

U-MULTIRANK 2021

The EU Universities in Global Comparison



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U-Multirank is a unique, multidimensional and international ranking of higher education institutions. It compares university performance across teaching and learning, research, knowledge transfer, international orientation and regional engagement.

It is the largest and most inclusive ranking showcasing the diversity in higher education around the world. It is not a league table and does not use composite indicators, nor reputation weights. Therefore, there is no one best university in U-Multirank. The performance of a university is presented with individual scores – graded from 'A' (very good) to 'E' (weak) across the different areas.

U-Multirank's 2021 edition presents data on 725 EU higher education institutions. For the full list of all universities from The European Union included in U-Multirank, please visit our [website](#).

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AT A GLANCE: HOW DO EU UNIVERSITIES FARE IN U-MULTIRANK?

- 725 higher education institutions from the European Union are included in the 2021 edition of U-Multirank. In addition to universities and universities of applied sciences, these also include polytechnic institutes.
- The universities from the European Union with the highest number of top group positions ('A' scores) are Centrale Nantes in France (19) ahead of Aalto University, Eindhoven University of Technology and University of Antwerp (all three institutions with 18 'A' scores).
- Among the 'Top 25 Performers' for student mobility are 9 universities from France, 6 from Sweden, 4 are based in Germany. The other institutions are located in Bulgaria, Latvia, Austria and in the Republic of Cyprus.
- Compared globally, EU universities perform strongest in research, international orientation and regional engagement, with more than 50% of all EU universities performing above average in each category.



WHICH ARE THE TOP PERFORMING UNIVERSITIES IN THE EUROPEAN UNION?

Centrale Nantes (France) received the highest number of 'A' (very good) scores on the institutional level for The European Union in 2021.

In this section we highlight the universities receiving the highest number of 'A' (very good) scores on the institutional level for the respective country.

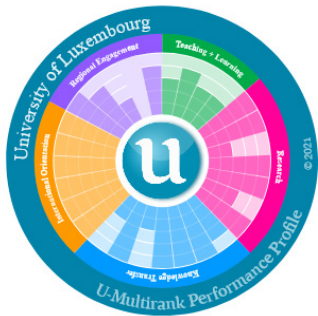
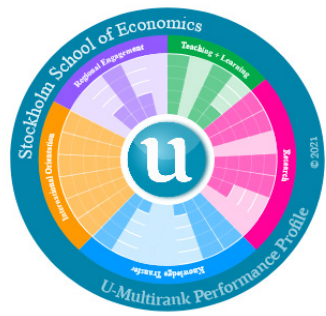
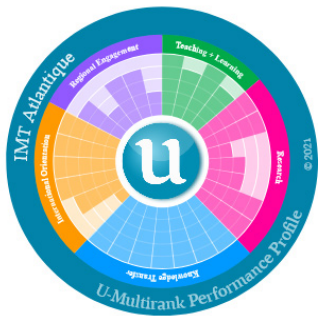
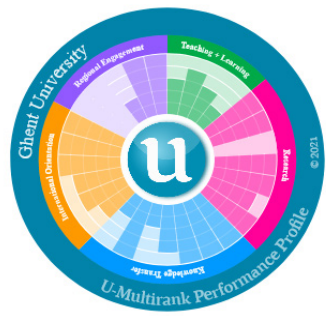
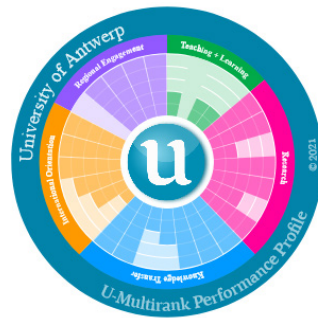
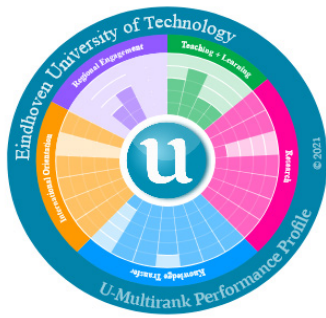
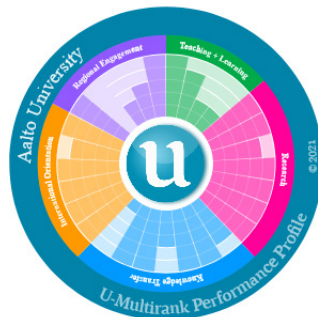
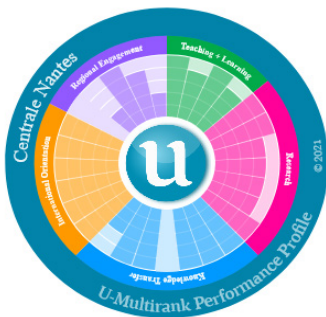
Although the number of 'A' scores shows top performance for the respective university, it does not imply one university is the 'best' in the country, as each university profile highlights different strengths.

