

# Impact of participation in an European University Alliance on the UNIRI RMA office

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# University of Rijeka

- Comprehensive university
- 16 constituents (14 faculties, 1 university department, 1 academy)
- 13 research centres
- +16.700 students
- ~2.000 staff (academic and non-academic)

## **University Centre for Research and Innovation**

- Centralised unit
- Centre for Science and Arts, Centre for Innovation Initiatives, Centre for EU programmes and Centre for EU Cohesion Policy Instruments



# European Universities Initiative



- Transform and strengthen the EEA
- Deepen the level of cooperation between universities  
- learning, studying and doing research not hampered by borders
- Facilitate adaptation to the changing European education landscape - inclusive and flexible learning opportunities
- Raise the international competitiveness of European universities
- Accelerate the transformation of HEIs in order to increase their impact



# European University Alliances



- Bottom-up networks of universities across the EU
- Enabling students to obtain a degree by combining studies in several EU countries
- Enabling seamless mobility of staff
- Consolidation and efficient use of resources
- Reducing the gap between widening and non-widening countries

*„European universities are transnational alliances that will become the **universities of the future**, promoting European values and identity, and revolutionising the quality and competitiveness of European higher education.”*

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**EUROPEAN  
UNIVERSITIES**  
*A key pillar of  
the European  
Education Area*

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# European University Alliances - funding



## ERASMUS+

- Main instrument for funding the Alliances
- First call (2019) → 17 alliances
- Second call (2020) → 24 alliances
- Pilots - testing diverse cooperation models of the concept of European Universities and examining its potential to transform higher education

## HORIZON 2020

- Complementary funding
- Objective: to use the pilots as a testbeds for institutional transformation in R&I, in synergy with education mission
- 39 / 41 European Universities received funding

# Young Universities for the Future of Europe (YUFE)



- 9 young research-intensive universities + associated partners (NPOs and enterprises) on specific projects
- 52 faculties
- +190.000 students
- +32.000 staff
- Derived from the YERUN network
- [yufe.eu](http://yufe.eu)



# The YUFE effect



**Visibility**

**Recognisability**

**Networking**

**New projects**

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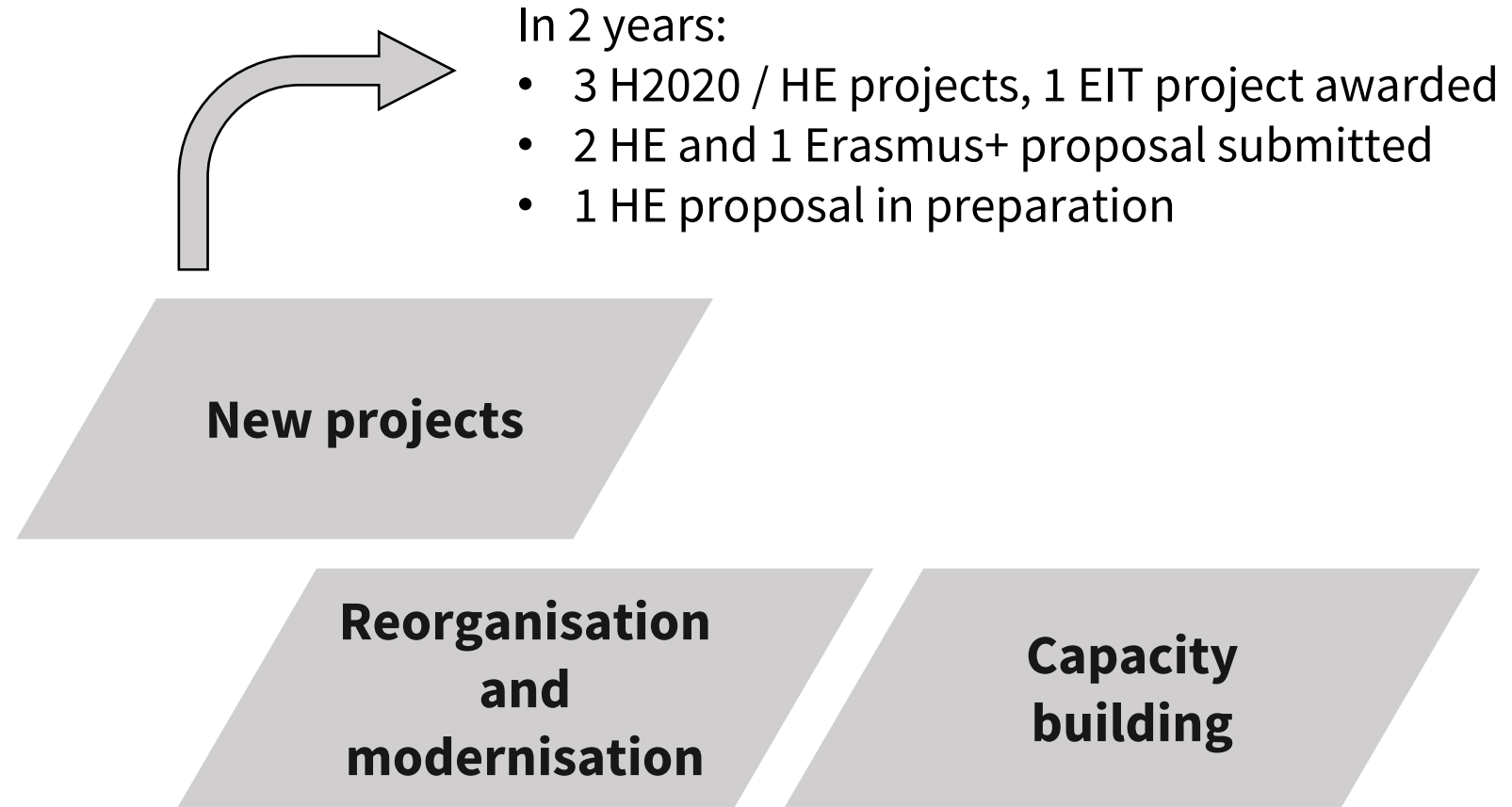
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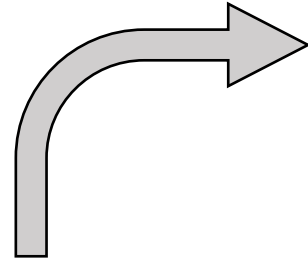


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In 2 years:

- 3 H2020 / HE projects, 1 EIT project awarded
- 2 HE and 1 Erasmus+ proposal submitted
- 1 HE proposal in preparation



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- Vice-rector for strategic projects
- Formation of the University Centre for Research and Innovation
- New units / positions
- staff growth by 40%



# The future?



## EUROPEAN LEVEL

- **Full roll out** and scale up under Erasmus+ 2021-2027
- 2022 call → for new and existing alliances!
- Possibility to expand existing alliances
- **European Strategy for Universities** → EUI is one of 4 flagship initiatives (Legal Statute, European Degree and European Student Card)
- Testbeds for different EC initiatives

## UNIVERSITY (ALLIANCE) LEVEL

- 14,4 mEUR for 4 years
- Further development of initiatives and integration of services
- Establishment of a joint grants office
- Facilitating research cooperation → development of research support services

# Thank you

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