



UNIVERSITÉ
LIBRE
DE BRUXELLES



Brussels' largest University, at the heart of Europe

- A strategic location at the heart of Brussels, capital of the European Union
- A cosmopolitan city: 1 million inhabitants, 33% of which coming from abroad (104 languages spoken)
- Headquarters of international decision-making institutions (European Union, NATO, ...)
- 2h from London and Amsterdam, 1h20 from Paris



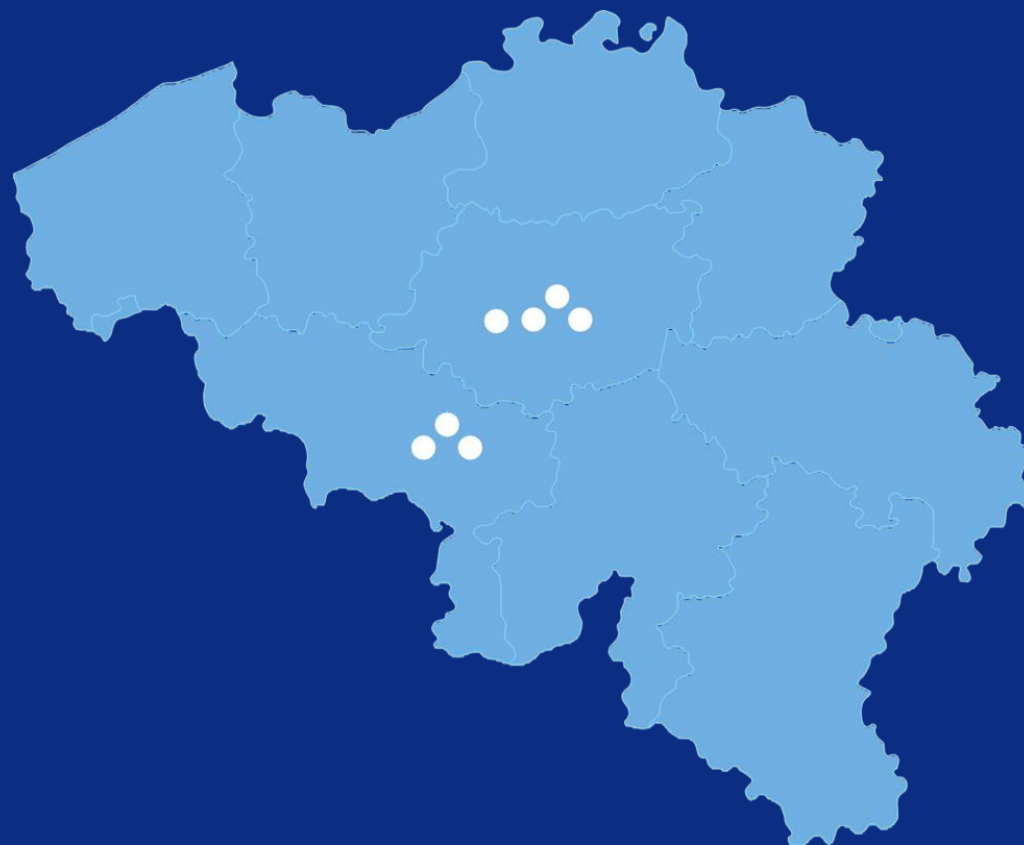
The ULB today, at the heart of Belgium



→ At the heart of **Brussels**:
3 campuses: Solbosch, la Plaine
and Erasme

1 site: Flagey

→ And in **Charleroi**:
Gosselies Biopark,
UCharleroi campus and Parentville site



First mission: pursuit of excellence

Research is at the foundation of ULB's activities.

The university aims to be a **key hub for research** on major topics that require a transdisciplinary approach, while pursuing excellence and sustainable development.

