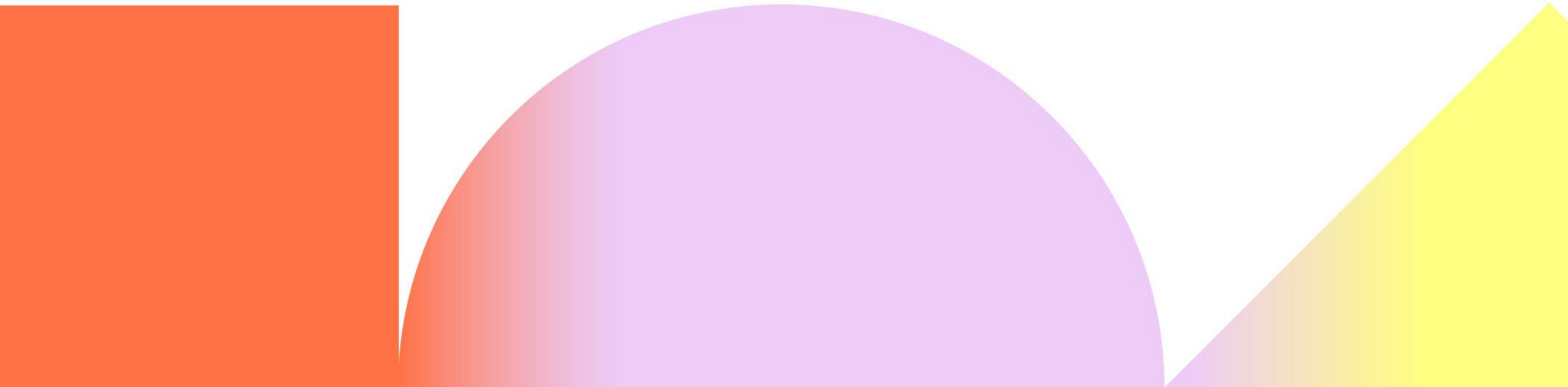


Exploring a sustainable funding perspective for European Universities alliances



Three dimensions



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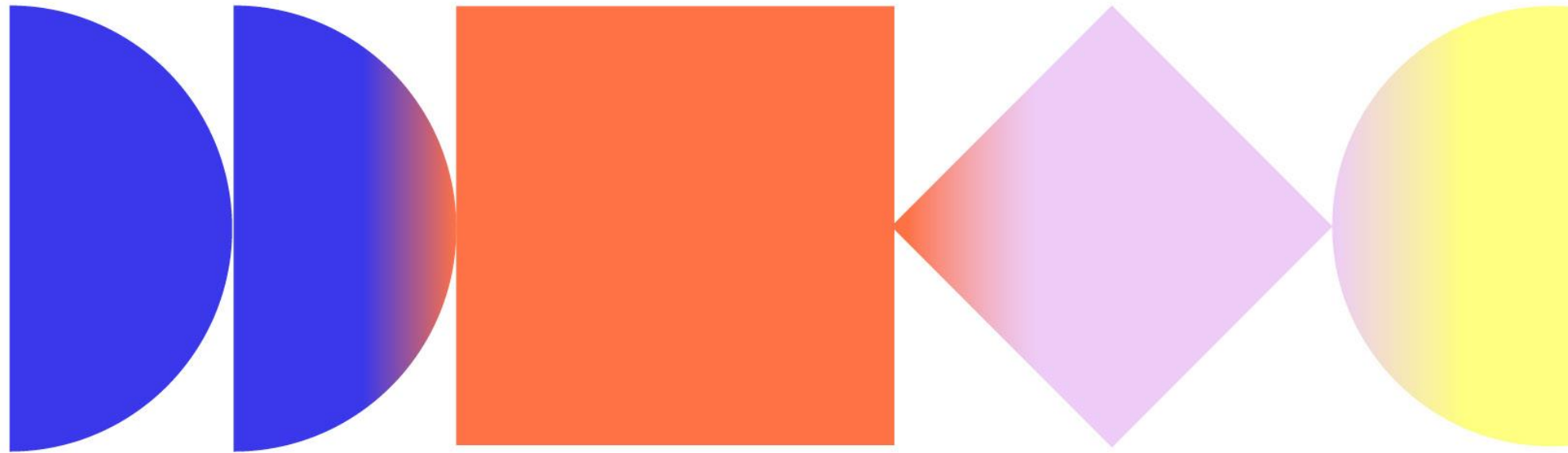


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National funding as a strategic lever



Identification of fundings

- keep a watch
- participation in national networks

Opportunities/challenges

- Analysis of the frame
- What looks like an opportunity can become a challenge
- Alignment with existing fundings
- Alignment with organization and implementation's cost

Strategy

- Target group
- Timeline
- etc.

