



LEG-UNIGR: BLUEPRINT FOR A LEGAL ENTITY FOR CROSS-BORDER UNIVERSITY ALLIANCES

Event "European alliances and their legal status - a proposal"



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1. Executive summary

In view of the end of the Leg-UniGR project, a final dissemination event was organised with the purpose of ensuring coherence with the communication policy of the project, to convey the strategic message to networks of universities and higher education institutions, national and European administrations, policy makers, students and employees, and society in general. It provided an opportunity to look back on the past 12 months, review what has been achieved and discuss the topic of a possible European legal status for the cross-border alliance “University of the Greater Region” (UniGR) with relevant stakeholders. An outlook was also given on the expected developments once the project has been completed.

The closing event of Leg-UniGR took place on 19 March 2024, with the overall aim to present to the whole community the aspects which were developed in the project, give the voice to local, regional, and national authorities, and to showcase the difficulties and opportunities for such a creation of a cross-border legal structure. The event is part of the *Work package 4 – Dissemination and communication* and marks the official closing of the project. The following document gives an overview of the event and the outcomes that can be drawn from it.



2. Summary of the event

The event "European alliances and their legal status - a proposal" aimed to present the final outputs of the Leg-UniGR project and took place on 19 March 2024 at the Belval Campus of the University of Luxembourg in Esch-sur-Alzette (Luxembourg). The location was chosen as the University of Luxembourg is the project coordinator and the future EGTC will certainly be registered in Luxembourg. In addition, the site is located at the centre of the Greater Region and is within easy reach of all the project partners.

In view of the joint final event in Brussels, it was decided to focus for this event on the regional level and thus only hold it in person. In this context, it was also decided to extend the language options to the working languages of the Greater Region: French and German. However, due to the interest and to enable participants from outside the Greater Region to take part in the event, an online option was additionally opened at the last minute, with an English translation.

This session was open to a broad audience, so anyone who wished to learn more about the project could attend. The primary target groups however were:

- 1) Representatives of UniGR partner universities.
- 2) Political stakeholders from the Greater Region and Europe.
- 3) Higher Education stakeholders from the Greater Region and Europe.
- 4) Representatives of other European University alliances.

While 52 people registered on site, there were 23 online registrations prior to the event, reflecting the interest in this topic. Apart from the project partners, mostly political representatives from the Greater Region and representatives from European University alliances participated. In the end, there were 46 people on site and 15 online (see Annex I).

The event was opened in the morning by Professor Jens KREISEL, Rector of the University of Luxembourg, and Vice-president of the UniGR a.s.b.l., who underlined the importance of partnership and collaboration as the most efficient response to the challenges of our societies.

It was followed by the introduction to the political context by Tine DELVA, Deputy Head of Unit for Higher Education in the European Commission's Directorate-General for Education, Youth, Sport, and Culture, also in view of the European Commission's forthcoming Higher Education Package which was presented on 27 March 2024.

The Erasmus+ call followed a Council Recommendation from 2022¹ on building bridges for effective European higher education cooperation. The aim was to examine which institutionalized cooperation instruments on national and European already exist and what is further needed for a long-term and sustainable European higher education cooperation. She presented the status as well of the other 3 pilot projects addressing the Legal Status for European Alliances and the 6 pilot projects addressing the European Degree Label. While a communication on a blueprint for a European degree was integrated into the Higher education package 2024, a recommendation for the Legal Status for European Universities and similar types of alliances is not included for now. The requirements for university alliances are quite broad and complex, so a further, comprehensive, analysis may be needed. There are already

¹ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A32022H0413%2801%29>



valuable preliminary findings, but a substantial conceptual investment is still required to find the best path forward for university alliances cooperation in a European legal or regulatory framework.

The Leg-UniGR project coordinator (Professor Eric TSCHIRHART) then summarised the results of the 12 months of work and gave an outlook on the final steps of the project. Above all, he focused on demonstrating the structural changes. The existing alliance has demonstrated its efficiency within its operational structure, processes, and governance; however, it is limited, particularly in terms of recognition, financial resources, socio-economic implementation, and societal impact. The aim is to evolve into an EU-regulated framework that can continue to work with the current efficient structure while introducing a leaner governance to improve the quality of the decisional processes and hence simplify decision making. The EGTC (European Grouping of Territorial Cooperation) is currently the only structure that substantially fits the criteria. The EGTC founding documents were confirmed by the UniGR Council in November 2023, finally revised by the Luxembourgish Ministry for Spatial Planning in February 2024 and are now under final revision in each partner university's legal department.

