Quality Assurance and EUniQ

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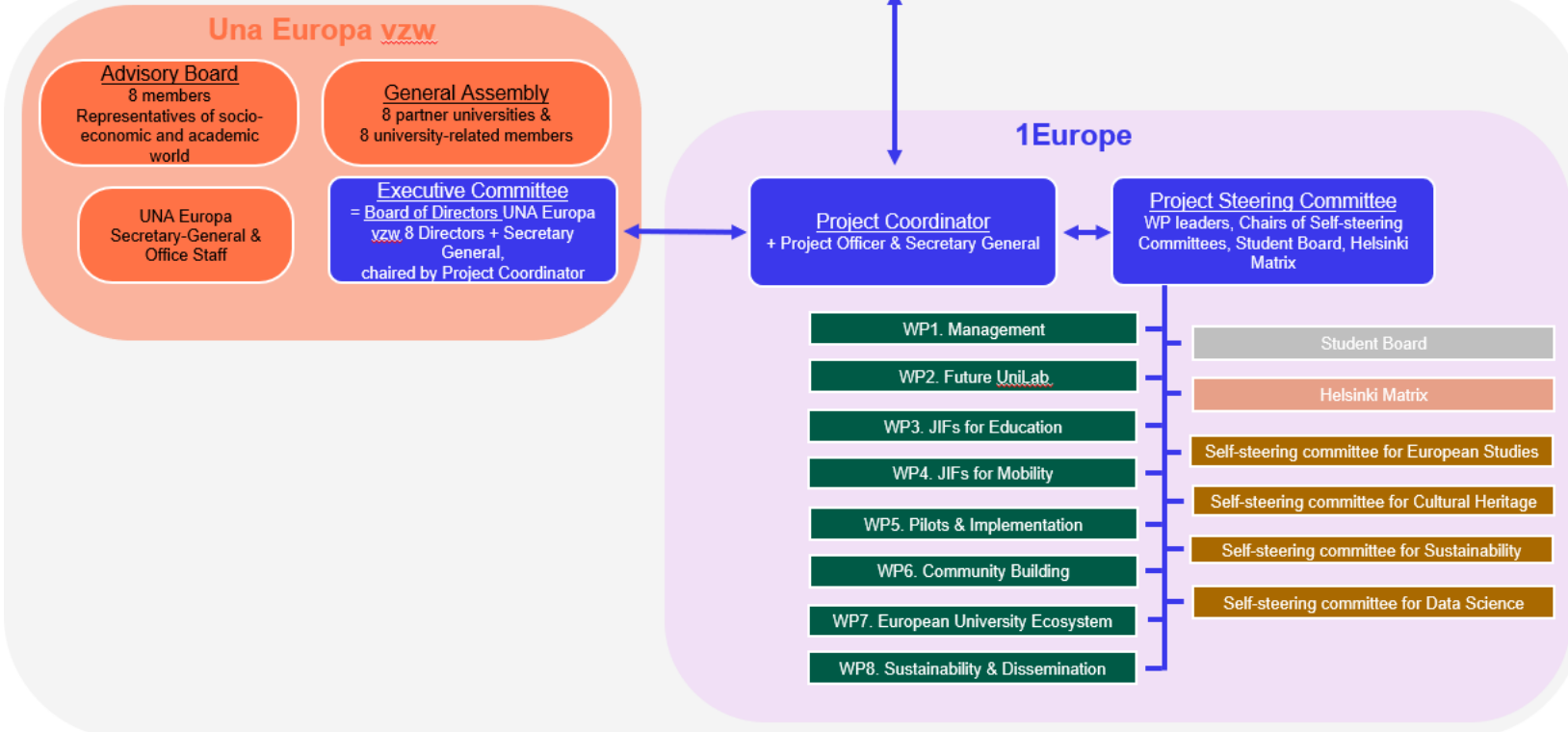
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# European Commission

Una Europa vzw

Advisory Board
8 members
Representatives of socio-economic and academic world

General Assembly
8 partner universities &
8 university-related members

UNA Europa
Secretary-General &
Office Staff

Executive Committee
= Board of Directors UNA Europa vzw 8 Directors + Secretary General,
chaired by Project Coordinator

