



**Circle U.**  
European University Alliance

# CIRCLE U. HOW TO GET STARTED – WHAT ARE THE TOOLS?





**MESSAGE #1**

**THE EUROPEAN UNIVERSITIES – FOSTERING  
EXCELLENCE, INNOVATION AND INCLUSION  
IN HIGHER EDUCATION ACROSS EUROPE**

# VISION AND MISSION OF THE EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY ALLIANCES

- **Create European intern-university campuses** - students, staff and researchers can enjoy **seamless mobility and create knowledge** together, across countries and disciplines
- Strengthen quality and relevance for future-proof skills:
  - Lifelong learning and employability, reskilling and upskilling to meet the new emerging needs in society and labour market
  - Support students' critical thinking, problem-solving, creative and entrepreneurial skills



# European inter-university Campuses

Bachelor/Master/Doctoral levels



Flexible and personalised European curriculum with embedded mobility leading to a European degree

Innovative pedagogies with challenged-based transdisciplinary approach to foster entrepreneurial mind-sets and civic engagement

Enhanced staff mobility between partner institutions to teach/do research/work and equip students with a broad range of forward looking skills

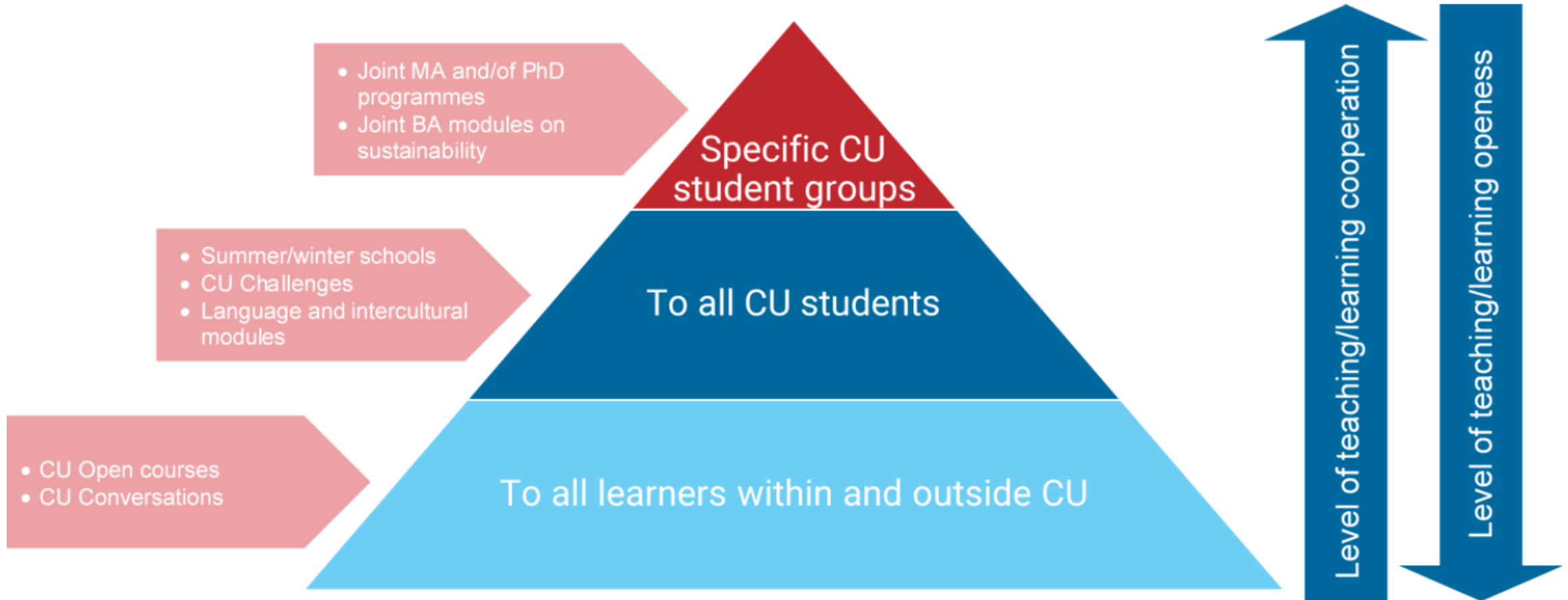


**MESSAGE #2**

**CIRCLE U. VERSION 2.0**

**SCALE UP OUR JOINT ACTIVITIES AND  
REACH MORE OF OUR STUDENTS AND  
STAFF**

# CU “PYRAMID” OF LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES



# KEY “ENABLERS”

- Shared **ecosystem** to focus and support
- **Academic chairs** to foster new teaching and learning initiatives
- **Seed-funding** scheme to engage a larger community of academics and students with bottom-up initiatives
- **Student and partners’ engagement** to maximise relevance and increase impact



# EMBEDDING THE ALLIANCE IN OUR UNIVERSITIES

- More **staff members involved** with **ad hoc support committees**
  - To ensure stronger integration of the different administrative services
  - To foster more systematic involvement of senior management
  - To ensure consistency with internal rules and processes
  - To peer review activities developed
- More **engagement** with the **Circle U. Ambassadors**
- More **financial support** with different **seed-funding schemes**
  - ED&I, bottom-up educational and research activities, student-led innovation, projects emerging from sandpits







**MESSAGE #3**  
**HOW TO GET STARTED**

# WHY ENGAGE IN CIRCLE U.? A WINDOW OF OPPORTUNITY!

- 9 like minded universities, committed to develop a joint ecosystem of teaching and learning
- Project funding to support inter-disciplinary and inter-university activities
- Co-creating innovative teaching and learning together with colleagues across Circle U.
- Associated partners across the alliance to facilitate new network and learning opportunities
- Enabling research cooperation – establishing new networks within different research areas



# A PALETTE OF YOUR CHOICE



# HOW TO ENGAGE IN CIRCLE U.

- Would you like to develop a joint course?
- Would you like to test new innovative teaching methods?
- Would you like to assure that your students engage with students from other countries?
- Would you like know more about the opportunities within Circle U?
- Connect with the "champions" at your own university to learn more.
- Connect with colleagues at other Circle U. universities to develop ideas together
- Connect to your administration to assure an effective and smooth implementation





**MESSAGE #4**

**WHAT ARE THE TOOLS?**

# TOOLS THAT CAN SUPPORT BOTTOM-UP INITIATIVES 1.0

Developed by Circle U. for Circle U.:

- A toolkit website: [Resources - Circle U. \(circle-u.eu\)](https://circle-u.eu)
- Joint Policy Framework for Mobility
- Joint Framework for recognition
- Quality Assurance Guidelines and Rules to Develop Joint Learning Activities and Programmes
- Toolkit for Embedded Mobility
- The Circle U. Mentoring Framework

# TOOLS THAT CAN SUPPORT BOTTOM-UP INITIATIVES 1.1

- Erasmus+
  - Mobility grants for students and staff
  - Blended and embedded learning opportunities (Blended Intensive Programmes)
  - Cooperation project funding
  - Organisational Support
- Circle U. grant
  - Mobility grants – in line with Erasmus+ rates



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**Thank you for your  
attention!**

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