A finalised version of the statutes is expected to be ready by the end of April, which will pave the way for the start of the official founding process just after the end of the project period. The project coordinator also emphasised the increased visibility of the UniGR network over the past year through meetings with the European Commission's DG EAC and the dissemination of the project at various events. This is a key factor for the cross-border network and significant for its further development.

During two round tables, executive representatives of the UniGR partner universities and political stakeholders from the Greater Region's higher education sector then reflected on the topic and discussed the development of the University of the Greater Region alliance and its potential through the future change in legal status.

The first roundtable focused on the academic level and involved the presidents and rectors (and representatives) of several UniGR partner universities. The participants were:

- Hélène BOULANGER (President, Université de Lorraine and President of UniGR).
- Jens KREISEL (Rector, University of Luxembourg and Vice-president of UniGR).
- Eva Martha ECKKRAMMER (President, Trier University).
- Pierre DUYSINX (Vice-Rector for Mobility and International Affairs, Université de Liège).
- Claudia POLZIN-HAUMANN (Member of the UniGR Coordination Board, representing Saarland University).

The participants discussed the limits of the national legal status and the potential change into a European framework: The longstanding experience of UniGR is substantial and can be considered as a model amongst other alliances in Europe. The added value to have a European legal status relates especially to the financial impact and visibility of the cross-border network. Adequate financial support that enables not only qualitative cooperation in teaching but also cooperation in cutting-edge research is an aspect that should be prioritised. The change would be more than a symbolic act and be an occasion to further intensify the cooperation between the partners in the Greater Region. It became also clear that essential foundations for a long-term partnership between universities are forged between the people, *i.e.*, students, researchers, administrative staff, and may not be forced top-down. Time and experience are parameters that seem crucial for a sustainable development.



Another example of impactful collaboration would be to implement shared Doctoral schools in critical domains such as Artificial Intelligence or High-Performance Computing, but also, to not neglect Social and Human Sciences, to adequately respond to the challenges of our societies.

The second round table focused on the political level and involved stakeholders from Higher education ministries from the Greater Region. The participants discussed support opportunities and challenges from a national point of view. The participants were:

- Romain MARTIN (Premier Conseiller de Gouvernement, Ministère de l'Enseignement Supérieur et de la Recherche, Luxembourg).
- Isabelle HALLEUX (Experte, Cabinet de la Ministre de l'Enseignement supérieur et de la Recherche scientifique, Fédération Wallonie-Bruxelles).
- Sébastien DESCOTES-GENON (Délégué Régional Académique, Ministère de l'Enseignement Supérieur et de la Recherche, Région Académique Grand Est).

The political stage is supportive of the endeavours of UniGR in changing their legal status and is following the developments (letters of support were signed for the project submission). It underlines the importance of the cross-border university alliance within the political region of the Greater Region. From the first round table, the financial aspect became clear. Financial support has its limits and must be evaluated carefully. It is important for universities to seek the dialogue with their respective ministries to understand the needs and be able to cooperate accordingly.

Université de Lorraine's president and UniGR's current president Hélène BOULANGER concluded the event by looking back on the alliance 15 years of successful cooperation and gave an outlook on strengthening the partnership through the transition to a European-regulated legal framework. She emphasised that this project was born in the core of UniGR and stressed that UniGR is a reality that has a daily dimension, namely that of its students and colleagues.

Post-event communication took place via social media, specifically LinkedIn (see Annex II), which was successfully received, and via follow-up articles on the website of some project partners (see Annex III). Several partners and participants also shared LinkedIn posts, which contributed to further visibility (see Annex IV).



3. Conclusion

The present report has summarised the Leg-UniGR closing event discussing the outcomes of the project to the Greater Region higher education community. The event marked the official conclusion of the Leg-UniGR project.