Universities from the EU with the highest number of overall top scores in 2021	Total 'A' scores 2021	Total 'A' scores 2020
<u>Centrale Nantes (France)</u>	19 ↑	16
<u>Aalto University (Finland)</u>	18 ↑	15
<u>Eindhoven University of Technology (The Netherlands)</u>	18 ↑	14
<u>University of Antwerp (Belgium)</u>	18 ↑	17
<u>Ghent University (Belgium)</u>	17 ↑	14
<u>IMT Atlantique (France)</u>	17 ↑	16
<u>Stockholm School of Economics (Sweden)</u>	17 ↑	14
<u>University of Luxembourg (Luxembourg)</u>	17 ↑	16

The list includes different profiles of institutions: comprehensive universities, as well as business schools and technical universities.

WHAT ARE THE PERFORMANCE PROFILES OF THE EU'S TOP SCORING UNIVERSITIES?

Using our unique sunburst chart, a clear picture is shown of the university's overall performance (the longer the bar, the higher the score).



U-MULTIRANK PRESENTS SUNBURSTS

U-Multirank Performance Profile for Aalto University. The chart shows scores across five categories: Teaching + Learning (1-4), Research (5-11), Knowledge Transfer (12-18), International Orientation (19-24), and Regional Engagement (25-29).

PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

TEACHING & LEARNING	1 Bachelor graduation rate
	2 Masters graduation rate
	3 Graduating on time (Bachelors)
	4 Graduating on time (Masters)
RESEARCH	5 External research income
	6 Research publications (size-normalized)
	7 Art related output
	8 Citation rate
	9 Topcited publications
	10 Interdisciplinary publications
	11 Post-doc positions
KNOWLEDGE TRANSFER	12 Income from private sources
	13 Co-publications with industrial partners
	14 Patents awarded (size-normalized)
	15 Industry co-patents
	16 Spin-offs
	17 Publications cited in patents
	18 Income from continuous professional development
INTERNATIONAL ORIENTATION	19 Foreign language bachelor programmes
	20 Foreign language master programmes
	21 Student mobility
	22 International academic staff
	23 International doctorate degrees
	24 International joint publications
REGIONAL ENGAGEMENT	25 Bachelor graduates working in the region
	26 Student internships in the region
	27 Regional joint publications
	28 Income from regional sources
	29 Master graduates working in the region

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For a list of definitions and calculations of indicators, see our [Indicator Book](#).

WHAT DO EU UNIVERSITIES DO BEST?

23 EU universities have achieved a global Top 25 score in the area of student mobility in 2021.

TOP 25 * PERFORMING UNIVERSITIES IN STUDENT MOBILITY

By U-Multirank



In this list we present the U-Multirank 2021 top performers on the indicator 'student mobility'. Having an international student body and offering students the opportunity to study part of their degree-programme abroad is an indication of the international orientation of a university. In order to provide a full picture of mobility and international exchange U-Multirank takes into account both incoming and outgoing mobility.

*Due to a tie the list includes 26 institutions

America

1

Europe

23

Africa

1

Asia

1

- Audencia Business School (France)
- Blekinge Institute of Technology (Sweden)
- Centrale Nantes (France)
- EM Normandie Business School (France)
- EURECOM (France)
- Euromed University of Fez (Morocco)
- Institut Supérieur de l'Aéronautique et de l'Espace - SUPAERO (ISAE-SUPAERO) (France)
- International School of Management (ISM) (Germany)
- Interregional Academy of Personnel Management (Ukraine)
- Jönköping University (Sweden)
- Kühne Logistics University (Germany)
- Kungliga Konsthögskolan (Sweden)
- Latvian Maritime Academy (Latvia)
- Lincoln University College (Malaysia)
- Lund University (Sweden)
- Munich Business School (Germany)
- National Research Nuclear University MEPhI (Moscow Engineering Physics Institute) (Russian Federation)
- Newmaninstitutet (Sweden)
- Rennes School of Business (France)
- Rezekne Academy of Technologies (Latvia)
- Sciences Po (France)
- TBS (France)
- Tecnológico de Monterrey (Mexico)
- University of Applied Sciences Kufstein Tirol (Austria)
- Varna University of Management (Bulgaria)
- WHU - Otto Beisheim School of Management (Germany)

*The list is sorted alphabetically, possible ties are not marked.