DAAD National Program

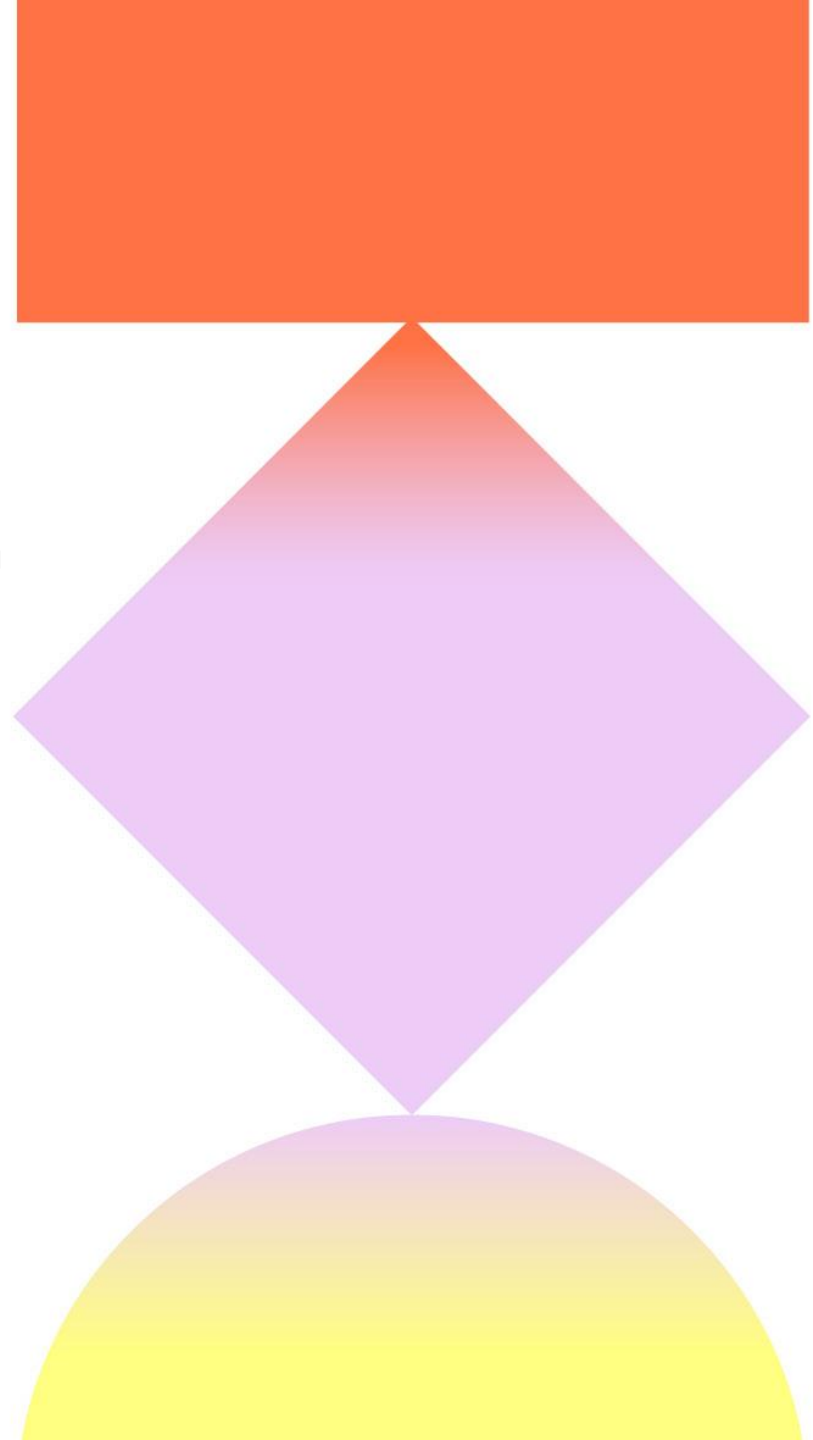
- **Opportunity:** more or less 50% of the European allocation
- **Challenges:** no lump sums, yearly budget reports, project has to be its own thing (no double funding allowed)
- **Strategy:**
 - Una Europa Early Career Host,
 - Una Europa Starter Fund

