

List of Links to Near Cross Border Cooperation of Universities in Europe (in alphabetical order)¹

(as of 15.11.2013)

1. Alps-Adriatic Rectors' Conference (AARC)

The Alps-Adriatic Rectors' Conference was founded in 1979 and includes the vice-chancellors and presidents of the universities and colleges of the entire region of the Alps Adriatic Working Community. At present, this comprises 32 universities or colleges in eight countries.

<http://www.alps-adriatic.net/>(English)

[Website update 2013]

2. Euroregion Nisa - Academic Coordination Centre (ACC)

The Academic Coordination Centre ACC came into existence in 1991 to coordinate the educational, scientific and research activities of pedagogical and specialist staff of the universities working in the territory of the Czech-German-Polish border, at the Euroregion Neisse. Among its partner universities are the Politechnika Wroclawska, the Hochschule Zittaz/Görlitz and the Internationales Hochschulinstitut Görlitz.

<http://acc-ern.tul.cz/en> (English)

<http://acc-ern.tul.cz/> (Czech)

<http://acc-ern.tul.cz/de> (German)

<http://acc-ern.tul.cz/pl> (Polish)

[Website update 2013]

3. Association of Carpathian Region Universities (ACRU)

The Association of Carpathian Region Universities (ACRU) is an international association of higher education institutions. It was established in 1994 by sixteen universities and colleges from five countries of the Carpathian region to encourage links among its member institutions and throughout the world. The main objective of the Association is the advancement of academic, scientific and cultural cooperation, taking advantage of the particular dynamics of the long established historic and cultural links developed in the Carpathian region. The Association is registered in the Slovak Republic as a non-governmental (NGO) not-for-profit organisation of international scope.

<http://acru.uvlf.sk> (English)

[Website update 2011]

4. AVANTIS – European Science and Business Park

The Avantis European Science and Business Park is a cross-border industrial park in the municipalities of Heerlen in the Netherlands and Aachen in Germany. The site of the industrial park is about 40 acres. However Avantis hasn't written a success story so far, mainly due to the economic downturn. Initially there were only few companies in two office building which remained partially empty. In 2005, Solland Solar Energy (the largest Dutch producer of solar cells) and one year later Electrical Naebbers moved in the industrial park. In 2008, the multinational consultancy Capgemini joined the site. Plans to found a cardiovascular center (CVC) as a joint project of the University Hospital Maastricht and Aachen were abandoned in 2012.

<http://www.avantis.org> (English)

[Website update 2012]

5. Baltic Sea Region University Network (BSRUN)

The Baltic Sea Region University Network (BSRUN) agreement was signed by 16 institutions in Turku in 2000. BSRUN is an umbrella organisation to facilitate and enhance co-operation between the members.

¹ The Secretariate of the German Rectors' Conference (HRK) collected the data and could partly draw on information provided by the Association of European Border Regions, AGEK, (<http://www.aebr.eu/en/index.php>).

In the network there are at the moment 30 member institutions in Belarus, Estonia, Finland, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland and Russia. The members develop bonds of mutual partnership between students, teachers, researchers and administrators.

<http://www.bsrn.org/> (English)
[Website update March 2013]

6. Baltic University Programme (BUP)

The Baltic University Programme (BUP) is a network of about 225 universities and other institutes of higher learning throughout the Baltic Sea region. The Programme focuses on questions of sustainable development, environmental protection, and democracy in the Baltic Sea region. The aim is to support the key role that universities play in a democratic, peaceful and sustainable development. This is achieved by developing university courses, and by participation in projects in cooperation with authorities, municipalities and others.

<http://www.balticuniv.uu.se/> (English)
[Website update February 2013]

7. Botnia-Atlantica

The Botnia-Atlantica programme (term until 2014) is a cross border cooperation programme intended to co-fund projects within the Botnia-Atlantica area. The programme is one of several European territorial Cooperation programmes, co-funded by the European Regional Development Fund. A similar cooperation was earlier carried out under the Interreg heading. The Kvarken-MittSkandia Interreg IIA and IIIA programmes were implemented 1995-1999 and 2000-2006 respectively.

