, with families under threat. Uni.lu supports Iranians that could be in danger if going back to Iran to stay. Having a clear position from the government helps uni.lu to be proactive.

Anja Steinbeck explains that there are no guidelines either from the German government. HHU have a China strategy on the surface, and decide case by case, but traditionally they have no deep collaboration with China. They carry out background check when recruiting employees from these countries.

Marc Renner explains that in France there are rules for research laboratories, which are either ZRR ("Zone à Régime Restrictif" – restricted area) or not ZRR. ZRR is dictated from the government, and people working in these labs have to be approved beforehand by the

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DGSI (Internal Security), following checks. DGSI have a list of PhD students, and they may ask the PhD supervisor for information, particularly for students from certain countries (Algeria, Syria, Algeria, US on certain topics) and they carry out checks twice a year. There is also the prefect of region who is responsible for monitoring and preventing foreign influence.

Emmanuel Zenou explains that at ISAE-SUPAERO, there are checks for all the non-EU foreign students, as ISAE is part of the Ministry for Defense. Some programmes are not accessible for non-EU students, and sometimes even for non-French students due to partnerships with companies that restrict their visits to students from certain nationalities.

UNamur has no institutional agreement with Russia, but individual collaboration and co-publication is still allowed, whereas research contracts are prolonged for Russian. All collaborations with Iran have been stopped following the imprisonment of Belgian academics and humanitarian. The National security also comes each year to inform UNamur about investigations, and they sometimes they send information about potential issues. UNamur is experiencing issues with immigration being so tough that it has an impact on academic collaborations. Before researchers had a special treatment and now it is no longer the case, which is damaging collaborations, especially with Africa but not only.

### *Confucius institutes*

The issue of Confucius Institutes is raised. Uni.lu has created one with Fudan university in 2016 and is currently investigating this partnership. Germany, Belgium and Sweden have stopped all collaborations with Confucius institutes, and the closure of these institutes has been tough (Stockholm, Liège).

### *Dual use research / Intellectual property*

Swedish Universities are governmental bodies. Therefore, they have to declare research that could have an impact on security, which is not seen as a positive thing, whereas in other countries defence applications for research are seen as a positive thing.

This declaration is also compulsory in Belgium, but its purpose not clear.

There are no such declarations in Luxembourg, but the government might want to use research results.

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In France also, when claiming patent, the government can take it over if it is defence relevant.

In Sweden, a researcher owns their research and do not need to report to their university when filing a patent: it is the “teacher exception”. Research is made with public money, then the university can help researchers start their company, but there is no reward for the University.

In Germany, if the university doesn’t want the patent, the researcher can claim it.

In France, when a researcher starts their company, they can keep (part of) their University salary.

In Belgium, researchers are free to create their company. Some researchers prefer to have a “spin off” others a “start-up”, depending on the field and perception of University.

#### *Academic freedom.*

In Sweden, academic freedom is the rule. Some politicians can comment in the public press on courses they don’t know about, making official statement on what they think is a good or a bad course is. They are not allowed to do so it and cannot say the course should be closed. However, these statement are still damaging.

UNamur also experienced some form of pressure from politicians on what should – or should not – be included in some courses. There is also currently a debate on continuous/final evaluation, with pressure from some students and political parties to more towards a fully continuous evaluation. UNamur prefers to keep a variety of evaluation methods.

In France the LRU law (Liberties and Responsibilities of Universities, 2007), giving more liberties to the Universities (in terms of budget, HR). However, it is not a law for autonomy of universities.

In Sweden, freedom of research is stated in the law but not freedom of education. However, even in the countries that have these statements, a change of government can lead to these freedoms being questioned.

In Germany there is no such influence, but there is influence through money given by government.

The National constitution was revised in Luxembourg, and academic freedom was included for the first time, however, representatives of ministries in the Governing Boards can still

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influence the decisions. Parliamentary questions are also a way of putting pressure on universities.

The question of “usefulness” of certain studies (e.g. Gender studies) compared to others is raised in all countries, with pressure from politicians. For example, in Sweden’s gymnasiums, a number of seats are allocated for specific studies according to the “needs” of that sector. For Birgitta Bergvall-Kåreborn it is difficult to know the consequences of doing that, first because it is impossible to predict the importance of certain competences in 10 or 20 years, and also because skills are useful, even though not in the jobs expected of them.

