

Rennes 2 President and Leaders from 7 Universities Reconfirm their Commitment to the EMERGE Consortium



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The [European Margins Engaging for Regional and Global Empowerment \(EMERGE\)](#) consortium consists of 8 diverse universities situated on the periphery of Europe, with the core aim of developing flexible and innovative approaches to knowledge co-creation and human capital.

The 8 EMERGE consortium leaders, gathered at the Irish Embassy in Brussels yesterday, welcomed by Ambassador Kevin Conmy, to re-affirm their commitment to the mission and vision of EMERGE. The signing signaled the official announcement of the EMERGE consortium's intent to apply for a European Universities Initiative (EUI) project under the March 2022 deadline.

The consortium has been working together since 2019, when it was founded and led by Dr. Lesley Lelourec. In October 2021, University of Limerick Vice President for Global and Community Engagement, Mairead Moriarty, took the lead. It is fitting that in a year where Ireland is celebrating its 50th anniversary of the signing of the European membership treaty that the University of Limerick is the first Irish University signaling its intent to apply to lead a European University Initiative.

EMERGE seeks to build on the current cooperation within and outside the Erasmus+ Programme including virtual exchanges, the EMERGE Student Forum, Cooperation Partnership Projects and Erasmus Mundus Design Measures. It aims to develop deeper transnational cooperation, with a model for implementing and achieving systemic, structural and sustainable cooperation, to create the EMERGE University of the future.

EMERGE Members include:

- Université Rennes 2 (UR2), France,
- [University of Limerick, \(UL\)](#) Ireland,
- [Neapolis University Pafos, \(NUP\)](#) Cyprus,
- [Université Bretagne Sud \(UBS\)](#), France,
- [Europa-Universität Flensburg \(EUF\)](#), Germany,
- [Inland Norway University of Applied Sciences / Høgskolen i Innlandet \(INN\)](#), Norway,
- [Univerzita Mateja Bela v Banskej Bystrici \(UMB\)](#), Slovakia
- [Universidad de Burgos, \(UBU\)](#), Spain