<http://www.botnia-atlantica.eu/default.asp?lid=1> (English)
<http://www.botnia-atlantica.eu/default.asp?lid=2> (Swedish)
<http://www.botnia-atlantica.eu/default.asp?lid=4> (Finnish)
[Only Swedish website updated 2013]

8. BRIE - Bulgarian-Romanian Interuniversity Centre

BRIE was established within a project of the stability pact for South Eastern Europe on the grounds of German Rectors' Conference initiative in 2000. In 2006, an agreement for cooperation and mutual assistance regarding the development of BRIE between the government of Romania and the government of the Republic of Bulgaria entered into force. The universities offer four-semester bi-lingual (English and German) joint master programmes and conduct joint research work (in Robulna).

BRIE secretariat www.brie.uni-ruse.bg/en/pages/home.php (English)
BRIE Giurgiu Center www.brie.ase.ro (Romanian)
BRIE Ruse Center www.brie.uni-ruse.bg (Bulgarian)
ROBULNA website, a result of the BRAINS project (Bulgarian-Romanian Area Identities: a Neighborhood Study): <http://robulna.eu/en/> (English)
[Website update 2011]

9. Finnish-Russian Cross-border University (CBU)

The CBU is a university consortium of universities in Russia and Finland. The CBU involves seven participating universities: two in Finland and five in Russia. The seven CBU universities are jointly offering Master's Degree Programmes in four fields of study. The participating universities are the University of Eastern Finland, University of Tampere, St. Petersburg State University, St. Petersburg State Polytechnical University, Petrozavodsk State University, St. Petersburg State Forest Technical University and Moscow State Forest University.

www.cbu.fi (English)
[Website update 2013]

10. CEI (Central European Initiative) University Network

The CEI University Network (CEI UniNet) is a contribution of the CEI to higher education in order to enhance cooperation among universities and other institutions of higher learning in Central, Eastern and South Eastern Europe. This is done through the mobility of students and teaching staff at post-graduate level.

<http://www.cei.int/content/post-graduate-studies-university-network> (English)
[Website update 2013]

11. CENTROPE (AT/CZ/HU/SK)

Centrope is an Interreg IIIA project to establish a multinational region in Central Europe encompassing four European countries: Slovakia, Austria, Hungary and Czech Republic. CENTROPE is a joint initiative of the Austrian Federal Provinces of Vienna, Lower Austria and Burgenland, the Czech Region of South Moravia, the Slovak Regions of Bratislava and Trnava, the Hungarian Counties of Győr-Moson-Sopron and Vas as well as the Cities of Bratislava, Brno, Eisenstadt, Győr, Sopron, St. Pölten, Szombathely and Trnava. On the basis of the Kittsee Declaration of 2003, they work jointly towards the creation of the Central European Region in this four-country quadrangle. CENTROPE CAPACITY is the lead project funded under the EU programme CENTRAL EUROPE. In the period until 2012 it aims to create a multilateral, binding and sustainable framework for the cooperation of local and regional authorities, enterprises and public institutions in the Central European Region. Specific goals consist in creating of polycentric cooperation framework which should allow all the partners to work jointly and more effectively on the cross border issues. Project also offers them new tools for a balanced spatial development as well as integrated development strategy and action plan. CENTROPE CAPACITY builds on the results of two INTERREG IIIA projects concluded in 2007, which provided the necessary preparatory work and development steps to establish the Central European Region CENTROPE. The project "centrope_tt", which is a part of Centrope, has designed a database to support transnational cooperation and knowledge transfer between stakeholders in the Centrope region.

<http://www.centrope.com/en> (English)
<http://www.centrope.com/de> (German)
<http://www.centrope.com/cz> (Czech)
<http://www.centrope.com/sk> (Slovenian)
<http://www.centrope.com/hu> (Hungarian)

[Website update 2013]

12. Collegium Polonicum

Collegium Polonicum is a cross-border, academic institution which was jointly brought into being and is being maintained by the European University Viadrina and the Adam Mickiewicz University. It was initiated in 1991 by a "Joint Declaration of Cooperation", signed by the Minister of National Education of the Polish Republic and the Minister of Science, Research and Culture of the Federal German State of Brandenburg.