In Sweden, Universities are governmental bodies, and the ministry can refuse the nomination of a rector, even following votes from the faculties. This is not the case for French universities, but it is the case for certain schools (“grandes écoles”), in which the director is nominated by the minister.

On this regard, EUA has published an [analysis on governance and autonomy of governance](#) (“scorecard”), not only financial, but also in terms of HR and capacity/flexibility to change programmes.

### **Next meeting**

UDUS will host the next general UNIVERSEH / Beyond UNIVERSEH meeting in Düsseldorf, between June 13<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>, followed on the 16<sup>th</sup> by the first Space Day of Düsseldorf (different events will happen during the whole day such as mobile planetarium, presentations of research...). On the following week, the Diversity Conference and the Summer School will take place.

**A Governing Board will take place between June 13<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>.**

If UNIVERSEH 2.0 is approved, a closing/kick off meeting will take place in December (in Luxemburg TBC).

### **Actions**

- UT Office to prepare a draft of Governing Board statement on common values and culture.
- Work Package leaders / UT Office to prepare a factsheet on work packages for the next Governing Board – 1 page per work package for UNIVERSEH and Beyond UNIVERSEH.

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- UT Office to prepare an addendum to the Beyond UNIVERSEH consortium agreement in order to officialise the participation of new members to the ongoing project.
- UT Office / AGH representatives to clarify the participation of Ukrainian Universities in the project.
- UDUS to circulate the programme for the June meetings, so that the Governing Board members can save the date.
- Annick Castiaux to send the name of her contact in the European Commission to UNIVERSEH Office, so that a meeting can be arranged.
- UNIVERSEH Office to update the Governing Board on progress made towards awareness-raising of the project in Brussels.

UT to prepare a note on delays of deliverables in Beyond UNIVERSEH

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- **Quality Assurance Committee of 06.12.2022**

**Attendees**

Bjarne BERGQVIST, Hélène GENTILS, Florentin GACHET, Pawel PACKO, Kristen TUSCHLING, Jan ZUTAVERN,

**Excused**

Jules COEILLET, Michel BOSCO

**Discussions**

**- Introductions and roundtable**

Florentin GACHET from Toulouse (ISAE-SUPAREO International relations team), joins the quality task for UNIVERSEH and Beyond UNIVERSEH. He will from now on be in charge of all the quality assurance process, with the support of the Toulouse UNIVERSEH office team.

**- Feedback Quality Assurance Report Year 1**

Following the submission of the progress report covering all activities implemented in the first 18 months of the project, the EC experts have evaluated it, along with all the deliverables submitted before June 2022.

The feedback is positive:

*"The project is likely to provide results with significant immediate or potential impact in the next reporting period (even if not all objectives mentioned in the Annex 1 GA were achieved)."*

*The significant achievements and results are the following:*

*[...]*

*Development of quality and performance indicators in the quality assurance process plan as well as the first quality report produced (a commendable deliverable). "*

**- Update on UNIVERSEH 2.0**

UNIVERSEH will end on the 31<sup>st</sup> of October 2023. We are currently in the process of submitting an application for renewal, with a deadline on the 31<sup>st</sup> of January 2023.

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The partnership is extended with the addition of the University of Tor Vergata (Rome 2) and the University of Namur.

The Mission statement defines the political vision as follows:

**Vision:** UNIVERSEH will be the only European University in a changing Space sector, offering an innovative, cross-science, multilingual, inclusive, research-based, and sustainable learning environment with excellence and passion.

**Mission:**

UNIVERSEH trains the minds of tomorrow to lead Europe's socio-economic success and security in a growing and changing space economy, intertwining interdisciplinary courses, cultural aspects, unprecedented entrepreneurial leadership, and diversity. UNIVERSEH continuously provides a cutting-edge, innovative, sustainable, and agile learning environment for the benefit of the students and the society overall.

The new WPs have been defined as follows:

	Lead	Co lead
<b>Project Management</b>		
1 General management, quality, processes, risks, funding	UT	AGH
<b>Space crew (Students &amp; Staff)</b>		
Mobility, summer/winter schools, workshops&conferences, staff seminars, team building,		
2 multilingualism, link with stakeholders	HHU	UTV
<b>Space education</b>		
3 Courses, pedagogical innovation, programmes, interdisciplinary methods, humanities	UT	LTU
<b>Inclusion, diversity and sustainability</b>		
4 Staff seminars, trainings, awareness, outreach, good practice, code of conduct	AGH	UT
<b>Space innovation</b>		
5 Entrepreneurship, IP, research, link with stakeholders	UTV	uni lu
<b>One entity</b>		
6 Legal entity, Common diploma, IT infrastructure, economical sustainability of the project	uni lu	Unamur
<b>Service to society</b>		
Coordination of link with stakeholders, general public, future students, citizen science, observatory of		
7 skills & competencies	LTU	AGH
<b>Comms &amp; dissemination</b>		
8	UNamur	HHU

