



# Academic Networking: A Strategic Pillar for Research and European Collaboration



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# Why Networking Matters?

- Research today is increasingly collaborative, interdisciplinary, and transnational.
- European funding programs (like Horizon Europe and Erasmus+) require strong partnerships across borders.
- Academic networks help us amplify impact, increase visibility, and access diverse resources and perspectives.



# Concrete Benefits of Academic Networks

- Access to competitive funding opportunities (Horizon Europe, COST, Erasmus+, etc.)
- Exchange of teaching and research practices across institutions
- Co-authored publications and increased scientific impact
- Access to research infrastructures and databases



# New EU Research Policies & Priorities

- **Open Science:** EU requires open access to research outputs; networking helps align practices
- **Horizon Europe Missions:** Calls for interdisciplinary, high-impact collaborations
- **Gender Equality Plans:** Required for eligibility in many EU projects; partners must align on values



# Building and **Sustaining** Effective Networks

- Attend and engage in **international conferences and thematic workshops**
- Use platforms like **EURAXESS**, **ResearchGate**, and **LinkedIn** to stay connected
- Participate in **EU-funded mobility and training opportunities**
- Organize **joint events**, co-author publications, and share proposals
- Keep communication regular and **follow up** after initial contact



# Challenges


- **Language or cultural differences** → Promote inclusive communication
- **Administrative complexity** → Coordinate through clear agreements and shared tools
- **Lack of time** → Make networking a strategic part of academic work, not just an extra



# The European Opportunity

- The EU is actively supporting research collaboration
- Networking improves access to **funding, mobility, and influence**
- Together, we can build **research ecosystems** that are more resilient, diverse, and impactful





If you want to go fast,  
**GO ALONE.**

If you want to go far,  
**GO TOGETHER.**

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**“The future of European science depends on stronger, more inclusive, and interconnected research ecosystems.”**

EU Policy Agenda

Questions?

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