



## **Getting IN.TUNE: FIRST 6 MONTHS OF IN.TUNE ALLIANCE**

### IN.TUNE Thematic Area Alliance Governance & Cooperation (WP1 and 7)

- Start of the Alliance: 1 January 2024.
- Central management team (two Co-Secretary Generals & Alliance Administrative Manager) established. The team is in daily communication with each other and the institutional alliance managers, and in regular communication with work package chairs and members, institutional leaders, and members of other alliance bodies.
- Institutional Alliance Managers appointed in all IN.TUNE institutions. Alliance Management Team (Co-Secretary Generals, Alliance Administrative Manager and Institutional Alliance Managers) meet weekly online since January.
- IN.TUNE environment formed in MS Teams as the internal communication platform for all consortium bodies and running since January. Currently, the MS Teams environment consists of 17 channels with more than 170 participants.
- IN.TUNE has joined FOREU2 Global Forum of Alliances and attends regular meetings of the Forum and its thematic sub-groups.
- Attendance at European Universities Coordinators' Meeting (Brussels, 7-8 February 2024), and conference European University Alliances: Drivers of Change and Innovation in Higher Education (Brussels, 29-30 April).
- All Work Package Committees, including the Executive Committee (WP1) established and meet online since February on a monthly basis. All Work Packages Committees will have also met in person at least once before the end of September 2024.
- Regular 6-week meetings of Work Package Chairs started in February, with bilateral meetings of Co-Secretary Generals and Work Package Chairs being held according to the needs.
- First expert working groups established based on invitation and/or open calls throughout the alliance in several Work Packages. Further calls for to be published in the autumn.
- Institutional visits by Co-Secretary Generals & Alliance Administrative Manager: Paris (9 February), Belgrade (1 March), Bucharest (14-15 March), The Hague (9 April), Helsinki (25-26 April), and Barcelona (13-15 May). Visits include meetings with institutional leadership, Work Package Committee members, students, teachers, researchers and associated partners, as well as open events for the institutional communities.
- Internal institutional meetings with members of alliance bodies being held in all partner institutions on a regular basis.
- Student Council established, with three meetings held so far, and the first in-presence coming up soon (17-18 June). SC members have also joined Work Package Committee meetings to ensure a strong student voice.
- First live Alliance Management Team & Administrative Committee meeting held in Bucharest, 13-14 March. Agenda included discussions on financial protocols, consortium agreement and internal cooperation.
- IN.TUNE Consortium Agreement, financial protocol and procedures, IN.TUNE Governance Structure and draft of IN.TUNE Risk Management Strategy approved by the ExCom on 21 May, and recommended for approval and adoption by the Governing Board on 17 June. IN.TUNE Consortium Agreement is ready to be signed on the same day by the leaders of partner institutions.
- Start of the work on QA methodology and tools by Work Package 7 (Quality Assurance): WP Committee members assigned to all other work packages as liaison officers between WP7



and other WPs. Framework for internal and external QA processes established, first draft of the QA Plan made.

- Overview of educational offer (programmes and disciplines) in all partner institutions done, to be used as a starting point in planning different collaborative initiatives and actions.
- Internal reporting system (financial reporting, WP reports, reporting on dissemination & communication activities) established.
- All Work Packages are currently operating according to original planning with regards to tasks, milestones and deliverables.
- Currently over 170 members of IN.TUNE community are active in over 20 alliance groups and consortium bodies (governance bodies, Work Package Committees, Working Groups, thematic and professional sub-groups).

#### IN.TUNE Thematic Area *Joint Education Provision & Mobility* (WP2 and 3)

- Working Groups for mobility and e-Learning established in Work Package 2. First deliverables in draft phase.
- New joint educational formats as areas of future collaboration being defined in Work Package 3. Criteria for joint online courses, BIPs, joint modules and joint programmes established, with calls for proposals being drafted and planned for dissemination soon.

#### IN.TUNE Thematic Area *Research & Innovation* (WP4 and 5)

- An overview of research contexts at each partner university done. An inventory and comparative analysis of research activities is being drafted.
- Call for members of the working group on research areas and environments published and open for all partner institutions.
- Plan for Artist as Teacher courses for teachers drafted, with the first course scheduled for realization in the next academic year.

#### IN.TUNE Thematic Area *Social Engagement* (WP6)

- Working Groups on Lifelong Learning and Employability, Professional integration & Sustainable careers set up in May and running.
- Matrix of present activities, strategies, structure and further development in the areas of WGs in all partner institution created, as a basis for future work on inventories and plans for joint courses and activities.

#### Communication & dissemination (WP8)

- Kick-off event held online on 6 March with over 270 attendees.
- Visual identity developed (IN.TUNE logo brandbook)
- Templates made and in use (memo, meeting agenda, meeting minutes report, ppt presentation).
- Website being developed, with expansion in the making. Social media established (Facebook, LinkedIn and YouTube to be added soon), with plans for further expansion made.
- Communication and Dissemination Plan being drafted with due date December 2024.
- IN.TUNE newsletter being set up, with planned start of monthly editions from the autumn.
- Institutional dissemination IN.TUNE events being held (Vienna, 12 June) or planned (IN.TUNE Café in Paris, end of June).