October 9, 2013
François Englert
Nobel Prize in Physics



Our research



ULB & VUB

Managing the
prestigious Solvay
Research Institutes



3600

Researchers and
teachers



+ 2000

PhD candidates



+ 230 PhD theses
defended each year



€210 Million

Annual research budget

200 + research units and 10 high-quality interdisciplinary research institutes

- . **IEE**, Institute for European Studies
- . **UNI**, ULB Neuroscience Institute
- . **IB2**, Interuniversity Institute of Bioinformatics
- . **U-CRC**, ULB Cancer Research
- . **U-IRIS**, ULB Interdisciplinary Research Institute for Sports
- . **MSH**, Institute for Human Sciences
- . **I³h**, Institute for Interdisciplinary Innovation in Healthcare
- . **EB^{xl}**, ULB's network of Studies on Brussels
- . **U-CRI**, Research Institute on Immunology
- . **TRANSFO**, Research Centre for Social Change

Prizes and distinctions



4 Nobel Prizes in Science

Jules Bordet
1919, Medicine

Ilya Prigogine
1977, Chemistry

Albert Claude
1974, Medicine

François Englert
2013, Physics



Fields Medal



Francqui Prizes



Marie Curie Prizes



European Research Council
Grants



Wolf Prizes



FNRS Quinquennial prizes
(out of 42)

The ecosystems associated with research at ULB

**BRUSSELS
SOUTH CHARLEROI
BIOPARK**



2 966

Jobs



86

Companies

But also:

- Health Valley
- CapInnove
- EEBIC Incubators
- Theodorus fund
- 40 active spin-offs

A few figures

BUDGET



€268 Million

Global ULB Budget

€ 225 Million

Governmental Endowment

€ 210 Million

Annual research budget

TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER

The logo for Theodorus ULB Spin-off Fund, featuring the name 'Theodorus' in a large, serif font and 'ULB SPIN-OFF FUND' in a smaller, sans-serif font below it, all on a dark background.

Theodorus
ULB SPIN-OFF FUND

€ 20.3 Million

Capitalization of the 3rd fund

€ 41.9 Million

Capitalization of the 4th fund

Second mission: quality education open to all

ULB is also committed to **helping its students become responsible citizens**, by focussing on learning rather than teaching, and by preparing them for a world that is forever changing.



The ULB, a comprehensive university

A wide range of
programmes in all fields
of study

Programmes are taught in **French** but
also partly or entirely in **English**



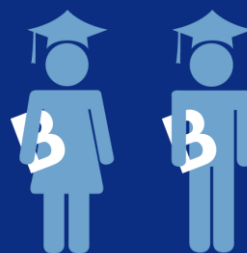
38 000

Enrolled Students



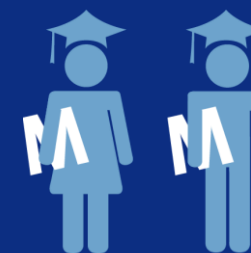
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Faculties



