

FOREU4ALL_ALLIES TOPICAL GROUP

ALLIES: 18 Months of Progress in European University Lifelong Learning

Connecting European University Alliances around Lifelong Learning

After 18 months of dedicated work, the ALLIES (Alliances for Lifelong Learning, Improvement, Empowerment, and Skills) Topical Group has brought together **56 European University Alliances** — with **98 participants** engaging across our meetings — and **four active thematic subgroups**, collaborating closely with key organisations such as **EUA** (European University Association), **eucen** (European University Continuing Education Network), and other stakeholders. This vibrant community fosters innovation, policy development, and shared practices in university lifelong learning across Europe.

Top 6 Achievements of ALLIES

- 1. Established a Strong Governance and Collaborative Framework** — Formalised leadership structures and launched four active thematic subgroups (Micro-Credentials, Quality Assurance, Flexible & Learner-Centred Education, European Policy on ULLL) to drive focused exchange and joint initiatives.
- 2. Major Workshop on Micro-Credentials Secured** — Gained approval for a flagship event scheduled for **5–6 December 2026 in St. Pölten, Austria**, titled *"The Union of Skills, EUAs & Micro-Credentials: Opportunities, Solutions, and Collaboration"*, gathering European experts and stakeholders.
- 3. Enhanced Policy and Practice Exchange** — Delivered high-impact presentations and research-sharing activities across 8 official meetings, covering topics such as EU lifelong learning policies, recognition of micro-credentials, and innovative educational approaches.
- 4. Active Engagement with European Policy Actors** — Organised dialogues with EUA, eucen, and European policy offices, influencing discussions on recognition systems, labour market relevance, and digital transformation of micro-credentials.
- 5. Strengthened European Collaboration** — Fostered partnerships among alliances for Horizon Europe projects, policy advocacy, and joint programmes, amplifying the impact of lifelong learning initiatives.
- 6. Established a Community of Practice** — Developed a network committed to peer learning, benchmarking, and advancing best practices for accessible and inclusive lifelong learning in higher education.

JOIN US!

ALLIES Workshop in St. Pölten, Austria

Our upcoming workshop, *"The Union of Skills, EUAs & Micro-Credentials: Opportunities, Solutions and Collaboration,"* will take place on **3–4 December 2026 in St. Pölten, Austria**, exploring the future of micro-credentials and skills recognition.

Register now (*link will be shared when available*) and be part of shaping Europe's lifelong learning landscape.

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