

Civic Campus Europe Developing a Transnational Model of the Socially-Engaged University Through Heritage-Based Collaboration (CCE)



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Abstract

Civic Campus Europe is a 12-month pilot initiative bringing together five Una Europa universities to co-develop a shared and scalable model of the socially engaged university. Using both tangible and intangible forms of heritage (academic, communal, and contested) as drivers of civic innovation, the project examines how universities can promote inclusive education, cultural participation, and sustained collaboration with local communities.

Through interdisciplinary collaboration and the active engagement of early-career researchers, each partner institution will map existing civic engagement practices, identify gaps in participation, and co-design locally embedded pilot activities. These initiatives, which may include storytelling laboratories, participatory exhibitions, and intergenerational workshops, will respond to local contexts while contributing to a broader, comparative understanding of civic engagement across Europe.

Key project outputs will include a Civic Campus Toolkit, a shared Manifesto, an open-access publication, and a joint international workshop. The project aligns closely with Una Europa's strategic priorities in Cultural Heritage and Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI), while laying the groundwork for future institutional collaboration and EU-level funding applications.



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