<http://www.cp.edu.pl/en/index.html> (English)
<http://www.cp.edu.pl/pl/index.html> (Polish)
<http://www.cp.edu.pl/de/index.html> (German)

[Website update 2013]

13. EUCOR – European Confederation of Upper Rhine Universities

The universities of Freiburg in Breisgau, Basel, Strasbourg, Karlsruhe and Mulhouse-Colmar formed an association in 1989 to create the European Confederation of Upper Rhine Universities (Eucor). The Upper Rhine Conference provides the institutional framework for cross-border cooperation in the Upper Rhine region. In 2010, the Upper Rhine Conference signed the founding declaration of the Upper Rhine Trinational Metropolitan Region (TMO). There are currently 167 Universities and RPOs part of the TMO.

www.eucor-uni.org/en (English)
www.eucor-uni.org/de (German)
www.eucor-uni.org/fr (French)

[Website update 2013]

TMO (Upper Rhine Trinational Metropolitan Region)

<http://www.rmtmo.eu/> (German)
<http://www.rmtmo.eu/fr/home.html> (French)

[Website update 2013]

14. EULIMNOS

The project was first initiated in the course of the Bologna Process. First talks between a closer collaboration between the Universities of Shkodra (Albania) and of Montenegro started in 2001, which then led to the establishment of the EcoEducationCentre and that this in turn extends back to a conference held on the banks of Lake Ohrid in Albania in 2003. This cross-border collaboration was supported by the German Rectors' Conference (HRK) with stability pact funds from the very beginning. (The cooperation is not active at the moment)

15. GIR Malapin

The Groupe Interdisciplinaire de Réflexion sur les traversées sud-alpines et l'aménagement du territoire maralpin (Interdisciplinary Working Group on the southern alpine Crossings and the maritime alpine area) (GIR Maralpin) was founded in 1996. Its role is to bring together university teachers, researchers and experts from France, Italy and Switzerland, representing every discipline, with the aim of contributing to the detailed analysis of issues related to the development of the region and of communication and transport routes, as well as environmental protection in the coastal and maritime alpine areas (the Mediterranean Alps).

<http://www.gir-maralpin.org/index2.htm> (French)

[Website update 2011]

http://www.espaces-transfrontaliers.org/en/detail_projet.php?idprojet=39 (English)

16. Hidranatura Campus

Hidranatura is a Spanish-Portuguese cross-Border initiative promoted by the University of Extremadura (ES), the University of Evora (PT) and the Polytechnic Institute of Leiria (PT) together with the firm support of national and international expert organisations and businesses.

www.hidranatura.com (Spanish)

<http://www.hidranatura.com/#!/page19.do?acond75=en&acond77=en&inu7.current.att11=1&acond99=en&kcond2.att7=35&rcond15.att3=18&kcond29.att7=35&rtu2.current.att7=35> (English)

<http://www.hidranatura.com/#!/page19.do?acond75=pt&acond77=pt&inu7.current.att11=3&acond99=pt&kcond2.att7=64&rcond15.att3=18&kcond29.att7=64&rtu2.current.att7=64> (Portuguese)

[Website update 2013]

17. International Iberian Nanotechnology Laboratory (INL)

The International Iberian Nanotechnology Laboratory (INL) is the first, and so far the only, fully international research organisation in Europe in the field of nanoscience and nanotechnology and also the first intergovernmental Organisation in Europe in this field. INL is the result of a joint decision of the Governments of Portugal and Spain, taken in November 2005, whereby the two Governments made clear their commitment to a strong cooperation in ambitious science and technology joint ventures for the future.

INL has been installed in Braga, Portugal, and will count with 200 researchers to be recruited all over the world, aiming at international excellence.

<http://inl.int> (English)

[Website update 2012]

18. International University of Lake Constance – Internationale Bodensee-Hochschule

The International University of Lake Constance is a cooperation of 30 universities and colleges located in Austria, Germany, the Principality of Liechtenstein and Switzerland. It offers new study courses, supports research and development together with regional companies and enhances the offer of education and advanced training programs. It is focusing on the subjects of "Energy, Environment and Mobility", "Education, Society and Health" as well as projects for teaching, training and the knowledge and technology transfer. The network is supported by the The International Lake Constance Conference (IBK – Internationale Bodenseekonferenz), a collaborative association of the countries and cantons bordering on and connected with Lake Constance.

www.bodenseehochschule.org (German)

[Website update 2013]

19. Kehl Euro-Institute

The Franco-German Euro-Institut was founded in 1993. The institute has a strong bicultural, bilingual and binational focus and supports public administration officials and other stakeholders from the two countries with their design and optimization of cross-border cooperation projects. (Website in German and French only)

<http://www.euroinstitut.org/wDeutsch/index.php> (German)

<http://www.euroinstitut.org/wFranzoesisch/index.php> (French)

[Website update 2013]

TEIN (Transfrontier Euro-Institut Network)

The TEIN (Transfrontier Euro-Institut Network) is led by the Euro-Institut which was created in 1993 in Kehl/Strasbourg on the French/German border with the aim of facilitating cross-border cooperation. In the context of growing awareness of the importance of Cohesion Policy in Europe, the objective of TEIN is to build capacity in cross-border and transfrontier contexts and in this way strengthen European integration.

