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## **POLICY LAB 3**

## Inter-institutional collaboration

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# Format



Brief introductions and overview (facilitators & participants' groups)

- Share your experience (in groups)
- 2 x presentations (facilitators)

Group discussion in response to questions (in groups)

Report back & key messages (whole room)

# Lab participants



- Universities, other HE institutions
- Students
- European, international & national organisations
- European Commission, national governments
- Other?

# At your table



Introductions

Share:

What inter-institutional collaboration do you have experience in?

Time: 5 minutes

# 2 presentations



Case studies of inter-institutional collaboration

- National
- International



# **Enhancing Digital Teaching & Learning: National Collaboration**

Sharon Flynn, Project Manager, Irish Universities Association

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# Funding

- Funded by the Irish Higher Education Authority (HEA), €3 million
- 3+ year project, 2019-2022
- Led by Irish Universities Association (IUA)
- Involving 7 Irish Universities





# Objectives

- Enhance the digital attributes of all Irish university graduates
- Enhance the educational experiences of all Irish university students through the mainstreamed and integrated use of digital technologies as part of the teaching and learning process.

In order to achieve these, a third is necessary

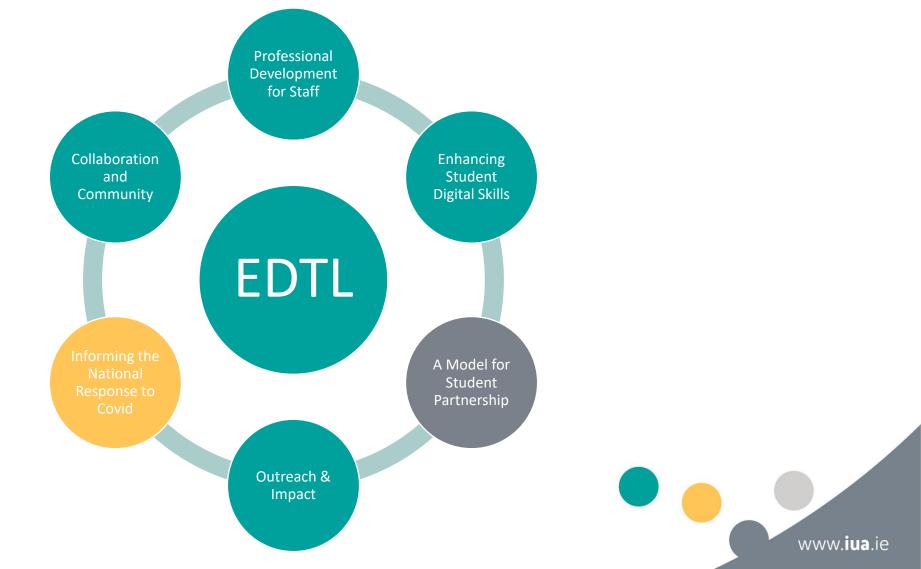
• Enhance the digital skills of those who teach in Irish universities







# Outputs & Achievements: Overview



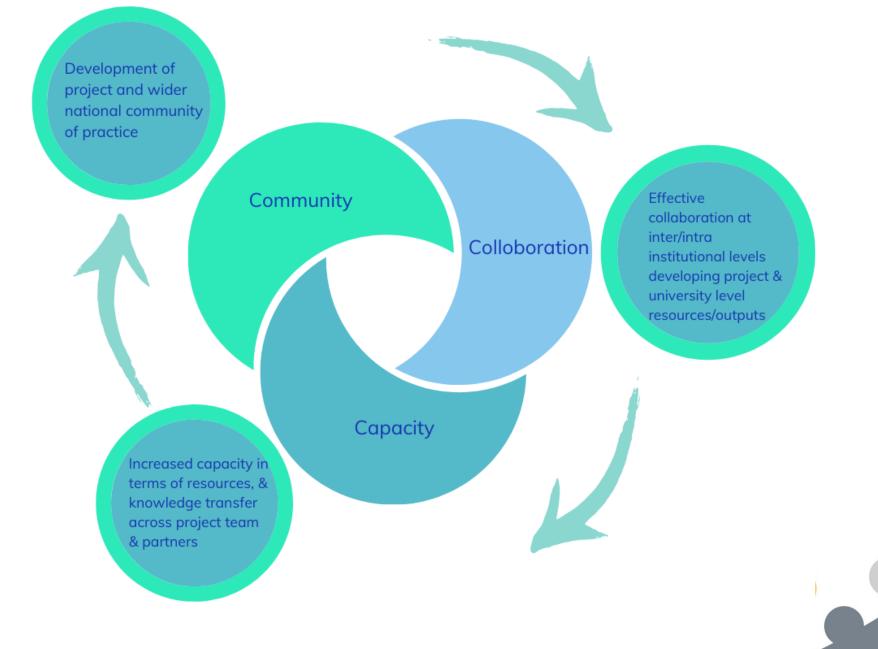


# What has worked?

"the project has provided significant scaffolding in relation to community and individual capacity building, knowledge transfer and sharing of practice as well as developing new approaches to effective and equitable models for student partnership work"