Globally Top Performing EU Universities

In this section, U-Multirank presents the global Top 25 performers in a set of 12 categories measuring different areas of performance. These lists highlight the 25 top-performing universities from around the world with the highest scores.

Here we highlight EU universities that have achieved a global Top 25 score in the area of student mobility. For all EU universities awarded a Top 25 position in each of the 12 categories, visit our website.

Student mobility

- [Audencia Business School](#)
- [Blekinge Institute of Technology](#)
- [Centrale Nantes](#)
- [EM Normandie Business School](#)
- [EURECOM](#)
- [Institut Supérieur de l'Aéronautique et de l'Espace - SUPAERO \(ISAE-SUPAERO\)](#)
- [International School of Management \(ISM\)](#)
- [Jönköping University](#)
- [Kühne Logistics University](#)
- [Kungliga Konsthögskolan](#)
- [Latvian Maritime Academy](#)
- [Lund University](#)

WHAT DO EU UNIVERSITIES DO BEST?

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- [Munich Business School](#)
- [Newmaninstitutet](#)
- [Rennes School of Business](#)
- [Rezekne Academy of Technologies](#)
- [Sciences Po](#)
- [TBS](#)
- [University of Applied Sciences Kufstein Tirol](#)
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**For the full lists of all global Top 25 performers, please visit our [website](#).*

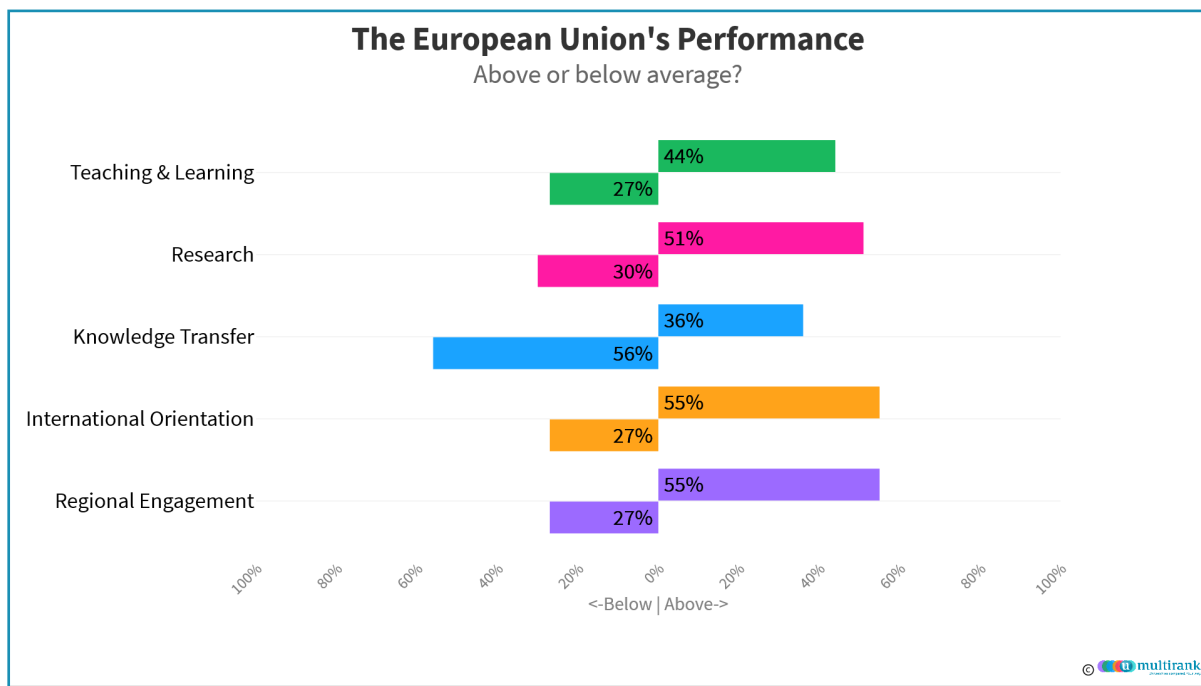
HOW DO EU UNIVERSITIES PERFORM GLOBALLY?