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Project Coordinator
+ Project Officer & Secretary General

Project Steering Committee
WP leaders, Chairs of Self-steering Committees, Student Board, Helsinki Matrix

WP1. Management

WP2. Future UniLab

WP3. JIFs for Education

WP4. JIFs for Mobility

WP5. Pilots & Implementation

WP6. Community Building

WP7. European University Ecosystem

WP8. Sustainability & Dissemination

Student Board

Helsinki Matrix

Self-steering committee for European Studies

Self-steering committee for Cultural Heritage

Self-steering committee for Sustainability

Self-steering committee for Data Science

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Managing Una Europa is all about the community

+ Academic Community

+ Community of Practices

+ Lead University approach

+ Sustainability
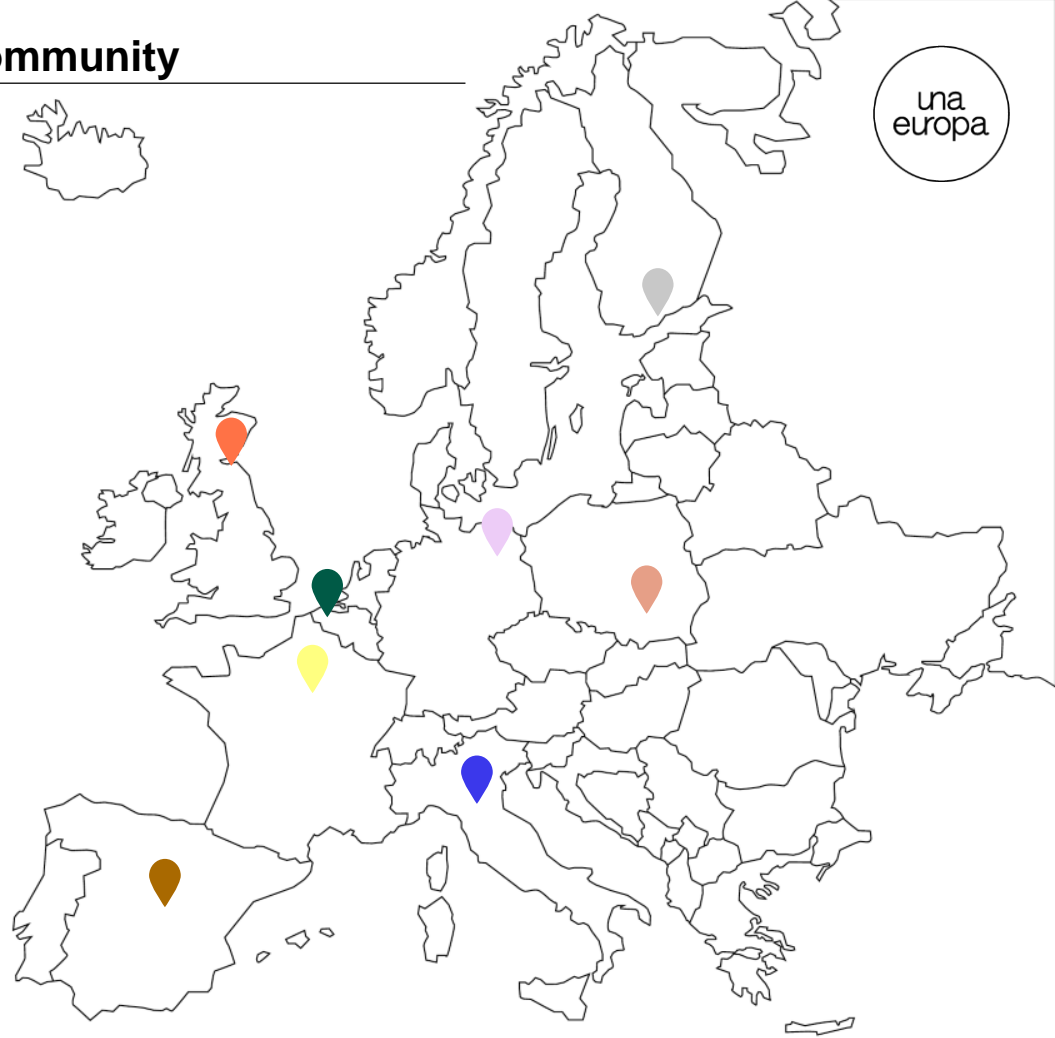
Joint Innovative Formats