40

Bachelor's programmes



178

Master's programmes

Innovative teaching



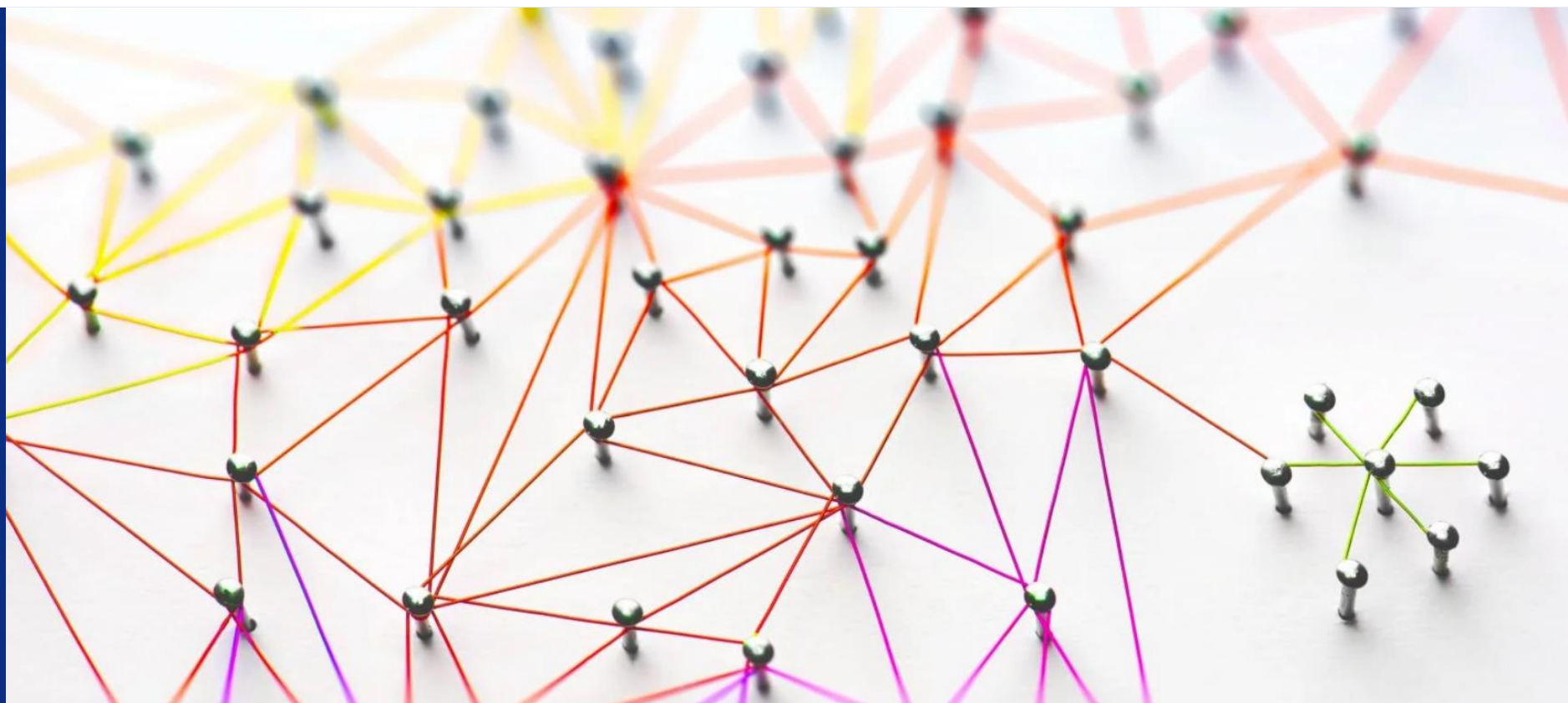
Institutional support for innovative teaching projects

SimLabs, FabLab, training dispensary, flipped classrooms, Syllabus 21...

Pedagogical support unit : teaching, action research, and ICT-based learning, MOOCs, recorded lectures, educational videos, blended learning

Quality unit : support for internal and external evaluations, development of action plans and follow-up

A rich catalogue of life-long learning programmes



100 +
Certificates

150 +
Vocational training
programmes

5000 +
Students each year

Third mission: strong social commitment



Healthcare

→ Erasme teaching hospital and a vast hospital network in Brussels (the HUB) and Wallonia

Education

- Schola ULB, free learning support, which has already helped more than 40 000 pupils
- Creation of a Children's university in 2016
- Support for new innovative secondary schools (« écoles plurielles »)

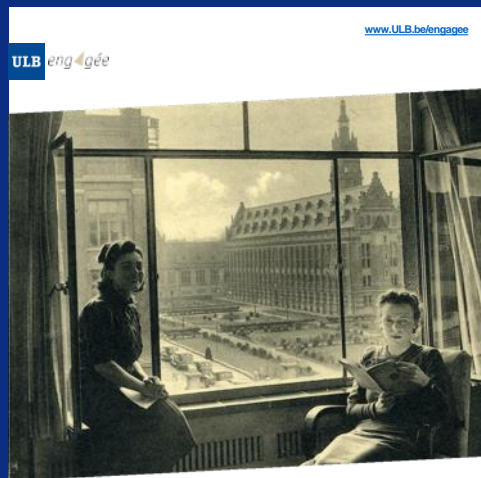
A university strongly committed throughout its history...



