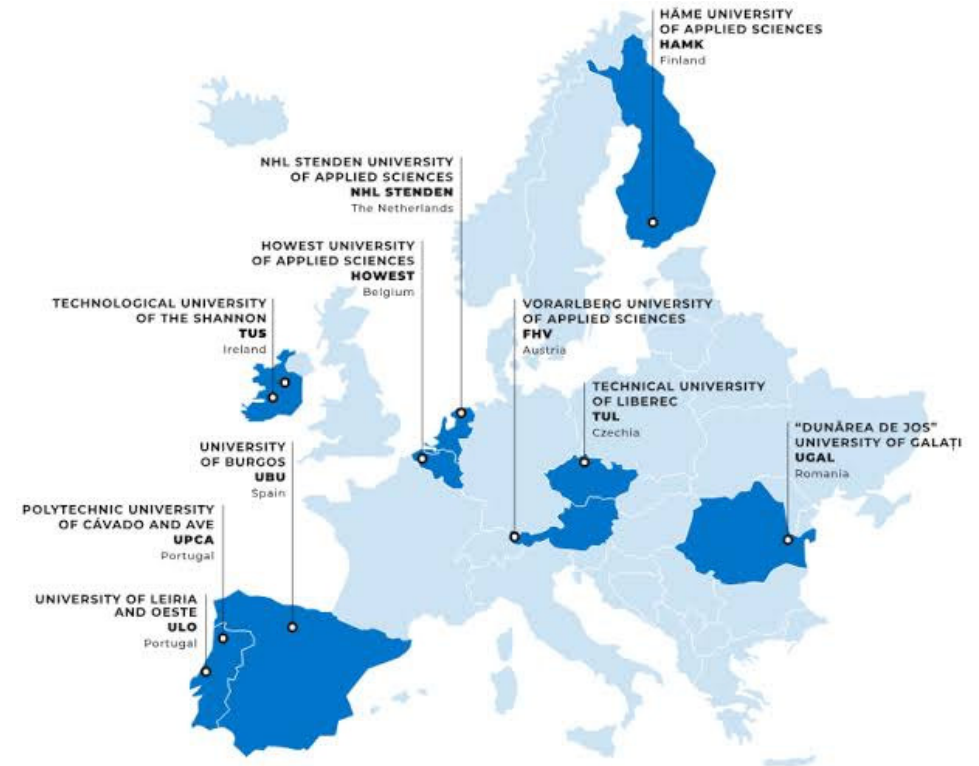


From Cooperation to Structural Integration: Institutional Funding Architectures for TUL in the RUN-EU Alliance

Rethinking sustainable models for integrated partnerships

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European University Alliances

in the Czech Context

- **14 Czech universities in funded alliances**

National coordination and support bodies

- The Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports (**MŠMT**)
- Czech National Agency for International Education and Research (**DZS**)