In terms of quality, the idea is to keep the same governance body dedicated to quality, the QAC, with the same composition but underlining that it reports directly to the Steering Committee. In order to define the quality assurance process, we are proposing to organise a workshop between WP leaders and QAC members to ensure a common understanding of the indicators, and ensure these are helpful in the WP implementation.

While WP1 will be led by UT, the quality task will be led by the University of Tor Vergata.

## - Quality Assurance Report Year 2

### - data collection - timeline

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07.12.22 Launch of process

15.02.23 Deadline for WP leaders to send their tables to Florentin

01.03.23 First draft sent to QAC

13.03.23 Student & Stakeholder input

16.03.23 QAC Meeting to discuss report

31.03.23 Final draft + submission to EC

#### **- support for WP leaders**

Florentin has prepared a table per WP in order to facilitate data collection.

A “comments” column has been added to collect additional details (e.g. on events, to avoid double counting, but also to support report drafting).

WP leaders are in charge of coordinating the collection of the data for the WP, compiling when necessary the information of individual partners.

#### **- AOB**

Florence has received all the indicators for Beyond UNIVERSEH and is currently drafting the progress report and expects to send it to the QAC by the end of the week.

#### **Summary of next steps**

- HG to send the draft WP1 to QAC members for feedback on the quality task.
- Florentin to send the e-mails launching the collection of quality data to WP leaders/QAC members

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- Steering Committee meeting – Luxembourg, UNIVERSEH 2.0 preparation



## Mission Statement

Definition of the UNIVERSEH 2.0 project



### Vision

"UNIVERSEH is the only European University in Space and New Space offering a breakthrough innovative, multidisciplinary, multilingual, and inclusive learning environment."

### Priorities

- Higher education for all
- Space & Life
- Space and Societies
- Economic impact
- Space for all
- Space crew
- Sustainability in all dimensions

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## Work Plan

UNIVERSEH 2.0 [work packages](#)



		Lead	Co lead
	<b>Project Management</b>		
1	General management, <a href="#">quality</a> , <a href="#">processes</a> , <a href="#">risks</a> , <a href="#">funding</a>	UT	
	<b>Space crew (Students &amp; Staff)</b>		
	<a href="#">Mobility</a> , <a href="#">summer/winter schools</a> , <a href="#">workshops&amp;conferences</a> , <a href="#">staff seminars</a> , <a href="#">team building</a> , <a href="#">multilingualism</a> ,		
2	<a href="#">link with stakeholders</a>	HHU	
	<b>Space education</b>		
3	<a href="#">Courses</a> , <a href="#">pedagogical innovation</a> , <a href="#">programmes</a> , <a href="#">interdisciplinary methods</a> , <a href="#">humanities</a>	UT	LTU
	<b>Inclusion, diversity and sustainability</b>		
4	<a href="#">Staff seminars</a> , <a href="#">trainings</a> , <a href="#">awareness</a> , <a href="#">outreach</a> , <a href="#">good practice</a> , <a href="#">code of conduct</a>	AGH	
	<b>Space innovation</b>		
5	<a href="#">Entrepreneurship</a> , <a href="#">IP</a> , <a href="#">research</a> , <a href="#">link with stakeholders</a>	UTV	uni lu
	<b>One entity</b>		
6	<a href="#">Legal entity</a> , <a href="#">Common diploma</a> , <a href="#">IT infrastructure</a> , <a href="#">economical sustainability of the project</a>	uni lu	
	<b>Service to society</b>		
7	<a href="#">Coordination of link with stakeholders</a> , <a href="#">general public</a> , <a href="#">future students</a> , <a href="#">citizen science</a> , <a href="#">observatory of skills &amp; competencies</a>	LTU	AGH
	<b>Comms &amp; dissemination</b>		
8		New partner	HHU

## UNIVERSEH 2.0 work in progress

### [Documents](#)

To suggest ideas to WP leaders

Table [here](#)

Template to draft WP

Table [here](#)

Objective of Rome meeting

[Presenting draft WPs with main tasks and deliverables](#)

