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Intra-Alliance Activities and News

A Local and European Dialogue on Urban Margins through Art and Research at Rennes 2

As part of the cultural program of the EMERGE Alliance, University of Rennes 2 presents *Savages*, a two-part event combining an exhibition and a roundtable dedicated to the exploration of urban margins through artistic research. Bringing together photography, critical inquiry, and collective discussion, the project reflects ongoing interdisciplinary approaches at Rennes 2 that engage with the relationships between art, research, and society.



Rennes 2 University Celebrates the Opening of the EMERGE Alliance Campus Hubs

From 10 to 12 February 2026 on the Villejean campus (Rennes), and on 17 February on the Mazier campus (Saint-Brieuc), Rennes 2 officially inaugurated its new EMERGE hubs—spaces designed to bring the EMERGE Alliance to life within the university community.



EMERGE Launches Its Cultural Programme 2026: A Shared European Space for Creativity

Published in December, the announcement of the EMERGE Cultural Programme 2026 marks a significant step for the EMERGE European University Alliance. The initiative reinforces the Alliance's commitment to cohesion, inclusion, and a shared sense of European belonging—fully aligned with the EU motto "United in diversity."



[EMERGE Alliance: The Essential Role of Student Ambassadors](#)

At the heart of the EMERGE European Alliance, three student ambassadors from Rennes 2 University are actively promoting international cooperation on campus. Through representation, mobility, intercultural exchange, and fieldwork, they share their experiences and show how this role is shaping their academic and professional paths. Read through the interview here to learn more.



[From Comparative Research to European Debates: A Doctoral Stay at Rennes 2 within the EMERGE Alliance](#)

Last week, Rennes 2 University welcomed Reza Tavalla, PhD candidate at the University of A Coruña for a short research stay organized within the framework of the EMERGE European University Alliance. During his visit, he presented his doctoral research at the CREAD research center, engaging in discussions on digital media, youth, nationalism and populism in contemporary Europe.



[Rennes 2 to Welcome EMERGE Partners for First Intra-Alliance Staff Week](#)

From October 13-17, 2025, colleagues from the EMERGE Alliance (**Empowering the Margins of Europe through Regional and Global Engagement**) gathered on the Villejean campus to share ideas, build connections, and strengthen this strategic Alliance. For five days, teams from the nine universities of the [EMERGE Alliance](#) are coming together to share experiences, address common challenges, and strengthen cooperation.



Erasmus Days at Rennes 2 University: A Week to Celebrate Europe and Mobility Opportunities

From October 13 to 17, the Villejean Campus will come alive with the Erasmus Days, a week of activities, meetings, and creative exchanges celebrating cultural diversity, international collaboration, and the European spirit of openness. Discover the exhibition United in Diversity, which portrays the European Union's member states through their historical, geographical, and cultural characteristics. It highlights what makes each country unique, while showing how all are united under a shared European project. *This exhibition is organized in partnership with the [Maison de l'Europe](#) de Rennes and Haute Bretagne - Centre EUROPE DIRECT, and the [EMERGE Alliance](#). Focus on the [EMERGE Alliance](#) Partner countries and universities*



From Rennes to La Coruña: PhD Students Reflect on their EMERGE Mobility Experience in Spain

In September, eight PhD students from Rennes 2 University participated in a Blended Intensive Programme (BIP) at the University of La Coruña, Spain with other doctoral students of the EMERGE European University Alliance. The week-long event focused on Horizon Europe projects, offering rich exchanges and learning opportunities to remember.



EMERGE and L'Encyclopédie des migrants: Giving voice to stories from the margins

As part of the L'Encyclopédie des migrants exhibition, conceived by the association L'âge de la tortue, Rennes 2 hosted a moving evening of readings on September

30 at the Central Library. Volunteers from the association gave voice to letters written by and about people whose experiences of migration, belonging, and resilience are too often overlooked.



EMERGE European University Alliance Officially Launched in Limerick

On Tuesday, June 17, 2025, Rennes 2 University President Vincent Gouëset, accompanied by a delegation of senior leaders, attended the launch of the EMERGE European University Alliance at the University of Limerick—an event that marked a defining moment for the future of inclusive and interconnected higher education in Europe.



EMERGE Language Forum Kicks Off Work on Plurilingual Language Policy

On May 15 -16, 2025, the **EMERGE Language Forum** officially launched its activities, marking a major milestone in the development of a **Plurilingual Language Policy (PLP)**. The event took place at a two-day hybrid seminar and brought together linguists, language policy experts, and educators to begin the co-design process of alliance comprehensive and inclusive language strategy.



EMERGE Representatives Attend European Alliances Event at the French Ministry for Higher Education

Representing Rennes 2 and the EMERGE alliance were Anne Goarzin, Vice-President for EMERGE, and Lucie Milcent, EMERGE Project Manager. The event provided valuable opportunities to connect with rectors and vice-rectors from European universities and to discuss the future of higher education cooperation. Two round tables focused on the role of European University Alliances in driving collaboration and resilience across Europe and beyond. Discussions explored shared successes, ongoing challenges—such as the future European degree and legal frameworks for alliances—and emphasized the alliances' role as pillars of stability in uncertain times.



The Tridem Language Learning BIP: A Cross-Cultural Experience in Language, History, and Dialogue

Over the course of two semesters, students and staff from three universities—Rennes 2 University, Europa-Universität Flensburg (EUF) in Germany, and Matej Bel University (UMB) in Slovakia—collaborated to develop and deliver the Tridem BIP, an Erasmus+ Blended Intensive Programme (BIP). Designed to combine virtual learning with a short-term mobility experience, the programme culminated in a dynamic week of intercultural exchange and hands-on learning activities in Rennes and its surrounding region.

