

A photograph of the Aurora Borealis (Northern Lights) in shades of green and purple, illuminating a dark sky. Below the sky, 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**

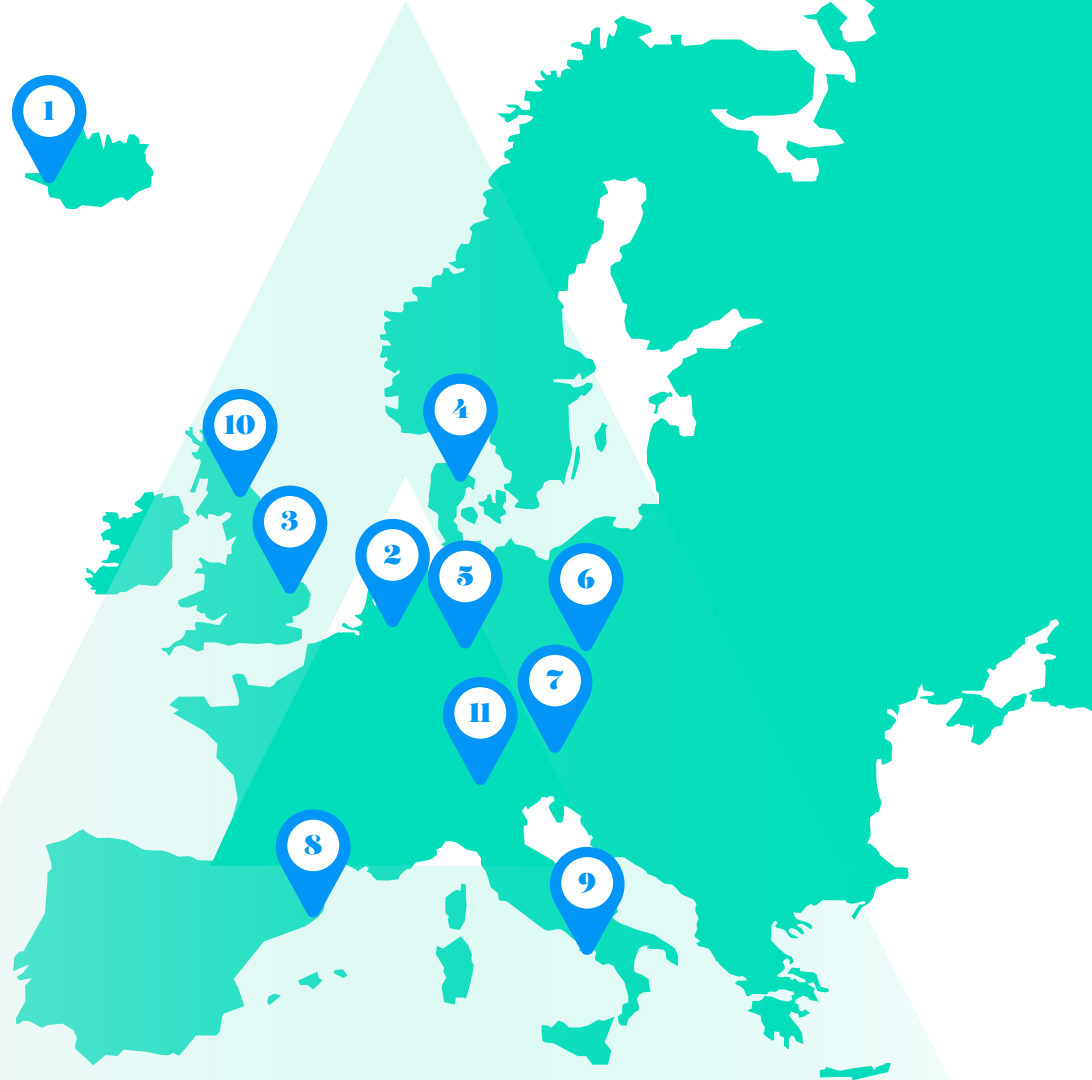
- Matching excellence with relevance
- High trust platform: learning from & with each other
- Equip graduates with entrepreneurial skills & mindset

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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# Aurora Universities

- 1. University of Iceland**
- 2. Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam**
- 3. University of East Anglia**
- 4. Copenhagen Business School**
- 5. Universität Duisburg-Essen**
- 6. Univerzita Palackého v Olomouci**
- 7. Universität Innsbruck**
- 8. Universitat Rovira I Virgili**
- 9. Università di Napoli Federico II**
- 10. Université Grenoble Alpes**
- 11. University of Aberdeen**