EU higher education institutions perform strongest in U-Multirank's International Orientation and Regional Engagement dimensions.

Above or below average?

In this section we highlight the overall performance of EU universities on the institutional level per U-Multirank dimension.

The below table shows the national breakdown of EU universities and how they stand across the spectrum of above average (receiving a score of 'A' (very good) or 'B' (good)), or below average (receiving a score of 'D' (below average) or 'E' (weak)). In doing so, U-Multirank offers a clear picture on the countries strengths, and areas for improvement.



APPENDIX

DETAILED RESULTS

If you want to analyse further the performance of the universities in your country you can click the following links.

The below links lead directly to the national results pages where we pre-filtered the universities in your country into one list (for the university as a whole and for the subject areas included in U-Multirank so far). You can use the table to produce national rankings (see image below), or for personalised interactive analyses with the data.

If you're interested in tailor-made tables (institutional level, subject level, or with a specific focus in mind, such as internationalisation), please contact us, at info@umultirank.org. These links are also accessible via your country's 'Study in' page.

2019-2021											
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Level of study: bachelor, master Regions: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Republic of, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Poland, P, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, The Netherlands.											
Your selection: 718 universities											
	Teaching & Learning		Research		Knowledge Transfer		International Orientation		Regional Engagement		
	Bachelor graduation rate	Graduating on time (masters)	Citation rate	Research publications (size-normalised)	Co-publications with industrial partners	Patents awarded (size-normalised)	Student mobility	International joint publications	Bachelor graduates working in the region	Regional joint publications	
University College Cork	IE	A	B	A	A	A	A	A	A	D	
Aalto University	FI	A	D	A	A	A	A	A	A	D	
École Centrale de Nantes	FR	A	B	B	A	A	A	A	-	A	
Universitat Pompeu Fabra	ES	C	B	A	A	A	D	A	A	A	
Télécom Paris	FR	-	A	B	A	A	A	A	-	A	
University of Luxembourg	LU	C	C	A	A	A	A	A	A	D	
Handelshögskolan i Stockholm	SE	A	D	A	A	A	E	A	-	A	
Universitat de Barcelona	ES	C	B	B	A	A	A	B	A	A	
IMT Atlantique	FR	A	B	C	A	A	A	A	B	B	
Erasmus University Rotterdam	NL	B	B	A	A	A	A	B	A	A	
Toulouse INP	FR	A	B	B	A	A	A	A	B	A	
University of Limerick	IE	A	B	A	A	C	A	A	A	D	

U-Multirank's National University Rankings 2021-2022 – The European Union

- [Institutional Rankings](#)

- [Pharmacy \(updated\)](#)
- [Psychology \(updated\)](#)
- [Social Work \(updated\)](#)

U-Multirank's Subject Rankings 2021-2022 – The European Union

- [Agriculture \(NEW\)](#)
- [Veterinary Science \(NEW\)](#)
- [Dentistry \(updated\)](#)
- [Medicine \(updated\)](#)
- [Nursing \(updated\)](#)

Press materials:

- [Advanced press release \(includes graphics and tables for download in Appendix\)](#)
- [FAQ](#)
- [Overview Infographic 2021](#)



WHAT IS U-MULTIRANK?

U-Multirank is a multidimensional, user-driven approach to international ranking of higher education institutions. It compares the performances of higher education institutions – in short: universities – in the five dimensions of university activity:

(1) teaching and learning, (2) research, (3) knowledge transfer, (4) international orientation and (5) regional engagement.

The U-Multirank web tool enables comparisons at the level of the university as a whole and at the level of specific study programmes. Based on empirical data, U-Multirank compares institutions with similar institutional profiles ('like-with-like') and allows users to develop their own personalised rankings by selecting indicators in terms of their own preferences.

Based on the results of a feasibility study covering 150 universities which was carried out in 2010/11, the European Commission decided to fund the implementation of U-Multirank. This roll out is carried out by a consortium led by Professor Frans van Vught of the Center for Higher Education Policy Studies (CHEPS), University of Twente in the Netherlands and Professor Frank Ziegele of the Centre for Higher Education (CHE) in The European Union as well as the Centre for Science and Technology Studies (CWTS) from Leiden University and Fundacion CYD. U-Multirank is funded by the European Commission, the Bertelsmann Foundation and Banco Santander. The consortium also works closely with a range of national ranking partners and stakeholder organisations.

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