ANR – Agence Nationale pour la recherche

- **Opportunity:** alignment with the budget allocated by the EC
- **Challenges:** general context of low national allocations to support universities
- **Strategy:**
 - support services staff (project managers) to support the development of projects
 - Research cooperation (design work in progress)

Leveraging institutional resources to support alliance initiatives

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Una Europa seed funding



Goal: to support the initiation of long-term collaborative (research) activities

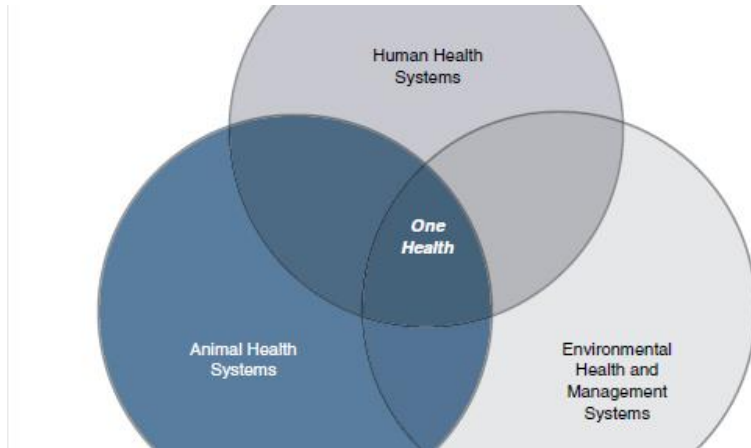
- Funded through Una Europa vzw
- 6 calls launched so far (2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024)
- Special focus calls:
 - 2022: chairs initiative (mobility of researchers)
 - 2023: collaboration with Una Europa's African partners
 - 2024: focus on early career researchers

The seed funding initiative is embedded in Una Europa's broader Research & Innovation strategy.

Seed Funding & One Health



2019: Seed funding UNAOH



A multidisciplinary group of professionals assembled to create new synergies in research and teaching to address global One Health challenges.

2022: Una Europa One Health



One Health becomes a fifth interdisciplinary focus area for Una Europa.