[Discussions](#)



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## Planning

UNIVERSEH 2.0 application preparation



Date	APPLICATION
As soon as possible	Administrative information from partners (Part A of the application)
24 November 2022	Deadline to send inputs to WP leaders
01-02 December 2022	<b>In-person meeting in Rome:</b> - WP almost final description - Drafting of tasks
06 December 2022	WP final description
13 December 2022	Application draft 1 Budget draft 1
15 December 2022	<b>10:00-12:00 online meeting</b>
03 January 2023	First round of feedback for application draft 1
10 January 2023	Second round of feedback for application draft 1 + Finalised budget
12 January 2023	<b>10:00-12:00 online meeting</b>
17 January 2023	Final feedback on application
24 January 2023	Application submission
31 January 2023	Deadline

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- Steering Committee meeting – Rome, UNIVERSEH 2.0 preparation



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## Outcome of the Luxembourg meeting

Definition of the UNIVERSEH 2.0 project



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## Work Plan

UNIVERSEH 2.0 work packages leads and co-leads



		Lead	Co lead
	<b>Project Management</b>		
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	<b>Inclusion, diversity and sustainability</b>		
4	Staff seminars, trainings, awareness, outreach, good practice, code of conduct	AGH	UT
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	<b>Comms &amp; dissemination</b>		
8		UNamur	HHU

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## Outcome of the Luxembourg meeting

Planning reminder – 61 days left!



Date	APPLICATION
As soon as possible	Administrative information from partners (Part A of the application)
06 -12 December 2022	WP final description
13 December 2022	Application draft 1 circulated
	Budget draft 1 sent to UT
15 December 2022	<b>10:00-12:00 online meeting</b>
03 January 2023	First round of feedback for application draft 1
10 January 2023	Second round of feedback for application draft 1 + Finalised budget
12 January 2023	<b>10:00-12:00 online meeting</b>
15 January 2023	Letters of support
17 January 2023	Final feedback on application
24 January 2023	Application submission
31 January 2023	Deadline

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## What we need from partners

Help !



### Administrative information

- Please fill in the table [here](#) as soon as possible

### Support letters

- Template shared by Mathilde – deadline 15/01/23

## Budget

Reminders & recommendations



### Budget constraints

- Budget per partner 1,75M€ / 1,4 M€ Erasmus+
- Pre-financing : 40% upon GA signature, 40% mid-term (if 70% consumption of pre-financing)

### Recommendations

- Allow sufficient budget in all WPs
- Allow sufficient budget for travels, for meetings, events, including staff and students
- WP leader must always have the highest amount of person-months
- Be realistic, but do not under-budget
- Be prepared to justify the relevance of the costs with regards to the work plan / your tasks / usual practices – EC may question budget during grant preparation

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- **Steering Committee of 23.02.2023**

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### **Present**

Nicole DITTRICH, Hélène GENTILS, Adam WALTERS, Pascal MAUSSION, Emmanuel ZENOU, Bjarne BERGQUIST, Petra RANTATALO, Florence VOITIER-SIENZONIT, Débi KOUETE, Joanna HÜBINETTE, Katarzyna CIEŚLAK, Jules COEUILLET, Tadeusz UHL, Anna INGLOT, Oleg VYTYAZ, Maria PETTERSSON, Marta POLAK, Volodymyr KOTSUYBYNSKY

### **Excused**

Joanna PYRKOSZ, Eric TSCHIRHART, Magnus STENFELT, Sigrid HOLGERSSON

### **Agenda**

1. Calendar 2023
2. Next steps UNIVERSEH 2.0
3. Financial report Year 2
4. Risk Register update
5. Presentation of UNIVERSEH extended for Ukraine
6. WPs issues, if any
7. Students issues, if any
8. AOBs

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## Discussions

### **1. Calendar 2023**

#### March 2023

13-15 Staff week in Lulea

#### June 2023

13-15 General meeting in Düsseldorf

16 Space Day

19 Diversity conference in Düsseldorf

20-23 Summer school "Space in Art & Culture" in Düsseldorf

30 Results UNIVERSEH 2.0

#### October 2023

31 End of UNIVERSEH 1.0

#### November 2023

1 Start of UNIVERSEH 2.0

#### December 2023

Closing event / Kick off meeting in Luxembourg + general meeting

#### Space Day in Düsseldorf

The University of Düsseldorf has been selected by the German government (Federal Ministry of Education & Research (BMBF)) to host the first Space Day of Düsseldorf. This event is organised in the framework of the Science Year 2023. The theme is "our Universe in literature, art & philosophy". Several events will take place in the city of Düsseldorf and scientists will be presenting their work on the subject. A German astronaut will be invited. UNIVERSEH members are invited to participate. More information in the attached presentation.