to women's emancipation
ULB was the first Belgian university to open its doors to women, in 1880; today fully committed to a Gender policy



to critical thinking
Inclusion of the principle of free enquiry in our statutes in 1894



to a social policy
1st student hall of residence in 1932

to development cooperation, since 1938



against fascism
Closure of the university in 1941, in resistance to the Nazi occupation

A university strongly committed throughout its history...



to equality
Nelson Mandela,
Honorary Doctorate

to ethical debates
Liberalisation of abortion,
euthanasia



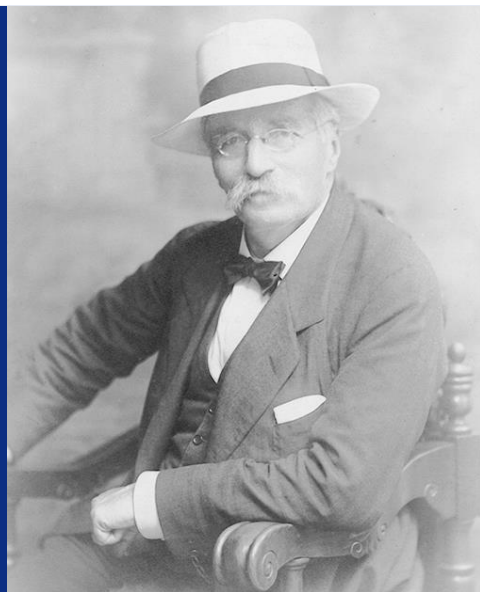
to fairness and success
Unesco Comenius Medal
for our Tutorial Programme
in 2004

to solidarity with refugees
Since 2015, creation of
solidarity fellowships and a
Welcome Desk for refugee
students



**to sustainable
development**
Adoption of a climate plan
in 2019

A committed university: two Nobel Peace Prizes



Henri La Fontaine - 1913

Committed to peace and to the promotion of international law to resolve conflicts between nations



Dr Denis Mukwege - 2018

Committed to ending the use of sexual violence as a weapon of war

Cooperation with universities

ARES-CCD

- University cooperation is one of ULB's priorities: it enables us to enrich our institution and our partners, in a mutually beneficial approach, whether academic, scientific or administrative. Our cooperation activities are mainly developed in Africa, but also in South-East Asia and Latin America.

Our NGO : ULB Cooperation

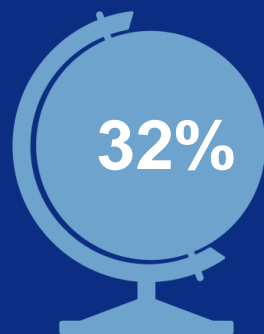
- Development projects in 3 countries in the Southern Hemisphere (Democratic Republic of Congo, Burkina Faso & Senegal).
- Actions to raise student awareness on cooperation (in the Northern hemisphere).

FOSFOM fund in collaboration with 13 medical faculties in the south.

- Highly selective scholarships enabling young MDs to be trained in our hospital network.
- Over 100 scholarships per year.



A very international university

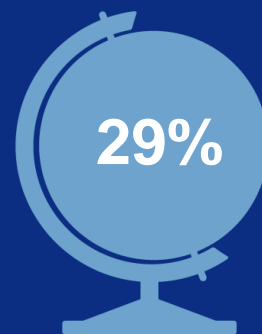


of students were international students

Origin:

EU (excluding Belgium) 23 %

Non-EU 9 %



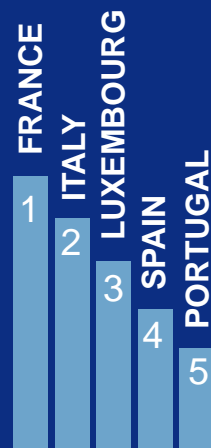
of academic and research staff comes from abroad

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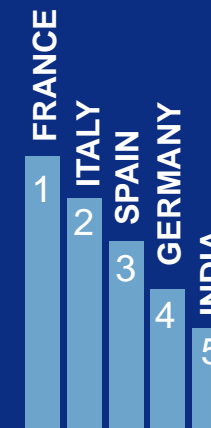
EU (excluding Belgium) 20,67 %