2024: Leuven One Health

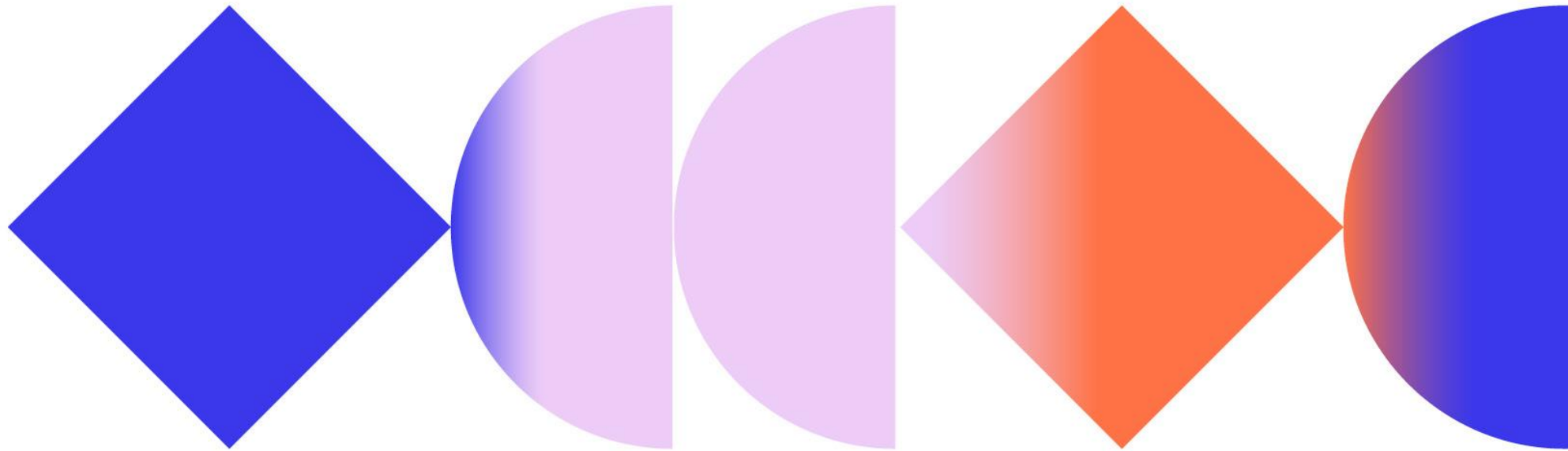


Establishment of a One Health Institute at KU Leuven

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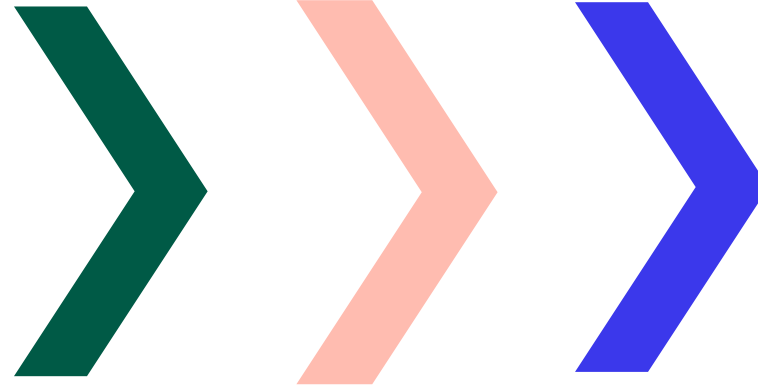


Taking pilot projects to the next level



Erasmus+ EUA Funding 2019-2023

- Microcredentials in sustainability, 10 ECTS
- Una Europa African cooperation established



Identified needs

- Funding to further develop the microcredentials
- UH unit providing the microcredentials wished to expand them (numbers, collaboration)
- Need of increasing the alliance mobility opportunities
- Next steps needed in building the African partnerships



Erasmus+ Virtual Exchanges project 2024-2026 (500 000 €)

- Funding to further develop the microcredentials
- Concrete way to start the collaboration with African partners
- Virtual exchanges opportunities offered to students

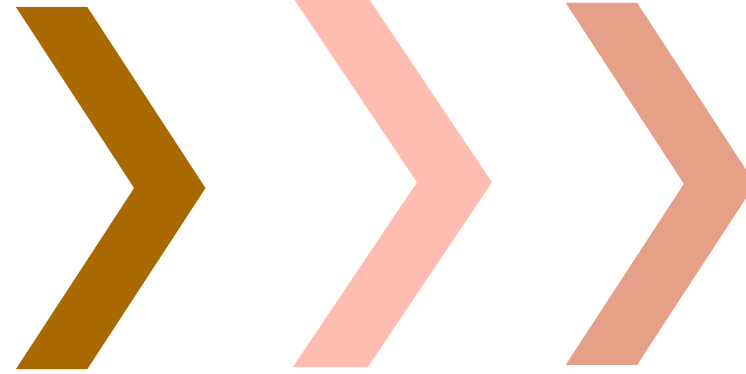


From concepts into concrete actions



Erasmus+ EUA Funding 2023-2026

- Concepts of student engagement developed
- Student-staff workflows conceptualized



Identified needs

- Funding to turn the concepts into actual activities
- Funding for student-staff collaborative projects
- Training for professional staff and academics in student engagement and co-creation
- Opportunities for University of Edinburgh students



Erasmus+ KA2 Cooperation Partnerships project application (400 000 €, not funded)

- Funding for student led collaborative projects
- Funding for establishing a staff training in student engagement
- External funding for University of Edinburgh students to take part in developing Una Europa

World Café Discussions

Guiding questions



- Do you have other examples / good practices for this type of funding?
- What do you see as opportunities / challenges for this type of funding?
- How can this type of funding be best used to make European Universities alliances more sustainable in the long-term?

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