### **2. Next steps UNIVERSEH 2.0**

Project submitted - 31/01/23

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Results of the call

30.06.2023 (TBC)

Septembre 2023 : Grant Agreement Signature (interaction with the European commission)

Project Start

1.11.2023

Closing event UNIVERSEH 1.0 + Kick Off meeting UNIVERSEH 2.0 end 2023 in Luxembourg (TBC).

### **3. Financial report Year 2**

General comments

The statement of expenditure for year 2 shows that 71% of the budget was consumed. There has been an improvement compared to year 1 of the project.

The WP with the highest expenditure is WP4.

The detailed analysis of the financial report is available in the attached presentation.

### **4. Risk Register update**

The risk register has been amended by mutual agreement as follows:

- Decrease in Covid-19 risk from 3 to 1 following the lifting of restrictions in the European Union
- Addition of a risk linked to geopolitical conflicts and tensions following the Ukrainian conflict in particular (more details in the presentation)

### **5. Presentation of UNIVERSEH extended for Ukraine**

On the initiative of AGH University, two Ukrainian universities were invited to the Steering committee to present their university and the perspectives of collaboration between the UNIVERSEH alliance and their universities. These are the Ivano-Frankivsk National Technical University of Oil and Gas and the Podkarpacie National University of Vasyl Stefanyk in Ivano-Frankivsk, whose educational and research activities could be linked to those of UNIVERSEH.

Collaboration between AGH and Ukrainian universities has already started in UNIVERSEH 1.0, especially in the framework of the preparation of the UNIVERSEH 2.0 application for the renewal of the project.

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The person in charge of coordinating the partnership project at the University of AGH will send to the steering committee a detailed presentation of the project (see attached presentation).

## **6. WPs issues, if any**

### **WP1**

#### Quality assurance report

- Florentin Gachet (ISAE) is now in charge of the preparation of this report.
- Still waiting for some partner's data, deliverable already delayed because UNIVERSEH 2.0.
- Suggestion to have an online tool for data collection to avoid duplicates or forgotten events etc.

#### Final report

- End of UNIVERSEH 1.0 31.10.2023
- The final report is due within 60 days after the end of the project (30.12.2023)

To prepare the report before the deadline, templates will be sent for people to have a rough idea of what is needed (all deliverables, financial report, mobility figures etc.).

The drafting of the final report will start before October 2023.

### **WP2**

#### Mobility reporting tools

One of the difficulties identified is the use of the mobility reporting tool, which is currently very little used. Small explanatory modules and tutorials on the use of the tool are being prepared and will be distributed shortly. As the collection of mobility figures is not centralised at HHU, the people in charge of monitoring mobility in each institution will be trained to use this tool.

As regards the definition of mobility, the steering committee has noted the need to amend the criteria used to define mobility, which is considered too restrictive. Thus 4000 mobilities could be counted in the future instead of 430 this year.

WP2 will propose a new definition for the next steering committee.

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### **WP3**

It was identified in WP3 that there is a need to put two topics on the Governing Board agenda in order to have validation and political support.

The first issue is the question of diploma supplements (universities' logos) and the second is the involvement of the education and university life representatives of each university in the process of creating and delivering courses.

It is possible to propose a discussion of these topics to the Governing Board, provided supporting documents are prepared, and discussed in the Steering Committee before the agenda is sent to the Governing Board.

### **WP4**

Some students are having difficulties accessing moodle with their university email address. The problem has been reported to the IT and technical service of Luxembourg which asks each institution to contact their IT and technical service to solve the problem. The teachers have full access to the platform.

For Toulouse, Mélissa Malagardis is the person to enter in contact with.