TEIN, formed in 2010, brings together 12 partners from nine border regions in France, Germany, Switzerland, Austria, Italy, Slovenia, Poland, Czech Republic, Denmark, Belgium, Spain, the French Caribbean, the UK and Ireland. Its unique feature is that it consists of university departments, research institutes and training centres which are dedicated to the practical business of cross-border cooperation in Europe.

The work of the partners consists in cross-border training and facilitation, managing cross-border projects, providing mentoring, training and advice for cross-border actors, and doing research on cross-border issues.

www.transfrontier.eu (English)

[Website update 2013]

Scientific Pillar of the Upper Rhine Trinational Metropolitan Region (TMO-RMT)

The Scientific Pillar of the Tri-National Upper Rhine Metropolitan Region has been officially founded in 2010 and consists of currently around 167 Universities, Schools of Applied Sciences and Research Organizations. Its aim is the reinforced networking of these institutions by using existing structures like EUCOR (www.eucor-uni.org; see also entry number 13 in this list) but also by creating new connections, especially to economic, political and social actors. In the long term, the objective is to increase the competitiveness of the whole region on the international playing field.

www.rmtmo.eu (German and French)

[Website update 2013]

20. Neisse University (German-Czech-Polish cooperation)

The Neisse University, established in 2000, represents a network of co-operation between the Technical University of Liberec/Technická univerzita v Liberci, the Wrocław University of Technology/Politechnika Wroclawska and the University of Applied Sciences Zittau/Görlitz/Hochschule Zittau/Görlitz. The subject of the cooperation is the joint three-year Bachelor of Science (B.Sc.) course of Information and Communication Management. What makes this degree program stand out is that the students study respectively one year at the three participating universities

<http://www.neisse-uni.org/about-the-nu.html> (English)

[Website update 2013]

21. Northern dimension research centre (NORDI) at Lappeenranta University of Technology (LUT)

The Northern Dimension Research Centre (NORDI) is a unit focusing on LUT's know-how of Russia and cooperation with Russia. NORDI's mission is to support and develop Russia related research and research cooperation in LUT's focus areas. NORDI functions as a Russia-related network actor, actively linking national and international universities and research institutes together in research projects. NORDI

actively seeks research funding together with faculty researches and manages the development projects of LUT's Russia-related activities.

<http://www.lut.fi/en/lut/Pages/Default.aspx> (English)

www.lut.fi/ru/lut/Pages/Default.aspx (Russian)

www.lut.fi (Finnish)

[Website update 2013]

22. Øresund Region

The Øresund region is a Danish/Swedish border region, divided by the Øresund straight. Cooperation between the Øresund universities was formally instituted in 1997-2012 through an agreement between the four biggest universities. Twelve universities have been members of the academic network, performing activities in education, research and innovation. After 15 years of co-operation the Øresund University and Øresund University Network has come to an end. On August 31 2012 the Øresund University Network has been closed and the cross border cooperation between the universities will continue in other forms.

Øresund University Network: www.uni.oresund.org (English)

[Website update 2013]

Projects initiated under the former governance structure, i.e. Øresund University/Øresund Science

Region/Øresund Org are now coordinated by the Lead partners: www.uni.oresund.org/?q=content/about-oun/the-network/associated-projects-and-networks (English)

[Website update 2012]

Medicon Valley: <http://www.mediconvalley.com/> (English)

[Website update 2013]

23. Oldenburg-Groningen European Medical School

The German Council of Science and Humanities, which advises the German Federal Government and the governments of the Federal States on the development of science, research and higher education, endorsed the German-Dutch joint project European Medical School Oldenburg-Groningen on November 12, 2010. The approval of the University of Oldenburg model curriculum in medicine by the responsible state ministry of Lower Saxony on January 30th, 2012, signaled the beginning of the first bi-national medicine program in Germany that offers a medical state examination (in Oldenburg) and/or a bachelor's and master's degree (in Groningen).