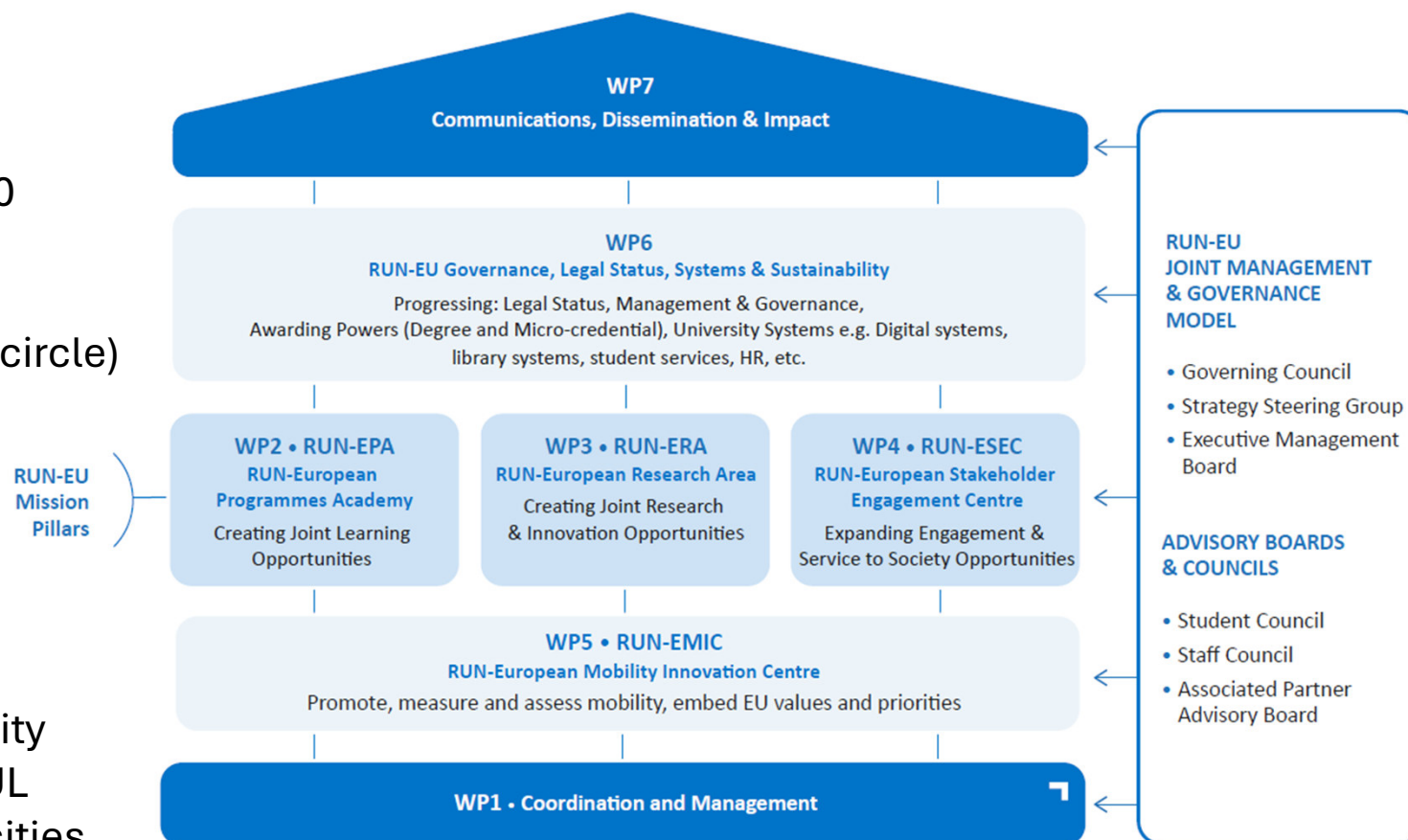
RUN-EU Alliance since in 2020

TUL joined in 2025 (mid of 2nd circle)
10 universities in 9 countries

Institutional TUL aspects

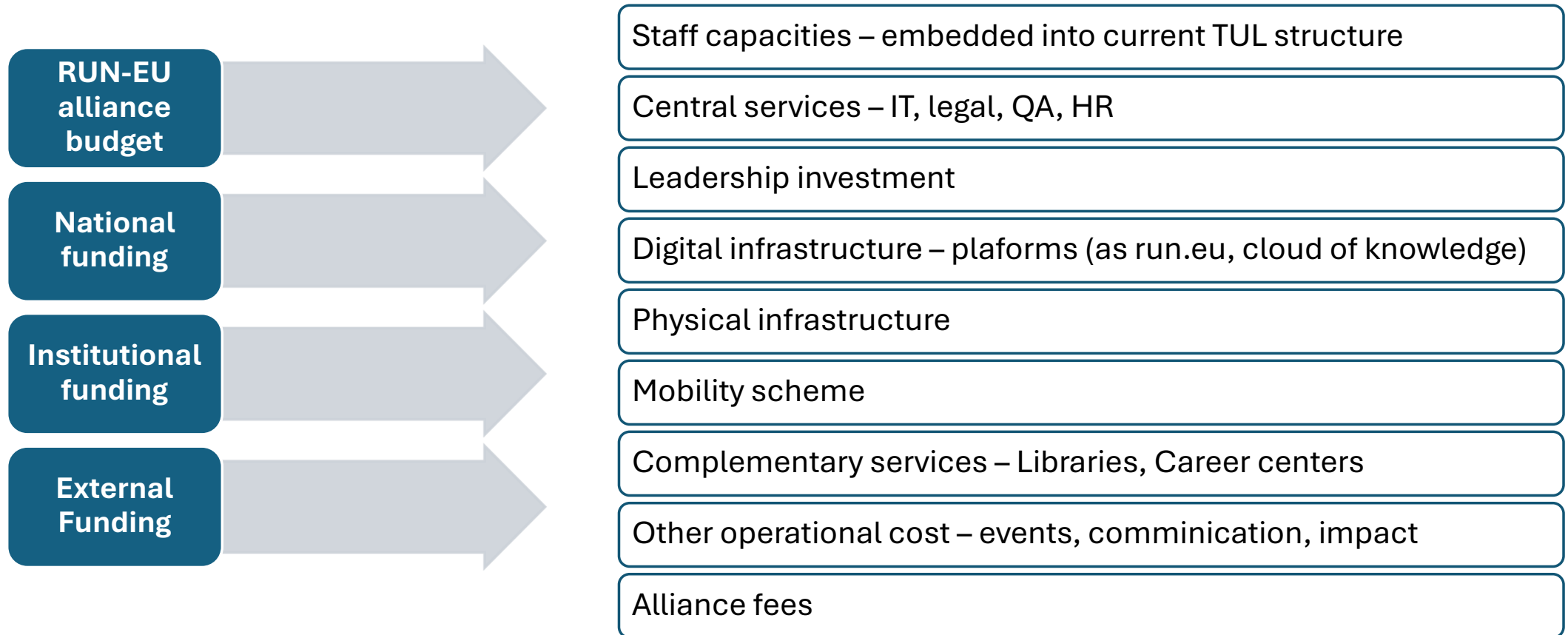
- Strategic institutional priority
- Sources needed for fast TUL integration (funding, capacities, facilities)
- Onboarding process

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- **9** member countries
- **10** EU universities
- **114 985** students
- **11 847** staff members
- **85** faculties
- **138** research centers

Institutional Level Investment



International x National x Institutional Funding Scheme for alliance activities at TUL

Erasmus+ funding - RUN-EU alliance budget, Erasmus+ KA131 mobility, KA2, Erasmus+ ED

National co-funding - Ministry of HE contribution, complementary programmes

Institutional funding – central/Units

Other external funding

TUL's Perspective

Balancing central university core budgets, faculty-level allocations, and regional/national public co-financing.

Key Strategic Question:

How does TUL adapt its internal financial engineering to absorb, sustain, and scale RUN-EU activities past grant expiration?

Institutional Challenges



Steep learning curve
Fast processes aligning



New partner
Trust
No WP lead/co-lead



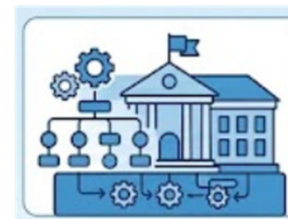
Budget absorption
vs. grant timeline



National
co-funding lag



Infrastructure
capital gaps



Embedding
in Institutional
Structures

KEY PRIORITIES - Aligning Institutional Strategy