**WP5** (No feedback)

**WP6** No major issues reported.

**WP7** (No feedback)

**7. Students issues, if any – No major issues reported**

**8. AOBs**

- Next meetings  
April 2023 – date TBD

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June 2023 – Düsseldorf (general meetings + all bodies meetings)

- Physical meeting of coordinators of European Universities in Brussels  
06.03.23
- Data sharing agreement

### **Summary of next steps**

- Please find [here](#) a Doodle form where you can indicate your availability for the next meeting in april 2023
- WP2: propose a new definition of mobility
- WP1: discuss options for on-line quality reporting + send the templates for the Erasmus + final report

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- **Steering Committee of 21.04.2023**

**Steering Committee – 21.04.2023, 14:00 - 16:00 - Zoom meeting**

**Present**

Hélène GENTILS, Adam WALTERS, Emmanuel ZENOU, Bjarne BERGQUIST, Florence VOITIER-SIENZONIT, Débi KOUETE, Joanna HÜBINETTE, Tadeusz UHL, Joanna PYRKOSZ, Isabella FONTANA, Myrka ZAGO, Florentin GACHET, Jeroen DARQUENNES, Maria PETTERSSON, Francesca DOMINICI, Eric TSCHIRHART

**Absent**

Nicole DITTRICH, Jules COEUILLET, Pascal MAUSSION, Sigrid HOLGERSSON

**Agenda**

1. Quality Assurance Report presentation
2. Feedback from coordinators meeting with the EC
3. Governing Board
  - Actions from Kiruna meeting
  - Agenda for Düsseldorf meeting
  - Governing Board statement on inclusion and diversity
4. Involvement of the new partners
  - Involvement of UNamur and UNITOV
  - Presence of UNamur and UNITOV on UNIVERSEH website
5. Student involvement
6. Meetings in Düsseldorf
7. WP updates
8. Beyond UNIVERSEH Update

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## 9. AOBs

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## Discussions

### **1. Quality Assurance Report presentation**

#### Process

The quality assurance report has been submitted. It has been drafted based on indicators such as mobility, multilingualism, entrepreneurship etc. All data was collected from the WP leaders. The report is also based on general criteria promoted by the European Commission. Two meetings are planned in June and October in Brussels in order to discuss the monitoring framework of the European Universities at the Alliance level.

#### Conclusion of the report

- Key aspects achieved: all objectives are being address everything is on track and in line with the periodic report
- Increase of mobility numbers (+ 70% staff and students)
- Satisfaction excellent, achieve this year, good experiences,
- Inclusion criteria difficult to assess because of some regulations on personal data that forbids to collect some data (difficult to measure)

#### Next steps

- Quality Assurance Committee meeting in Düsseldorf to improve the process of data collection (identify the person that will coordinates the data collection within each university, improved tools)
- Final Quality Assurance report October 31<sup>st</sup>. No delay possible, UT will prepare a planning, partners to send data within the set deadline

### **2. Feedback from coordinators meeting with the EC**

The European universities coordinator's meeting organized by the European commission took place the 6 of march 2023. There were some representatives from the EC and the EACEA agency, and the consulting firm that works on the monitoring framework.

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- Funding for 4 + 2 years (post 2027): An additional 2 years of funding will be opened by the EC after the 4 years of funding, which will allow to plan for the next 6 years. They are trying to find a way to ensure the sustainability of funding by especially working on acting on regulations.
- The European commission wants to work closer with alliances. They heavily need evidence that demonstrate the efficiency of the European universities for the member states and are started to prepare campaign to collect some input from communications and disseminations materials of the alliances (evidence base for further funding). They plan to update on their website factsheets on each European university
- 14-15 September: Forum of European Universities organise in Barcelona in the framework of Spanish government

### Actions from Kiruna meeting

- UT Office to prepare a draft of Governing Board statement on common values and culture. The statement will be published on the UNIVERSEH website.
- Work Package leaders / UT Office to prepare a factsheet on work packages for the next Governing Board – 1 page per work package for UNIVERSEH and Beyond UNIVERSEH (Florence Voitier-Sienzonit and H  l  ne Gentils will prepare a template).
- UT Office to prepare an addendum to the Beyond UNIVERSEH consortium agreement in order to officialise the participation of new members to the ongoing project
- UT Office to prepare an addendum to the Beyond UNIVERSEH consortium agreement in order to officialise the participation of new members to the ongoing project. It is also put on the agenda of the next Governing Board in D  sseldorf.
- UNIVERSEH office to update the Governing board on progress made towards awareness-raising of the project in Brussels. It really depends on the person and is difficult to reach each person but Annick Castiaux (rector of the University of Namur) alerted on the fact that people were not aware of UNIVERSEH when she was in Brussels to represent the alliance in January.
- UT to prepare a note on delays of deliverables in Beyond UNIVERSEH