Non-EU: 9,95 %

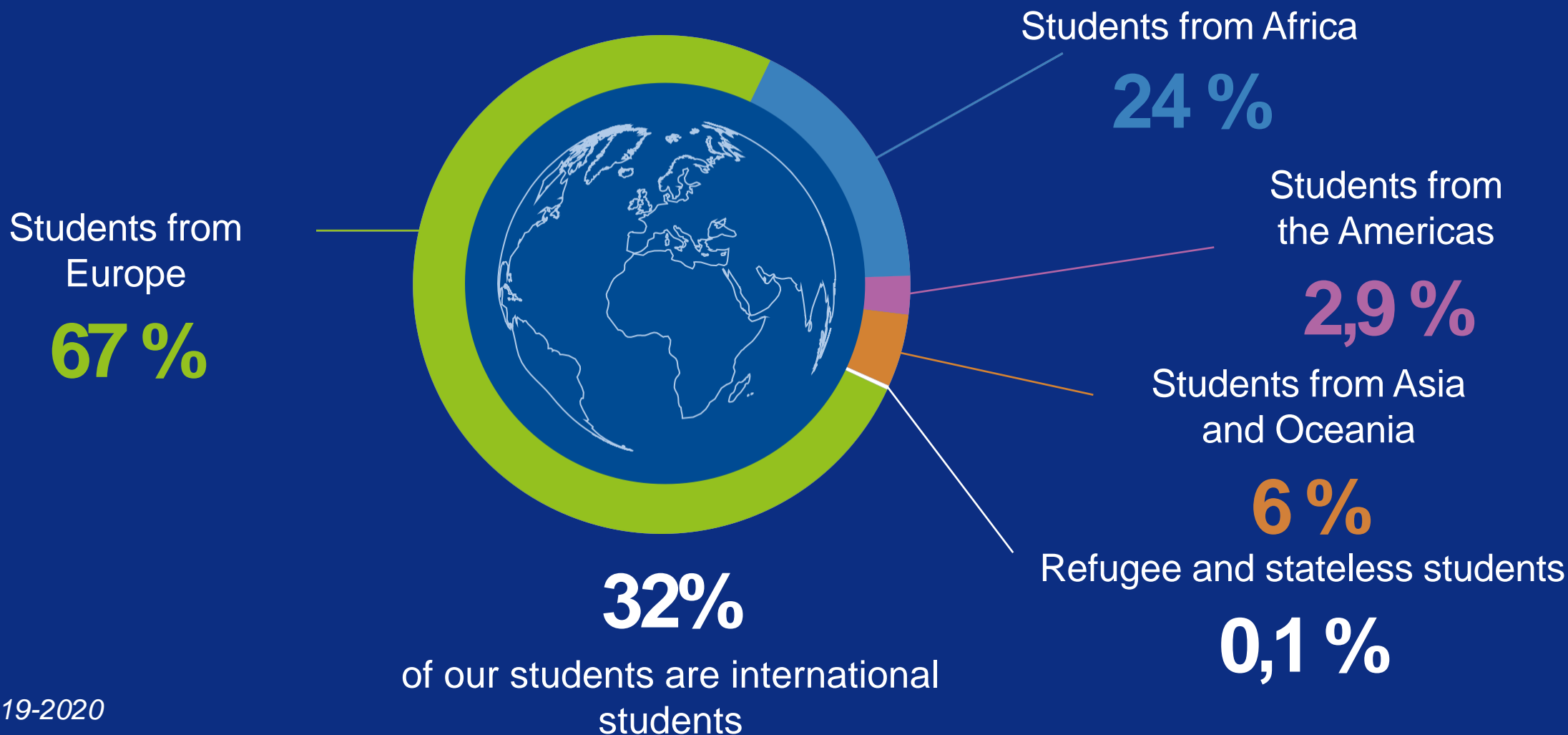
Top 5 countries of origin of EU students