- **Institutional Budget Alignment:** Embedding alliance priorities (e.g., Short Advanced Programs, Joint Degrees) directly into TUL's internal resource allocation formulas.
- **Managing Funding Rhythms:** Bridging the mismatch between multi-year EU grant cycles and annual Czech institutional/faculty budget planning and mid-cycle joining, clear internal institutional financial architecture
- **Faculty Co-Investment Models:** Creating internal matching-fund mechanisms so faculties co-own alliance deliverables rather than treating them as external side-projects.
- Using RUN-EU participation to win competitive national (e.g., Czech Ministry of Education - MŠMT, TA ČR) and European (Horizon Europe) research grants.

In the Alliance Context

- European funding models increasingly reward universities that act as anchors for local and regional development
- NPO in terms of its long-term funding and positioning within the alliance.
- Transitioning from European Commission alliance funding (RUN-EU EU grant phase) to long-term institutional resilience and sustainability.

Recommendations - Alliances Context



Diversify their revenue sources and develop sustainable business models

Institutionalized ecosystems with self-sustaining business models.

Integrate alliance overhead into their core operational budgets rather than relying solely on external grants

Dedicated top-up funding

Shared, revenue-generating academic offerings

Engaging regional industry clusters, innovation hubs

Mainstreaming and Upscaling

Leading to the ambition of the European University



THANK YOU

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