Heinrich Heine  
Universität  
Düsseldorf

#### Agenda for Düsseldorf meeting (proposal)

1. *UNIVERSEH extended for Ukraine (clarifications)*
2. *Governing Board Statement on inclusion and diversity*
3. *Update on UNIVERSEH progress*
4. *Beyond UNIVERSEH report on delays*
5. *Beyond UNIVERSEH periodic report: key achievements and EC feedback*
6. *Data Sharing Agreement*
7. *Date of next meeting (Kick-off meeting?)*

#### Governing Board statement on inclusion and diversity

The statement on inclusion and diversity has been drafted by the WP6 (Joanna Pyrkosz) and is a very short version of the Eurocharter on the common values. Hélène Gentils will circulate it to the rectors for potential amendment before its official publication. See the proposal in the PowerPoint presentation attached to these minutes

#### **4. Involvement of the new partners and visibility**

##### Involvement of UNamur and UNITOV

It was agreed that UNamur and UNITOV, will be solicited only for the essential questions (governance and some WP meetings). Indeed, in spite of the good feedback on their integration in the project, they do not have either the funds or the internal resources to answer all the requests.

That said, in order to formalize the collaborations that have already started within the Beyond UNIVERSEH project, an accession agreement will be established to involve them in the project.

They will receive all the information on the possible other agreements under study (data sharing agreement) and other next events of the alliance to come (Düsseldorf meetings, closing of Universeh 1.0 and kick-off meeting of universeh 2.0 event).

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#### Presence of UNamur and UNITOV on UNIVERSEH website

It was agreed that the logos of the Universities of Namur and Tor Vergata would be added to the UNIVERSEH website in order to better involve the students and staff of the universities interested in the alliance's projects.

### 5. Student involvement

No student representative attended the meeting but the following subject have been discussed:

- the involvement of students on UNIVERSEH 2.0 as many of them are leaving at the end of this academic year. In Toulouse local team will in Toulouse the local team will organise a meeting on this subject to recruit the next student community.
- The local team in Toulouse can help to do the same at the European level if needed. Possibility of financing travel for students of the Alliance to meet with other students, help to promote UNIVERSEH during information's days or to create specific UNIVERSEH student clubs like at ISAE-SUPAERO.
- The head of communication department in the University of Toulouse is working on more internal communication
- Recognition process to reward the student involvement. The idea would be to have a ceremony in Düsseldorf (the governing board agree) to give the gratification certificate (name will change). It is the Student Council that designate the students who will receive this certificate at the consortium level. It concerns 2 students per partner + students in local teams. An agreement on the selection procedure will be adopted. See the proposed process joint to this report. Hélène gentils will get back to the students.

### 6. Meetings in Düsseldorf

The complete program is being finalized and will be sent by HHU by next week. All information has also been sent to the Governing Board. Staff from the Alliance are invited to the meeting that will be held during the Student's diversity conference.

It is necessary to confirm with Nicole Dittrich the possibility to plan meetings between WP on transversal subjects but spaces will be available in the university premises.

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## 7. WP updates

### WP1

#### Updates:

- Mike (Michael) Toplis was elected president of the University of Toulouse on 7/04/2023. There is an evolution in the statutes and the federal University of Toulouse is now called the University of Toulouse. There is a new website and new logos are being redesigned. Mike Toplis is the former director of the Midi-Pyrénées observatory and of the structuring project TIRIS, recently won by the university. He will chair the governing board to represent UT, sending positive signals with regard to the management of UT and UNIVERSEH.

The new vice-presidents will be elected in May which will have an impact on the academic council. We are waiting for the last version of the logos to be sent to WP7.

#### Next steps until project closure:

All the 3 EU waves have different reporting mechanisms so all details will be communicated as soon as received from the EC.

- All deliverables have to be submitted before 31/10/23 (37 deliverables to be submitted until end October 2023. We need support to ensure everything is submitted before 31st October 2023 (not ALL on the 31st please!). See the list of pending deliverables in the presentation attached to these minutes
- Final report + financial report before 31/12/23: Report on WP implementation / Global report on project / Data (incl. mobility data) / Financial report. We need support to ensure everything is submitted before 31st December 2023 (allow time for signatures ahead of Christmas).
- Data sharing agreement: the proposal was transferred to the Toulouse institutions which made several comments (DPO of the Université of Toulouse II Jean Jaurès). The amended version will be sent soon.

### WP2

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Nicole Dittrich was excused.