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# Aurora Associates

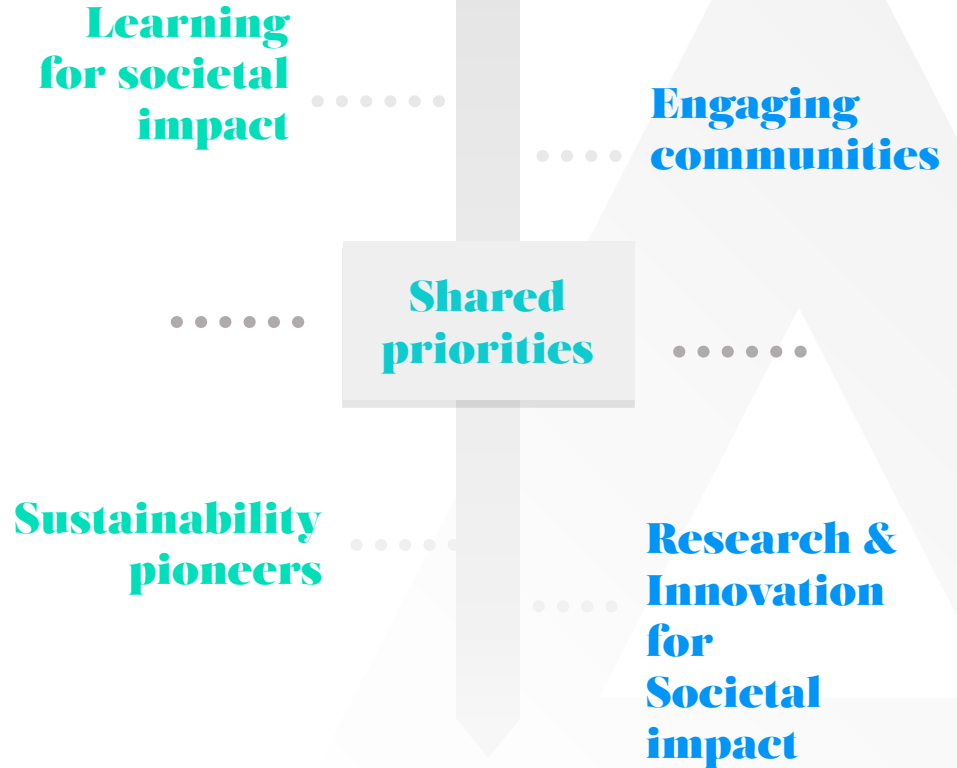
1. **V. N. Karazin Kharkiv National University**
2. **Pavol Jozef Šafárik University in Košice**
3. **University of Tetova**
4. **South-West University “Neofit Rilski”**



# 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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# **Aurora Engaging Communities**

## **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



Palacký  
University  
Olomouc





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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 - 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

- **March 31<sup>st</sup>** 'Transforming teaching through soft skills, social engagement and virtual exchange competences'
- **5-6<sup>th</sup> October** In-person hybrid training at South-West University 'Neofit Rilski', Bulgaria HUB : Community Service Learning and COIL
- **7-8<sup>th</sup> December** In-person hybrid training Palacky University Olomouc, Czech Republic: Competence Framework
- **2022** 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
- **2020-2023 Joint Degree in Slavic Studies and Sustainable Tourism Management:** Lead by South-West University N.R., BUL

## Vision & Aim

- The overall vision of Aurora is to equip graduates with competencies to address major societal challenges and increase the contribution of our universities to the Sustainable Development Goals. We are in the process of co-creating our methods and developing our shared infrastructures and frameworks .
- Aurora aims at building a different kind of inclusive university whose graduates have the mindset and skills to tackle the most challenging issues that our societies face, focussing in its first phase on social entrepreneurship and innovation.

In this session of the CDS programme, we will share some frameworks and tools that we are developing to help universities achieve those goals.



**Social  
Transformation**

**Teaching for  
societal impact**

**Pilot  
Domains**

**Aurora  
competences  
Framework**

**Mobility  
Recognition  
IT**

**Learning  
Analytics**

**Co-creation &  
Service  
Learning**

**Social  
entrepreneurship  
& Innovation**

**Open  
Educational  
Resources**

**Research  
platforms**

**Aurora  
Institute**

**CDS  
Program**

## **Aurorisation**

- To enhance teaching & learning using one or more of the methods developed or promoted by Aurora to foster students' social innovation competences and mindset
- In its transformational process, Aurora embraces different values and educational perspectives and “Aurorisation” thus encompasses a variety of pedagogical methods and approaches
- Self-determination to select which method or approach would bring the most added value to the courses and for the students

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## Educational Goals

Trough its educational programmes and joint endeavours, Aurora wants to foster:

- Joint international education with strengthened collaboration
- Societal engagement and relation with local stakeholders
- Skills for social entrepreneurship and innovation
- SDG awareness and competences
- International competence and plurilingualism
- Inclusiveness



# Pedagogical methods and tools

To achieve those goals, several methods are :

- Service Learning
- Co-creation
- COIL
- Challenge-based learning and interdisciplinarity
- Teaching the diverse classroom
- Mobility abroad (semester, internships, field trips...)
- Language and intercultural training
- Aurora Competence Framework for soft skills
- ...



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