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Titelnennung:	European Universities: Förderantrag der <i>Young Universities for the Future of Europe</i> (YUFE) Mission Statement
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Die Universität Bremen beteiligt sich in einem Netzwerk von acht Universitäten, den *Young Universities for the Future of Europe* (YUFE), an der Ausschreibung zu den „European Universities“. Antragsfrist ist der 28.02.19.

Der Antrag erfordert ein Mission Statement. Dieses ist laut Vorgaben der Ausschreibung von den Organen der beteiligten Universitäten zustimmend zur Kenntnis zu nehmen („endorsement“).

Der vorliegende Text stellt die im Rahmen eines Arbeitsgruppentreffens am 17./18.01.19 erarbeitete Fassung dar. Er gliedert sich in

- 1) das eigentliche Mission Statement,
- 2) Kurzfassungen der Leitthemen.

Das Leitthema / die Arbeitsgruppe „Staff Journey“ wurde von der U Bremen koordiniert. Der diesbezügliche Text kann als abschließend angesehen werden. Die Texte zu den übrigen Leitthemen / Arbeitsgruppen sind eingeklammert und grau eingefärbt, sie stellen Entwürfe dar, die in der weiteren Arbeit noch detailliert werden. Bis zur endgültigen Fertigstellung des Antrags können sich noch Änderungen in den Formulierungen ergeben. Die inhaltliche Ausrichtung bleibt jedoch bestehen.

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Young Universities for the Future of Europe (YUFE)

Shaping the next generation of Europeans

Mission Statement 'YUFE in 2025'

We are 8 young research-intensive learner-focused universities* from across Europe united by a shared set of beliefs and values and by a common ambition to help shape the future of Europe. We share a determination to combine our strengths and experiences for the benefit of **future generations of Europeans**, ensuring that they are globally thinking citizens rooted in their (native or acquired) communities, pursuing lifelong learning and knowledge exchange with peers and citizens. We strive to go beyond the story written by traditional universities by breaking down the walls between academia and society in terms of both our educational provision and our structures and governance. Our dynamic international identity, student-centred and participative approach and strong embeddedness within our local communities mean that we are perfectly placed to realize this ambition. We will engage and work together with local, regional and national **governments, citizens and businesses** to build a **modern higher education ecosystem**, equipped to respond to the challenges of today and to turn these into European opportunities for tomorrow.

Our vision is that, by 2025, our YUFE alliance will evolve into the YUFE University, a united single entity offering a YUFE-wide student journey, YUFE-wide careers, mutually beneficial engagement with industry and business, and a real impact on society, with all the underlying infrastructures and services needed to deliver this ambition.

The YUFE alliance will contribute to European education, research, innovation and social engagement in four overarching interdisciplinary focus areas:

- European identity and responsibilities in a global world;
- Citizens well-being;
- Digital societies;
- Sustainability.

These 'pillars' correspond with what we believe to be some of the greatest global challenges facing our societies today and in the foreseeable future and they are the areas that we believe our YUFE universities collectively are well placed to advance for the benefit of society.

The YUFE Student Journey

[The YUFE Student Journey will offer **YUFE Open Programs** taught at all partner institutions and referring to our pillars. They include interdisciplinary and digital offers, research based learning

components and foster easy access to mobility. The YUFE alliance will meet all requirements of digitalization, access to data and services and credit transfer. ...]

The YUFE Staff Journey

The 'YUFE Staff Journey' is the life-long continuation of the 'YUFE Student Journey.' Our ambition is to create a new setting where career paths span university, regional, and national boundaries. Through facilitating movement across Europe, we will foster a culture of excellence and help develop a stronger, more resilient workforce. Our impact will extend beyond Europe for the benefit of Europe and the rest of the World. We are determined to do our part to co-create the knowledge that will address the global challenges that we will focus on through our pillars.

Based on our vision of a lifelong professional development path within YUFE, we have designed a framework that nurtures both the upward career path: the vertical mobility; and the free geographic and intersectoral movement: the horizontal mobility. We will design YUFE careers and promote YUFE professional mobility, whilst ensuring that all the brilliant basics are in place, such as a YUFE Recruitment and Staff Development Policy, a YUFE Talent Pool and YUFE shared infrastructure.

YUFE Innovation - linking eight smart specialisation strategies

[The YUFE Alliance partners engage in **quadruple-helix** collaborations in their respective regions working with actors from the public and private sector and with civil society in addressing local, regional, European and global challenges. They help to build ecosystems to strengthen **knowledge economies** and foster **inclusive social innovation**. ...]

YUFE in our Cities

[YUFE students and staff contribute, economically, socially and culturally, for a shorter or longer period, to the cities and regions they live in. They help to bring Europe closer to the citizens, Vice versa, local communities represent an incredible resource of support, scientific knowledge and inspiration for students and staff. ...]

The YUFE Approach

The YUFE European University 2025 will be built over time by gradually aligning, integrating, opening-up and, where possible, merging partner activities, services and infrastructures pertaining to our focus areas and lines of activities. After the pilot, more fields, services and infrastructures will become part of the YUFE European University. The broader *Young European Research Universities Network* (YERUN) has functioned from the outset as an active **YUFE Outer Circle**, anticipating the future engagement of YERUN members and other organisations from the wider Europe and beyond within the YUFE alliance.

*The YUFE Alliance consists of Maastricht University, University of Antwerp, University of Bremen, University Carlos III Madrid, University of Cyprus, University of Eastern Finland, University of Essex, and University of Rome Tor Vergata.