



AURORA

at a glance

Aurora is a partnership of research-intensive European universities. We use our academic excellence to help bring about societal change and achieve the Sustainable Development Goals. Students are at the heart of Aurora. We work together to enhance the quality of education, research, and innovation. We ensure that our graduates are social entrepreneurs, capable of tackling the most pressing societal challenges. We believe that excellent, inclusive, and societally relevant higher education shapes a sustainable future.

This is how we are making a difference:

- by developing the professional and personal competences of our students and staff in addition to subject specific knowledge.
- by embracing comprehensive internationalisation to further enhance the quality, societal impact, and global outreach of our universities.
- by building an overarching institute and shared virtual campus, connecting our universities and promoting joint programme, values and good practices.
- by embedding the SDGs as a leading narrative for education, research and campus services.

How are we building a sustainable European University?

We are developing *Aurora learning for societal impact* through:

Four Aurora challenge-based communities of like-minded academics developing joint education offerings in Sustainability and Climate Change, Health and Wellbeing, Digital Society and Global Citizenship, and Culture: Identities and Diversities.

Aurora Student and Teacher Competences Frameworks aimed at promoting innovative pedagogies for societal impact.

The Aurora Borderless Learning Area where a more diverse student population can easily gain meaningful and fully recognised international learning experiences.

We are engaging *Aurora communities* with:

Co-creation and service learning as standard practices in teaching and by offering students opportunities to develop their **Social Entrepreneurship and Innovation** skills.

Joint research platforms to improve and share research support services and infrastructure with an emphasis on empowering our young researchers.

The Aurora Capacity Development Support Programme which assists universities in Central-Eastern Europe to develop their institutional capacity for academic excellence and societal relevance, and The Aurora Institute by promoting our policies and practices to internal and external stakeholders.

We are becoming *Aurora sustainability pioneers* by:

Mapping and pooling our educational offerings which contribute to SDGs through the **Aurora SDG Education Dashboard**.

Indexing and showcasing how our research outputs are contributing to SDGs through the **Aurora SDG Research Dashboard**.

Role-modelling concrete and significant steps towards making our campuses carbon neutral through our joint **Aurora Sustainable Campus Action plan**.

Aurora – dedicated to change in education, research, innovation and societal engagement



Want to learn more?