The Universities in Oldenburg and Groningen have developed the European Medical School as a German-Dutch joint project. The European Medical School has started in the winter semester 2012/13. The bi-national project has created 40 new places for medical students in Oldenburg. Students will spend a total of one year of their studies at the partner university (Groningen or Oldenburg), gaining knowledge of the language and culture of the other country as well as in their studies.

<http://www.uni-oldenburg.de/en/medicine> (English)

<http://www.uni-oldenburg.de/european-medical-school/> (German)

[Website update 2013]

24. Polish-Ukrainian Projects / The European PhD College of Polish and Ukrainian Universities

The idea of a Polish-Ukrainian university in Lublin, the biggest town near the border with Ukraine with centuries' old traditions of multiculturalism and cooperation and an important academic centre of Central and East European studies, was voiced in 1997 by Bohdan Osadchuk, professor of the Free University Berlin and an eminent Ukrainian émigré historian and journalist.

As a result, the Declaration regarding the establishment of the European Post-Graduate College of Polish and Ukrainian Universities and the subsequent Agreement establishing the ECPUU were signed in December 2000.

Following the first inauguration of the academic year held in October 2001 some hundred young researchers from Poland and Ukraine were admitted for post-graduate studies at the ECPUU. In 2002-2005, over 150 Ph.D. students were admitted to the ECPUU. In 2005, the first group of Ph.D. students

admitted to the College in 2001, finished their post-graduate studies. Some dozens of them have already earned their Ph.D. degrees. Among the collaborating Universities are Maria the Sklodowska Curie University in Lublin, the John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin, the National Taras Shevchenko University of Kiev, the Ivan Franko National University of Lviv, and the National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy.

<http://www.centrum.umcs.pl/> (English)
<http://www.centrum.umcs.pl/ru> (Russian)
<http://www.centrum.umcs.pl/pl> (Polish)
[Website update 2013]

25. Saxon-Czech University Initiative

The project Saxon-Czech University Initiative (Sächsisch-Tschechische Hochschulinitiative STHI) makes an innovative contribution to the sustainability and continuity of transboundary cooperation between several universities (the Technische Universität Chemnitz, the J. E. Purkyne-Universität Ústí nad Labem, and the University of West Bohemia) within the framework of tertiary education in the Saxon-Czech border area. The STHI project is co-financed by the Objective 3 Programme of the European Regional Development Fund and by means of the Free State of Saxony, the Czech Republic as well as the participating universities.

The project started on 01 July 2009 and was running until 31 May 2012. The target of the project was the enhancement of intercultural competence as well as linguistic competence of the participants within the scope of different sub-projects. It, furthermore, aimed at the intensification of the exchange of scientific knowledge. This is of special importance because only a close collaboration between academia, economy and society can offer participating students a professional future in the Saxon-Czech border region.

<http://www.sthi.eu/welcome> (English)
<http://www.sthi.eu/willkommen> (German)
<http://www.sthi.eu/willkommen-cz> (Czech)
[Website update 2012]

26. "Studying without borders in Aachen and Limburg"

The alliance "Studying without borders in Aachen and Limburg" with its partners (seven universities, local authorities and others) exists since 2011. It aims to inform young people, parents, teachers as well as career and study advisors in schools, job agencies, universities and other institutions about the region as a cross-border, academic training and job market and make it more transparent.

<http://www.euregional-studyguide.com/de/start.html> (German)
<http://www.euregional-studyguide.com/en/start.html> (English)
<http://www.euregional-studyguide.com/nl/start.html> (Dutch)

27. The Foundation for Science and Research of the Canton Thurgau, University of Konstanz and Konstanz University of Applied Sciences

The Foundation for Science and Research of the Canton Thurgau in Switzerland cooperates with the University of Konstanz and the Konstanz University of Applied Sciences in Germany on a number of different cross-border projects.

