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THE SECOND RUN-EU GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND STUDENTS WEEK TO BE HELD IN HÄMEENLINNA, FINLAND

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The second Regional University Network – European University’s (RUN-EU) General Assembly (GA) and Students Week will be held in Finland, at the Häme University of Applied Sciences, between 7 and 11 November 2022.

The GA is a strategic governing body that acts as a senate for the alliance. It meets once a year to discuss ways to improve cooperation between the seven higher education institution members and associated partners to achieve the goals of RUN-EU and cooperate towards the development of the associated regions.

More than an opportunity to evaluate and decide on high-level policy issues, the event will enable RUN-EU student representatives to take part in the RUN-EU Students Week and participate in four Short Advanced Programme (SAP) Challenges on ‘Aspects of Wellbeing’. The SAP Challenges themes will provide students multidisciplinary learning environment with tools to innovate the routine of business environment by strengthening the importance of people within the economy and how their well-being status is influencing the future of society.

RUN-EU General Assembly and Students Week Agenda (7–11 November 2022)

Monday 7 November will mark the beginning of the Students Week. During the day, all the student participants will engage in the four SAP Challenges on ‘Aspects of Wellbeing’ and start working on their group tasks. The group work continues throughout the week.

On Tuesday 8 November the Students Week continues with a visit day to the Evo campus, which is specialised in forestry. The campus was founded in 1862 and it was the first forest school in Finland. This special location lets students delve into the different aspects of well-being and also team building.

On Wednesday, 9 November, staff members and leaders of RUN-EU institutions will begin their meetings at Hämeenlinna University Centre. Representatives of the RUN-EU-associated partners are hosted by the Regional Council of Häme. In the afternoon, staff members can visit either Riihimäki, Valkeakoski or Evo campus based on their interests and areas of expertise.

Thursday 10 November will gather all of the week participants together at the Hämeenlinna University Centre. In the morning there will be separate meetings of the Student Council, RUN-EU Management Committee, Presidents and Rectors of the RUN-EU institutions as well as several RUN-EU working groups. In the afternoon, the official General Assembly will be held. After the General Assembly, HAMK will host a cocktail event to celebrate the RUN European University and HAMK's 30 years as a University of Applied Sciences.

The Students Week culminates on Friday, 11 November, as the students finalise their group tasks and give their presentations for the General Assembly audience.

Editor's Note

The [Regional University Network – European University](#) (RUN-EU) is an alliance of seven like-minded higher education institutions drawn from all regions of Europe, established in 2020 under the [European Universities Initiative](#). It works collaboratively across languages and national frontiers to secure the sustainable economic, social, cultural, and environmental progress of our regions and stakeholders through education.

The seven higher education institutions that compose the alliance are the Polytechnic of Leiria (Portugal), the Technological University of the Shannon: Midlands Midwest (Ireland), the Polytechnic of Cávado and Ave (Portugal), the Häme University of Applied Sciences HAMK (Finland), the University of Győr – Széchenyi István University (Hungary), the NHL Stenden University of Applied Sciences (The Netherlands), and the Vorarlberg University of Applied Sciences (Austria). Overall, RUN-EU comprises a student population of more than 76,500 students and 97 research centres and groups spread across Europe.

RUN-EU mission is to deliver future and advanced skills that will help students, researchers, academics, and partners successfully meet the challenges of the future, engage in societal transformation, and promote active citizenship, thereby leading to the creation of a new type of multinational interregional alliance, a European Zone for Interregional Development.

More information for the Students Week and GA participants: <https://hamk.fi/Run-eu-ga22>

Enrolment for the General Assembly and Students Week is now open.

Please register at <https://tapahtumat.hamk.fi/run-eu-ga22>

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