UniGR's aim to enter the next phase with its transformation into an EU-regulated entity goes in line with its strategic plan of 2020² to create a true cross-border university by 2040 whose mission encompasses teaching, research, innovation and service to society (The Knowledge Square) and which will expand to support the further development of the Greater Region. Also, it gives UniGR the opportunity to exchange experience on the creation of suitable legal structures for cross-border and transnational university alliances, which will also increase European knowledge capital for the future reorganisation of networks.

The participation of relevant stakeholders from the academic and political scene of the Greater Region showed the interest and relevance of the topic for the Greater Region as well as the support for the transition of UniGR a.s.b.l. into a truly European framework. It further emphasizes the relevance of the strategic plan of UniGR. During the discussions, it became clear that although the proposed European legal status has its limits and may need to be optimised, it is an important next step towards taking the cross-border network to a new level and reinforce links between partner universities.

The final phase of the project will focus on the foremost output: the establishment of the final EGTC statutes and convention for the UniGR alliance and ensuring that all administrative preparations for the transition to a new legal form are finalised for the post-project period.

² https://www.uni-gr.eu/sites/tst-uni-gr.univ-lorraine.fr/files/users/documents/strategic_plan_unigr_2020.pdf

ANNEX I: LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

	NAME	INSTITUTION
IN PRESENCE	BIER Lydia	University of Luxembourg
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	DARQUENNES Jeroen	Université de Namur
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	DORKA Sophia	RPTU
	DUYSINX Pierre	Université de Liège
	ECKKRAMMER Eva Martha	Universität Trier
	FENGEL Janina	EUT+
	FERBER Jules	Université de Lorraine
	FICHOT Maëlle	Secrétariat du Sommet de la Grande Région
	FICK Nathalie	Université de Lorraine
	FONTANA Isabella	Université de Namur
	GODART Jean Mathias	ECJ Luxembourg
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	GRUND Anna Christina	Ministerium für Wissenschaft und Gesundheit, Rheinland-Pfalz
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	HODYAS Carola	Universität des Saarlandes
	ISOLANO Christine	University of Luxembourg
	JÄCKEL Michael	Universität Trier
	JANSSENS Margot	Hasselt University
	JENSEN Stefanie	htw saar
	JOBIN Marie-Hélène	University of Luxembourg
	KLOPFENSTEIN Nathalie	University of Luxembourg
	KNUDSEN Geraldine	University of Luxembourg
	KRAFT Sandra	Universität Trier
	KREISEL Jens	University of Luxembourg
	LEMOINE Fabrice	Université de Lorraine
	LOPEZ VELOSO Enriquer	University of Luxembourg
	MARTIN Romain	Ministère de la Recherche et de l'Enseignement supérieur, Luxembourg
	OSWALD Christina	Staatskanzlei des Saarlandes
	PETRI Victoria	UniGR Central Office
	PICART Malika	htw saar
	PIRARD Eric	Université de Liège
	POLZIN-HAUMANN Claudia	Universität des Saarlandes
	SCHMIDT Isabel	UniGR Central Office
	SCHOTT Stephanie	Ministère de la Recherche et de l'Enseignement supérieur, Luxembourg
	SCHRANKEL Alexandra	---
	TARDIBUONO Muriel	University of Luxembourg
	TOMBRE Karl	Université de Lorraine
	TSCHIRHART Eric	University of Luxembourg
	TURNER David	---
	VAN DER AUWERMEULEN Loth	Hasselt University
	VERMEULEN Alison	University of Luxembourg
	VILLEMINOT Anne-Laure	Université de Liège
	WAGNER Mareike	University of Luxembourg
	WYSSLING Joachim	European University Foundation
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ONLINE	DELVA Tine	European Commission
	DRLJACIC Nika	University of Rijeka
	FREDERIKS Mark	NVAO
	GEIB Christiane	Vertretung des Saarlandes bei der EU
	HASS Nolwenn	Région Académique Grand Est
	HEIL Katharina	Trier University
	HEMPRICH Alexandra	Universität des Saarlandes
	JGUIRIM Karim	Université de Namur
	KLINGEMANN Britta	Vertretung des Saarlandes bei der EU
	LORITO Matteo	Ministry of Housing and Spatial Planning, Luxembourg
	LORUBIO Donato	Université de Lorraine
	POLUS Alexis	Université de Lorraine
	ROSER Birgit	Universität Trier
	THINON Romain	Université Claude Bernard Lyon 1
	ZIMMER Michael	RPTU
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Total participants		61



