

A photograph of the Aurora Borealis (Northern Lights) in shades of green and purple, illuminating a dark sky. Below the lights, a body of water is filled with numerous white icebergs, likely from a glacier. The scene is reflected in the calm water. A large, light-colored triangle is overlaid on the right side of the image, containing the event title and details.

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Learning & Engaging communities for Societal Impact

**CDS Hybrid Training Event
South-West University “Neofit Rilski”
October 5-6 2021**



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A partnership of like-minded closely collaborating research-intensive universities

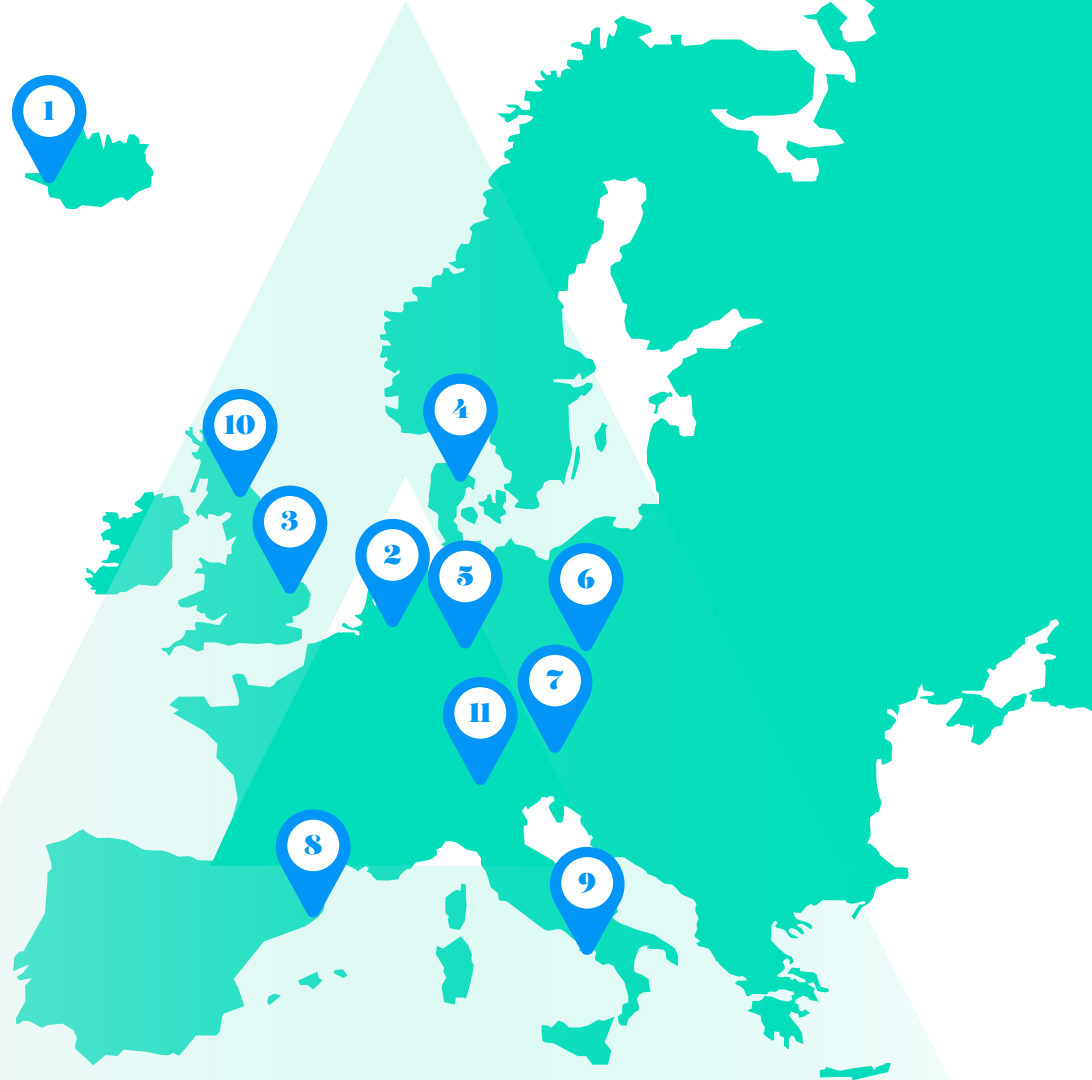
- Matching excellence with relevance
- High trust platform: learning from & with each other
- Equip graduates with entrepreneurial skills & mindset

As a partnership of European universities, we believe that we have a key contribution to make to the prosperity and wellbeing of our continent and the wider world. To achieve this, we serve communities and work with partners at a local, regional, European, and global level.