	Cultural Heritage	European Studies	Sustainability	Data Science & AI
Joint Bachelor		■	■	
Joint Master		■		
Joint Doctoral Spaces	■			
Joint Micro-Credentials			■	
Joint Continuous Education Certificate	■		■	■
Joint MOOCs			■	■
OER	■	■	■	■
Una Chairs	■	■	■	■
Challenge-based & service learning	■	■	■	■

Joint Bachelor European Studies: internal QA

Overall approach: trust in each other's internal quality assurance systems

- Common understanding:
    - QA system of partners undergo cyclical external review by trustworthy agencies (EQAR-registered, compliant to ESG)
    - Full confidence in the fitness for purpose of the quality management systems of each partner institution
- From this follows:
    - Possibility to build on the existing structures within the partners institutions to the maximum extent
    - Lean joint strategy, which avoids duplicating efforts
- At the same time:
    - Need for a joint framework to ensure effective decision-making and communication between the partners

Joint Bachelor European Studies: internal QA

Three main actions to design a joint overarching system:

I.   Reaching consensus on general principles for quality assurance

      ✓   Principle of verified trust

      ✓   Principle of subsidiarity

      ✓   Principle of core practices

II.   Agreeing on a joint structure to monitor the quality of the entire programme

      ✓   Body responsible for QA of the joint bachelor: Academic Steering Committee (with support from Administrative Committee)

      ✓   Responsibility:
- Checking if minimal agreements on QA are implemented by the partners.
- Considering and discussing feedback resulting form QA-initiatives at partner institutions
- Safeguarding the overall fitness for purpose of the curriculum, incl. its tracks, majors, minors,…

III.   Ensuring transparency and trust in the internal quality assurance systems of each partner

Quality Assurance in our project

Project Management

- Project coordination – oversight of Quality Management Plan
- Project Steering Committee
- Executive Committee

Quality Assurance Board

- Advice regarding the quality of 1Europe outputs
- Advice regarding the implementation of the project
- Four external stakeholders: innovation and contribution to EHEA

Quality Assurance Cluster

- Co-creation and permanent evaluation of the 1Europe formats and pilots
- Creation of a Joint Quality Assurance System
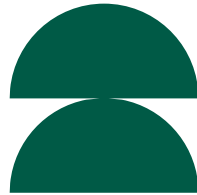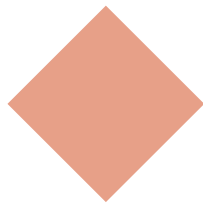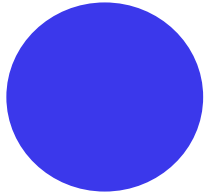
National Accreditation Agencies

- Accrediting new and existing study programmes
- Assessing the quality assurance of higher education institutions

Preparing for the future

Launching an alliance-wide exercise on future narrative
– points for consideration:
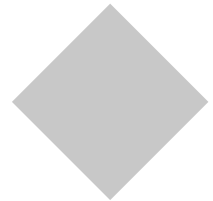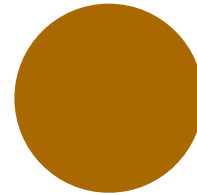
Enrich the governance structure of Una Europa in parallel with that of the 1Europe project	Develop Quality Assurance Board for whole alliance	Extend student involvement	Extend flexible support services	Continue discussions at European level	Strive for independence	Reconsider mobility

Lessons learned from EUniQ

- Rewarding exercise

- Dialogue over several meetings and several months were necessary

- Competent panel, even if three representatives is limited

- Good framework for evaluation to be developed as alliances develop

- Advocate to keep subsidiarity approach – activities are carried out at appropriate level by single universities and based on trust between partners (Quality Assurance system)

Thank you

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