ANNEX II: OFFICIAL LINKEDIN PUBLICATION

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📍 Lu **University of Luxembourg** hosted the closing conference of the #Erasmus+ project "Leg-UniGR: Blueprint for a legal entity for cross-border university alliances" on Belval Campus

🗣️ After 12 months, the project is coming to an end and has now formally presented the results of the project to the academic and administrative community

eu Tine DELVA, Deputy Head of Unit of Higher Education at the Directorate-General for Education, Youth, Sport, and Culture at the **European Commission** gave at the start an update on the policy context, including the upcoming Higher Education Package

🗣️ Executive representatives of the #UniGR partner universities and political stakeholders from the Greater Region's higher education sector then discussed the development of the **UniGR - University of the Greater Region** alliance and its potential through the future change in legal status

The following points were discussed in detail:

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- 1️⃣ The added value of a European legal status
- 1️⃣ The support and challenges from a national point of view
- 1️⃣ The development of research cooperation within the Greater Region
- 1️⃣ The implementation of shared Doctoral schools in critical domains such as AI, High Performance computing but also Social and Human Sciences, to respond to the challenges of our societies

🙌 Thank you to all speakers:

- 👤 **Eric Tschirhart** - University of Luxembourg
- 👤 **Jens Kreisel** - University of Luxembourg
- 👤 **Helene Boulanger** - Université de Lorraine
- 👤 **Eva Martha Eckkrammer** - Universität Trier
- 👤 **Pierre Duysinx** - Université de Liège
- 👤 **Claudia Polzin-Haumann** - Universität des Saarlandes
- 👤 **Romain Martin** - Ministère de l'enseignement supérieur et de la recherche, Luxembourg
- 👤 **Isabelle Halleux** - Expert auprès du Cabinet de la Ministre de l'Enseignement supérieur et de la Recherche scientifique, Fédération Wallonie-Bruxelles
- 👤 **Sébastien Descotes-Genon** - Ministère de l'Enseignement Supérieur et de la Recherche, Région Académique Grand Est

Thank you also to all contributing partners of Leg-UniGR:

- 🇩🇪 **RPTU Kaiserslautern-Landau**
- 🇧🇪 **University of Liège**
- 🇫🇷 **Université de Lorraine**
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📺 Stay tuned for future developments regarding the legal status of UniGR:
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ANNEX III: PUBLICATIONS ON THE PROJECT PARTNER WEBSITES

1) University of the Greater Region: <https://www.uni-gr.eu/en/node/3580> (25.03.2024)

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2) Université de Liège: https://www.news.uliege.be/cms/c_19517559/en/leg-unigr-a-project-to-create-a-legal-entity-for-cross-border-university-alliances (25.03.2024)



The University of Luxembourg hosted the closing event of the Erasmus+ project "Leg-UniGR: Blueprint for a legal entity for cross-border university alliances". After 12 months, the project, which aims to explore legal entity status formulas for cross-border university alliances, is drawing to a close, and the project results were presented to the academic and administrative community on Tuesday, 19 March 2024.

The Leg-UNIGR project, funded by the Erasmus+ programme and carried out as part of the UNIGR network of seven universities in the Grande Région, was designed to explore the feasibility of creating legal status for cross-border university alliances. The pilot project resulted in the drafting of articles of association to create a legal entity for the UniGR network. These new statutes will make it possible to encourage new advances in cooperation in education, research, innovation and services to society between the seven universities of the Greater Region.

The project's closing event brought together representatives of UniGR's partner universities and political players from the region, as well as many other European university players interested in the results. They debated the need for and advantages of providing European university alliances with such a legal status, and then discussed the draft statutes of the UniGR EGTC, the fruit of the work of the Leg-UNGR project, adapted to this cross-border cooperation. Nevertheless, while Leg-UNIGR proves that the EGTC is an interesting legal form for alliances, the participants pointed out that many challenges remain to be resolved. Indeed, most of the universities that are members of European alliances still hope to see the legal frameworks evolve in the future.