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- 2. Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam**
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- 4. Copenhagen Business School**
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- 6. Univerzita Palackého v Olomouci**
- 7. Universität Innsbruck**
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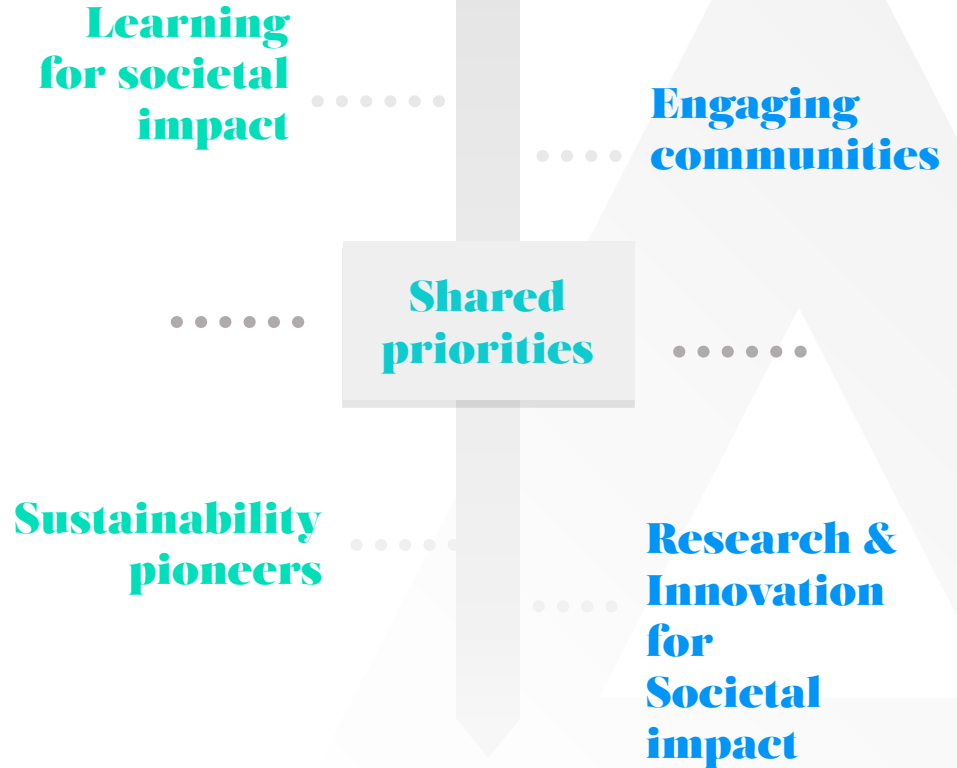
1. **V. N. Karazin Kharkiv National University**
2. **Pavol Jozef Šafárik University in Košice**
3. **University of Tetova**
4. **South-West University “Neofit Rilski”**



The Aurora Activity Programme

The activity programme set out in our European University Initiative bid is the shared ambition and endeavour of our students, academics, university leaders, and administrators.

It reflects the Aurora vision of a European University in four pillars



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Work package 4

Aurora Capacity Development Support Programme (CDS)

- **36 months: Nov 2020-Nov 2023**
- **Activity Lead : Selma Porobic
&Tereza Kalouskova , UP**
- **Co-lead : Sabina di Prima, VU**



About CDS

To narrow the gap in quality in higher education & research in different parts of Europe by supporting universities in CE Europe and Neighbouring Countries in strengthening their capacity for academic excellence and societal relevance.

Goals

- At least **30 target universities** have been reached and informed about the possibilities of strengthening their capacity with Aurora support.
- At least **5 Aurora deliverables** have been adapted to suit capacity development support.
- At least **three capacity development support projects** affecting at least 9 target universities have started up.

Task 4.1
Co-creation

Task 4.2
Academic
Collaboration
Platform

Task 4.3 Social
Entrepreneurship
& Innovation

Task 4.4 Aurora
Capacity
Development
Support
programme

Task 4.5 Aurora
Institute

Chairs



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Aurora CDS University Network



Pavol Jozef Šafárik
University in Košice

State University of
Tetova



South-West University
'Neofit Rilski'





4 Associate Partner Universities + 30 more universities of the CDS University Network

CDS Participants

Associate Partner Universities

	South-West University "Neofit Rilski" Blagoevgrad, Bulgaria
	Pavol Jozef Šafárik University in Košice Košice, Slovakia
 V. N. KARAZIN KHARKIV NATIONAL UNIVERSITY	V. N. Karazin Kharkiv National University Kharkiv, Ukraine
	University of Tetova Tetova, Northern Macedonia

Aurora Member Universities

 <i>Offen im Denken</i>	Universität Duisburg-Essen, Germany
	University of Innsbruck, Austria
 UNIVERSITÀ FEDERICO II DI NAPOLI	University Federico Secondo in Napoli, Italy
	Copenhagen Business School, Denmark

CDS Network members

 UNIVERSITATEA BABEŞ-BOLYAI	Babeş-Bolyai University, Romania
 UNIVERSITETI TIRANË	University of Tirana, Albania
 УКРАЇНСЬКА КАТОЛИЧНА УНІВЕРСИТЕТА	Ukrainian Catholic University, Ukraine
	State University of Medicine and Pharmacy "Nicolae Testemițanu" Molodova

5 Deliverables adapted to CDS partners' local contexts

- **2021 March 31st** 'Transforming teaching through soft skills, social engagement and virtual exchange competences'
- **2021 5-6th October** In-person hybrid training at South-West University 'Neofit Rilski', Bulgaria HUB : Community Service Learning and COIL
- **2021 7-8th December** In-person hybrid training Palacky University Olomouc, Czech Republic: Competence Framework
- **2022 In person training** N. Macedonia, Slovakia, Ukraine HUBs
- **2022** Aurora Summer School for Associate partners and CDS Network at Palacky University in Olomouc

3 CDS Projects

- **March 2021 UP Aurora mini-grant scheme:** 17 education & research projects
<https://aurora.upol.cz/aurora-mini-grants-list-of-awarded-mini-grants/>
- **Autumn 2021 VU Aurora mini-grant scheme:** Pre-doctoral training with Aps and Network
- **Summer 2022 UP Aurora Summer School** – Environmental sustainability, Health and wellbeing, Digitalisation and global citizenship, Culture, Identity, Diversity
- **2021-2023 Joint Degree in Slavic Studies and Sustainable Tourism Management:** Lead by South-West University N.R., BUL



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Enjoy your workshop!

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1st CDS Training

Transforming Higher Education through
Collaborative Online International Learning (COIL) and (Community) Service Learning

5-6 October 2021, Hybrid Format

South-West University “Neofit Rilski”



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