## **Associated Partners' Testimonials**



António Poças
President of NERLEI
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To be an associated partner of RUN-EU is a great asset for NERLEI, in the context of applying our motto 'Gathering to Develop'.

This network goal – to create a European University focused on regional development and based on values of sustainability, multiculturalism and inclusion – is perfectly aligned with the culture of NERLEI, as an association that represents the business community of the Leiria region.

We find RUN-EU a very important cooperation platform, and it brings a remarkable added value to our region's international and EU-level collaboration. The RUN-EU Network is a powerful and strategic tool to implement our regional strategy on an international level.

In the Häme region in southern Finland, our regional development priorities focus on sustainable food production, circular- and bio-economy and smart and sustainable services and design.

We boost our priorities through regional, pational – and international collaboration



Krista Taipale
Director of The Regional Council of Häme
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# Value for Associated Partners

ACCESS TO TALENT

ACCESS TO FUNDING

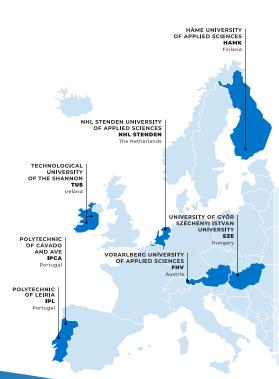
REGIONAL IMPACT

SHARING BEST PRACTICES

QUALITATIVE NETWORKS

ACADEMIC-BUSINESS SYNERGIES





# What is RUN-EU?

The Regional University Network – European University (RUN-EU) is an alliance of European Universities that aims for excellence in research, teaching, and innovation, promotes joint activities and development of projects that foster European Union values and way of life, including multiculturalism and inclusiveness, as well as the sustainable social and economic development of the regions.

### **DID YOU KNOW YOU CAN:**

- Be part of an European network?
- Pind partners for innovative projects?
- Access talent and expertise?
- Contribute to regional and global development?

## What are the RUN-EU benefits for Associated Partners?

#### Access to an alliance of leading European Universities

Becoming a RUN-EU Associated Partner gives access to a European University alliance that leads in research, innovation, education, and societal service.

#### Enhanced visibility and reputation

By working with European Institutions and relevant stakeholders, Associated Partners are recognised as key actors of their regions' development. This aligns with EU values and ambition, and partners can be confident that their shared interests are impactful.

#### Influence policy

RUN-EU Associated Partners can influence policy and decisions at regional, national, and European levels.

#### Collaboration

Associated Partners can work with universities on joint projects to address societal challenges like sustainable development, social inclusion, digitisation, and innovation.

#### **Funding opportunities**

Associated Partners can apply for funding opportunities offered by the network or member Universities to support joint research and innovation projects.

#### Access to talent

Associated Partners get access to talented students, researchers, and faculty members. This enhances an organization's innovation capacity and competitiveness through the latest research and technologies.

#### Access to facilities and resources

RUN-EU Associated Partners may access member universities' facilities and resources, such as labs, research centers, and equipment.

#### Learning opportunities

As part of the RUN-EU network, Associated Partners have access to a range of learning opportunities, including seminars, workshops, and training programmes.



Discover all RUN-EU has to offer