In his opening speech, Jean Kreisel, Rector of the University of Luxembourg and Vice-President of UniGR, emphasised: "Partnership and collaboration are the only answers to global problems. We are research universities, collaborating in our 3 missions without opposing them, that's what binds us."

The Leg-UniGR project was coordinated by the University of Luxembourg in partnership with other institutions for a year, exploring the possibilities and drafting the statutes of the entity. Eric Tschirhart from UniLU highlights the work accomplished: "In 12 months, the possibilities have been explored, statutes have been written and are ready to be signed."

The political representatives emphasised the importance of this project in the European educational landscape, while acknowledging the financial challenges and obstacles associated with accrediting joint programmes. For Pierre Duysinx, Vice-Rector in charge of international affairs at ULiège: "The University of the Grande Région is one of the most active institutional networks of the University of Liège. The new legal framework is another small step towards more effective collaboration in education (including lifelong learning) and research."

In conclusion, Héléne Boulanger, President of UniGR, said: "Collectively, we are proud that this project was born in the crucible of UniGR. UniGR is not a dream but a reality, which has a daily dimension, which is that of our students and colleagues."

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2) University of Luxembourg - Leg-UniGR project website: <https://legunigr.uni.lu/dissemination/events/> (25.03.2024)

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ANNEX IV: OTHER SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS

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Partnership and cooperation are the most efficient response to the challenges of our societies, said Prof. **Jens Kreisel**, Rector of the **University of Luxembourg**, in his welcoming speech to the **UniGR - University of the Greater Region Alliance** of Universities of the Greater Region this morning.

Representatives of the seven universities came together to discuss a new legal framework for UniGR, which looks back on 15 years of cooperation, making it one of the frontrunners of university networks in Europe.

The 7 partners of the **UniGR - University of the Greater Region** are:

- DE **RPTU Kaiserslautern-Landau**
- BE **University of Liège**
- FR **Universite de Lorraine**
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Project Management - HRS4R Expert
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Thanks for your confidence, dear partners and colleagues from [University of Luxembourg](#), [Universität des Saarlandes](#), [Universite de Lorraine](#), [Universität Trier](#), [University of Liège](#). I wish you the best in your new structure and initiatives.
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Bilan très riche en enseignement du projet Leg-UniGR visant à doter l'**UniGR - Université de la Grande Région** d'un nouveau statut européen. S'il reste du chemin à parcourir, le statut de GECT (Groupement européen de coopération territoriale) marquera une nouvelle étape de la coopération transfrontalière entre les universités partenaires de l'UniGR :

RPTU Kaiserslautern-Landau, Université de Liège, Université de Lorraine, Université du Luxembourg, Universität des Saarlandes, Universität Trier, htw saar.

A Esch-sur-Alzette, les promoteurs du statut de GECT ont détaillé les premiers objectifs de cette UniGR devenue véritable structure européenne, en termes de recherche de financements, de mobilité étudiante, de formation commune, de reconnaissance de diplômes, de carrières pour les personnels des universités partenaires.

Ce nouveau statut trouvera tout son intérêt s'il est accompagné d'un soutien politique aux activités transfrontalières de l'UniGR en matière de recherche, d'enseignement supérieur, d'innovation. Cela nécessitera des financements supplémentaires (régionaux, nationaux, ou européens comme l'Interreg Grande Région, donations, partenariats avec le monde socio-économique), mais aussi l'allègement des contraintes administratives pesant sur les initiatives transfrontalières.

Une matinée qui souligne l'importance pour le Grand Est des dimensions transfrontalières et européennes pour l'enseignement supérieur, la recherche et l'innovation, en écho d'autres initiatives européennes en Grand Est comme **EuCOR – Le Campus européen** ou Eut+ qui sont des projets scientifiques mais aussi politiques et sociétaux. Le bilan du projet Leg-UniGR montre aujourd'hui la nécessité d'aborder la question avec un œil neuf, et d'inventer des solutions originales pour faire progresser l'Europe de la connaissance !

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