1. The Biotechnology Institute (BITg) Thurgau in Kreuzlingen was initiated in 1999. Academically, BITg is associated with the University of Konstanz. The Institute also participates in the university's lecturing and academic training programmes. Since 2004 BITg is recognized as a Swiss research institution and it is supported by the State Secretariat for Education and Research.

http://www.bitg.ch/BITg_01_design.html (English)
http://www.bitg.ch/BITg_01_designDE.html (German)
[Website updated October 2013]

2. The Thurgau Institute of Economics (TWI) at the University of Konstanz in Kreuzlingen is mainly acting in the field of experimental economic research.

www.twi-kreuzlingen.ch/en/home/ (English)

www.twi-kreuzlingen.ch (German)
[Website updated 2013]

3. The "Institut für Werkstoffsystemtechnik Thurgau" together with the Konstanz University of Applied Sciences in Tägerwilen, is mainly devoted to metallic materials research.

www.witg.ch (German)

4. The College of Education, "Pädagogische Hochschule Thurgau" (PHTG), in Kreuzlingen has a close cooperation with the University of Konstanz within the education sciences. There are two joint chairs in education and, in addition, a joint Master in early childhood education is offered.

www.phtg.ch (German)
[Website updated 2013]

28. Uniska – The University Alliance of Inner Scandinavia

The Uniska includes seven universities (e.g. Karlstad University, University College of Lillehammer, and University College of Akershus). The cooperation between the regions goes back to the 1960s, while the UNISKA was introduced in 1998. In 2014, Uniska will close, but the cross border cooperation between the universities will continue in other forms.

http://www.brain-flow.eu/export/sites/brainflow/downloads/TEEM-Docs_Hamar/UNISKA_Hugo_TEEM_Hedmark.pdf (English)

29. University of Flensburg – University of Southern Denmark

Since 1991 the University of Southern Denmark and the University of Flensburg, Germany, have a cross-border cooperation. Together the two universities offer double-degree programmes on a Bachelors and Masters level: BA International Management - BA int./SPRØK; MA International Management – Cand.merc.int. The studies focus on economics and business language, with the combination of German/Danish/English. Other study programmes, like European Studies, are offered in close cooperation – while the Bachelor-programme is offered in Sønderborg, the Master-programme is offered in Flensburg.

http://iim.uni-flensburg.de/index.php?id=studium-und-lehre&no_cache=1 (German)

http://www.sdu.dk/Om_SDU/Byerne/Soenderborg/Flensburg (Danish)

[Website updated 2013]

Wissensregion/Videnregion Schleswig-Holstein – Syddanmark

Starting in 2009 a cross border cooperation has been established between University of Southern Denmark, University of Applied Science Flensburg, University Flensburg, University of Applied Science Kiel, and Christian-Albrechts-University Kiel funded by Interreg IVa. The cooperation was enlarged in 2012 involving University College Lillebælt and University College Syddanmark.

Initially the cooperation aimed at fostering cross border research cooperations, which has led to a broad range of joint projects, but now it also includes joint teaching activities (e.g. summerschools, lecturer exchange, etc.) as well as cooperation with the regional industry. An office has been established at University of Southern Denmark, Odense, hosting three Project Mangers, coordinating the projects.

www.videnregion.eu / www.wissensregion.eu (English)

[Website updated 2013]

German Danish University Seed-Money-Cooperation

This cooperation involves University Hamburg, Christian-Albrechts-University Kiel, University of Southern Denmark, and Aarhus University. Based on an agreement between the rectors of the four Universities, a joint budget has been set up to facilitate cooperation via workshops and conferences. Since 2011 more than 400 scientists have participated in 26 workshops or meetings.

<http://www.uni-kiel.de/forschung/de/service-informationen/foerdermoeglichkeiten-im-ueberblick/seed-money-fuer-kooperationen-mit-der-universitet-aarhus-und-der-syddansk-universitet> (German)

<http://www.au.dk/en/internationalcentre/internationalcollaboration/auinstrategicalliances/partnership-with-universitaet-hamburg-christian-albrechts-universitaet-zu-kiel-and-sdu> (English)

30. University of the Greater Region

The Greater Region includes Saarland and Rhineland-Palatinate in Germany as well as the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, the French region of Lorraine and Wallonia in Belgium.

After four years of collaboration in the frame of the "University of the Greater Region" project, which was funded by the EU INTERREG Programme, the universities of Saarland, Liège, Luxembourg, Lorraine, Kaiserslautern and Trier have established a cross-border confederation in 2013. The partner universities involved have a total of around 125,000 students and around 6,500 teachers and researchers. A jointly funded office based in the Villa Europe in Saarbrücken will take up its work in October [2013]. Its main missions will be the coordination of the UniGR pilot disciplines (Biomedicine, Border Studies and Materials Science) as well as fundraising and lobbying.

www.uni-gr.eu/en/nc/home.html (English)

www.uni-gr.eu/nc/startseite.html (German)

www.uni-gr.eu/fr/nc/la-page-de-depart.html (French)

[Website update 2013]