Top 5 countries of origin of academic and research staff



A multicultural university, open to **diversity** of languages and cultures



International collaborations at the heart of our teaching



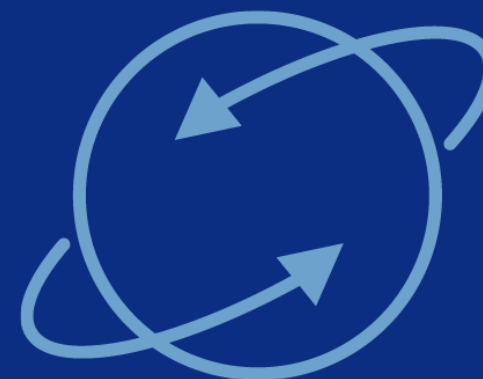
450 +

Bilateral institutional
cooperation agreements



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Ongoing Erasmus Mundus
programmes



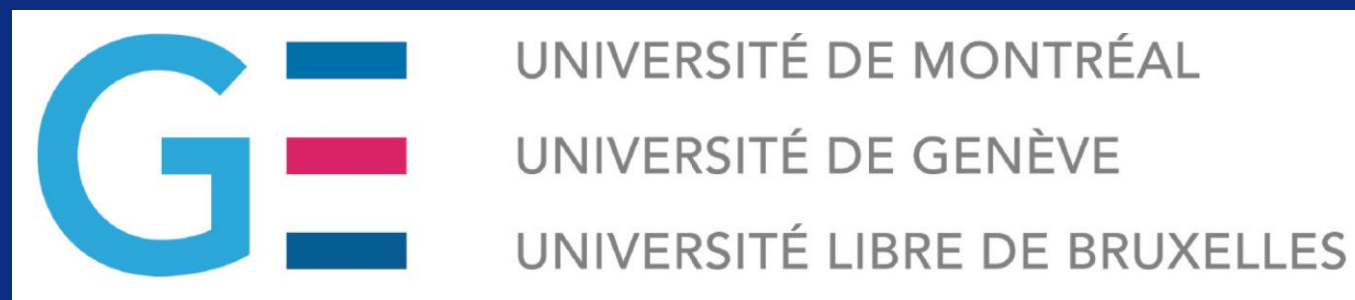
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Students on mobility
programmes (in & out)

Strategic partnerships



G3: a french-speaking network of excellence since 2012



- Three strategic axes: Innovation - Responsibility - Francophony.
- A common fund of € 75.000 per year to finance joint activities
- Six calls for educational, scientific or administrative collaboration projects since 2012
- About forty projects selected for a total of more than €700.000
- Development of cotutelles, internships and "triangular" student mobilities

European Civic University

An alliance of **11** universities

500 000 students

70 000 members of staff

274 ERC Grants

37 Nobel Prizes



UNICA, a European network



54

universities

in **38** European capitals

A special relationship with VUB



Close collaboration with VUB (Vrije Universiteit Brussels) within the Brussels University Alliance :

- Development of joint Master's programmes and Master's in English
- ULB-VUB Joint Research Groups
- weKONEKT.brussels
- Joint events (Difference Day, Belgian Pride, Saint-Verhaegen)
- Usquare & Learning Innovation Centre projects

ULB looks to the future



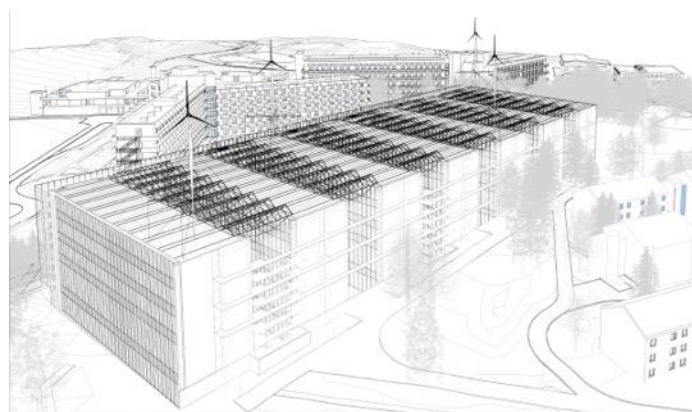
New Bordet



Learning and Innovation Centre



Usquare: a new university quarter



E building (Plaine campus)



UCharleroi campus



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