### **WP3**

#### Update

- Courses: put the issue of course evaluation on the agenda of the academic council
- Programs: Program deliverables are being finalized. Several people from UT2 were involved in this work. There was good representation from the humanities and social sciences but a lack of participants from other disciplines and other partners (HHU and UNITOV)
- Working on learning program for PHD, ECTS for courses

#### Next steps

- Reflect on the evolution of the courses next year and the conditions to give the courses.
- Think about how to communicate on the courses (production of videos for example)
- Set up a workshop at UT3 on April 29 and 30 to bring together future professors, teaching staff and educational engineers in order to identify good practices to keep for next year
- Collect proposals from the SHS profiles in the framework of the working group with the thesis students
- Ask to harmonize the logos (include the UT logo) for the diploma supplements
- Communicate about UNIVERSEH courses
- Involve more HHU and Rome in working groups (master)
- Fill in the templates for any new courses

### **WP4**

#### Update

- Working deliverables on microcourses on Moddle and on multilinguism
- Working together with teachers with the WP3

#### Next

- Hope to present all the ongoing work in Düsseldorf

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- More meetings with WP3, everybody is invited

## WP5

### Update

- UNIVERSEH curriculum in Entrepreneurship and Innovation with a focus on Space field: Plan delivered but difficult to organise discussion, it will be finished in September.
- Mentoring program: late for this deliverable. Contact with mentors and form of contract available, objectives definition, with private partners/companies ongoing
- SpaceHack last week: Successful 3 days. Really good feedback from students.

### Next steps:

- To send overdue deliverables

## WP6

### Updates

- Working on deliverables, which should be ready before the deadline.
- Working on the Space week in Krakow (workshops, multiple events, first polish astronaut will attend) and parallel event like the Space day run by students, special sessions on inclusion and diversity (already 7 speakers)
- Student conference in Düsseldorf: Recruitment ongoing. The deadline is for the end of the month. Waiting for more information from Uni.lu.

The WP6 wants to give the possibility for Ukrainian students to attend the Student Conference in Düsseldorf but there is an issue with the capacity to welcome extra students in Düsseldorf.

## WP7

### Social media figures :

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- LinkedIn – 1230 followers / Facebook – 478 followers / Instagram – 592 followers / Twitter – 355 followers / Youtube – 122 followers

See detailed analysis in the attached presentation.

## 8. Beyond UNIVERSEH Update

### Updates (Mid-project 20 months)

- 19 deliverables delivered out of 48
- 3 deliverables pending (WP2, 4 and 6, very close to deadline of the periodic report)
- 6 steering committees
- Toulouse copil every 6 months
- 2 quality assurance committees
- 1 Research Policy Council: 1 meeting research policy council took place last October waiting for the confirmation of the chair for having a new meeting in Düsseldorf
- 3 Governing boards and 2 Advisory boards (common to UNIVERSEH)
- 17 deliverables remain to be submitted

### Periodic report

The periodic report must be sent by Saturday 29 April 2023 at the latest.

In addition to this periodic report, a half-day evaluation meeting is organized between the Beyond UH Steering Committee, the Project Officer and an external evaluator on 11 May 2023. We have received feedback from other alliances that have had this evaluation. They had good feedback, the exchanges were very constructive.

If it is a Lump sum project without financial reporting and without time sheets, the preparation of this evaluation meeting will be decisive to defend the project with regard to the problems already raised by the PO (delays for the delivery of certain deliverables), but also other difficulties such as the involvement of the actors also engaged on the UNIVERSEH project and the WP2 and WP6 which are in arrears (absence of meetings at European level).

The Governing Board has already been alerted on these problems during the Kiruna meeting and asks for a note on the delays of deliverables.

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### Workshops in Krakow

Beyond UH workshops (WP2, WP3, WP4) are organized from May 16 to 17 in Krakow in parallel with the Space Resources Conference organized by AGH from May 15 to 17.

The objective of the workshops is to deepen the interdisciplinary collaborations between partners. The workshops will not be exclusively scientific workshops but will rather deal with issues of coordination and support to research actions. It will be necessary to measure the level of ambition of the collaborations and to focus on one or two structuring multidisciplinary projects. Moreover, these workshops will also allow to start discussing the next application that will be made in the framework of the project (Marie Curie project planned for November 2023, application the MSCA doctoral network leading by WP3).

### **9. AOBs**

- Vanessa Debiais Sainton will give a remote presentation at the Dusseldorf meetings

### Summary of next steps

- Next meeting in Düsseldorf

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