

EELISA Governing Board Meeting

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EELISA Alliance Statement

EXPANDING HORIZONS: EELISA'S COMMITMENT TO GLOBAL COLLABORATION

Istanbul, November 2025

At a pivotal moment in the roll-out phase of our alliance, the members of **EELISA European University**—Rectors, Presidents, and Directors of our partner institutions—come together in Istanbul to reaffirm our shared vision and collective commitment to shaping the future of higher education in Europe and beyond.

Two years into the implementation of EELISA 2.0, we stand united in highlighting the concrete progress made towards one of our strategic goals: the **enlargement and consolidation of the EELISA Alliance**. This moment also serves as a reaffirmation of our long-term commitment to cooperation, inclusion, and the strengthening of academic ties across borders.

In a world increasingly marked by polarization and isolation, we, the members of EELISA, believe it is our responsibility as European higher education institutions to **foster openness, dialogue, and academic solidarity**. Through collaboration that transcends national and regional boundaries, we strive to contribute to a more **connected, cooperative, and resilient world**.

Our alliance strengthens its mission by extending cooperation **beyond the borders of the European Union**, guided by the shared values of **inclusivity, mutual respect, and the free exchange of knowledge**. These principles are the foundation of our joint efforts to promote **multilateralism** and to ensure that all our academic communities benefit from the **union of knowledge, resources, and experiences**.

Building on the long history of **strategic collaborations** developed by our institutions, we now take **tangible steps forward**. A key milestone in this journey is the **integration of the [Technical University of Moldova](#) (Moldova) and the [University of São Paulo](#) (Brazil) as Associated Partners of EELISA**. Their inclusion strengthens our network and advances our **global vision for a European University that embraces diversity and innovation**. Joining the current associated partners — ENAEE and the Taras Shevchenko National

University of Kyiv – they further enrich the alliance with **new perspectives and synergies**, while their profiles reflect a clear alignment with EELISA's mission, a capacity to drive its strategic goals, and the potential to deepen and expand existing collaborations.

Welcoming the Technical University of Moldova (UTM) enables EELISA to engage with a university from an Eastern European country, currently involved in enlargement negotiations, fostering stronger regional collaboration and integration

Similarly, onboarding the University of São Paulo (USP) marks a milestone, positioning EELISA outside Europe for the first time. Given USP's prominent role in Latin America its partnership enhances EELISA's connections across the region, broadening its international engagement.

By **uniting forces across continents**, we aim to enhance our educational and research capacities while contributing to **addressing the grand societal challenges of our time**.

Together, we reaffirm our shared belief in the transformative power of education, cooperation, and knowledge—cornerstones of a more sustainable, inclusive, and peaceful future.

Istanbul, 18 November 2025

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