

# ERASMUS+ PROJECTS – THE SEARCH FOR SYNERGIES

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# SYNERGY

Συnergieργος

*“The interaction or cooperation of two or more organizations, substances, or other agents to produce a combined effect greater than the sum of their separate effects.”* (Oxford dictionary)

Between

- Funding programmes
- Actions within a funding programme
- Projects

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- Rationale for participation in Erasmus projects: to improve the quality of our educational offer in a transnational set-up
- Strong bottom-up approach
- With centralised support structure and financial incentives
- Presence in networks to lay foundations
- Challenge: matching strategy with project participation
  - Variety in consortium compositions per project
  - Uncertainty of getting selected

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<https://www.ugent.be/en/ghentuniv/principles/internationalisation/projects.htm>

- Examples of matching research and education projects
  - MARBEF – EMBC – IMBRSEA (KP6 NwoEx to EMJMD)
  - FUSION (EMMC + EMJD)
  - SINREM (EIT + EMJMD)
- Examples of E+ projects with transversal element
  - EGRACONS
  - Erasmus without Paper
  - EQUATIC

# EXPECTATIONS POST 2021

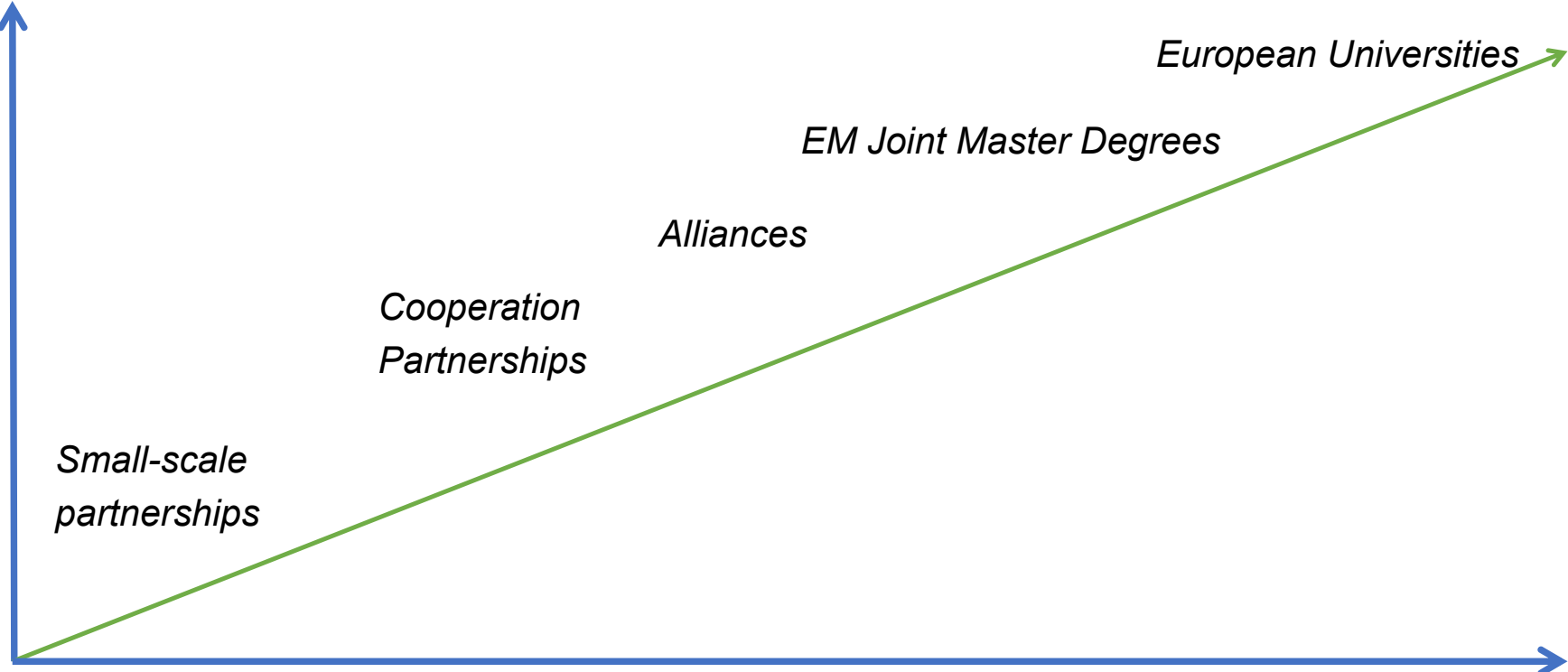
- “Evolution, not revolution”
- Aim of each Action clearly communicable to our leadership and academics
- Complementarity between the KA2 Actions, allowing for development strategies (synergy!)
- Accessibility:
  - content before format (in particular for subject area-specific projects)
  - Selection chances
  - Funding levels
- Administrative streamlining between Actions (or even Programmes) where possible

## EXPECTATIONS POST 2021 (2)

No need to change the toolbox for the sake of changing it, as long as project outcomes:

- remain novel
  - find their implementation locally
  - and will be transferred, when relevant, outside of the consortium
- Greater dissemination/exploitation, assisted by DG EAC, EACEA, NAs, up to Ministries (avoid duplication)

Project challenge level



Partnership Integration level

# CONCLUSIONS

- Keep the academics interested in / rewarded by Erasmus+
  - They have come under ever increasing publication pressure
  - They form the core engine of our institution
  - They are in the key position to bring education and research together
- Without (transnational) education, (transnational) research and innovation will not last



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