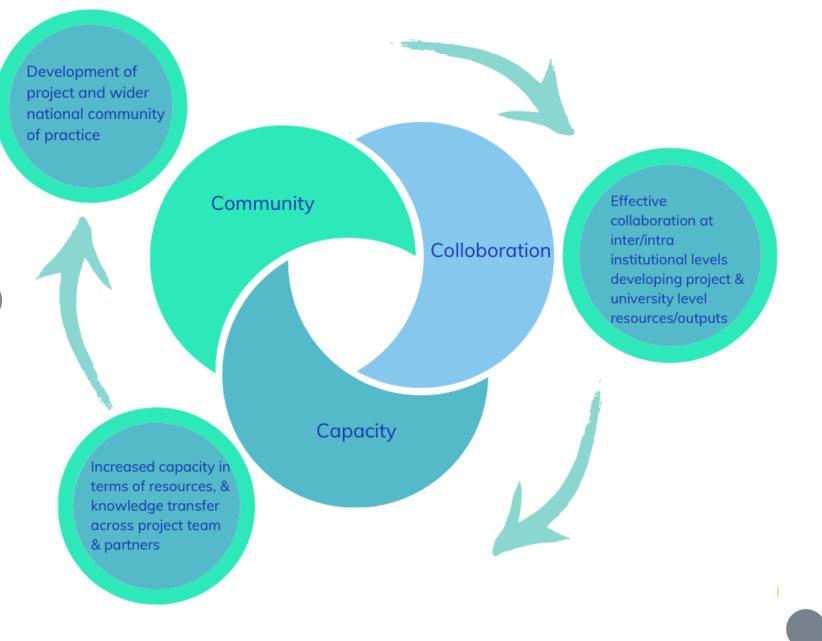




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- Meso (project/institutional)
- Macro (sectoral)



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## SEVERAL THOUGHTS ON INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATION MICHAL KARPÍŠEK

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### E<sup>3</sup>UDRES<sup>2</sup>: LONG-TERM INITIATIVE, BUILDING FUTURE UNIVERSITY STRUCTURE



EUDRESENGAGED AND ENTREPRENEURIAL EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY<br/>AS DRIVER FOR EUROPEAN SMART & SUSTAINABLE REGIONS

## E<sup>3</sup>UDRES<sup>2</sup> VISION

- > E<sup>3</sup>UDRES promotes the development of small and medium-sized cities and their rural areas into smart and sustainable regions
- E<sup>3</sup>UDRES promotes outstanding ideas and concepts for future universities, integrates challenge-based and future-proof learning, mission-oriented research, human-centered innovation as well as open and engaged knowledge exchange as interrelated core areas
- > E<sup>3</sup>UDRES shapes a prosperous future with the best possible quality of life for a self-determined people in a progressive European society
- > E<sup>3</sup>UDRES establishes an exemplary multi-university campus across Europe





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**GERMANY** > **Fulda UAS** http://www.hs-fulda.de

**FINLAND** > Jyväskylä UAS https://www.jamk.fi/en



#### > AUSTRIA

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St. Pölten University of Applied Sciences (Lead) https://fhstp.ac.at/

- > PORTUGAL Instituto Politécnico de Setúbal https://www.ips.pt/
- > HUNGARY Hungarian University of Agriculture and Life Sciences https://www.uni-mate.hu/
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LATVIA Vidzeme University of Applied Sciences https://va.lv/

## **INNOVATION IN E<sup>3</sup>UDRES<sup>2</sup>**

Various collaborations with local stakeholders, companies and start-ups



#### E.I.N.S. Open **Innovation Hubs**

Development of a network of thematically specialized regional hubs linked to the E<sup>3</sup>UDRES<sup>2</sup> partner institutions

Visible interest of students in on-site innovation formats 140+ applications

for this year's Bootcamp

Sub-Projects E.I.N.S. & Ent-r-e-novators

Focusing on bridging gaps in Innovation & Entrepreneurship



#### 38 solutions to real-life challenges created by students

In <u>Bootcamps</u>, <u>Hackathons</u> and **I Living Labs** so far

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in this year's fall **I Living Labs** 

#### E.I.N.S. Open Call for Startups

co-creating new ways of collaboration between startups, universities, and **European regions** 



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## **Bootcamps**

On-site co-creation format where students and experts from E<sup>3</sup>UDRES<sup>2</sup> partner universities come together for five days in international teams to develop common solutions for current regional challenges



## **I Living Labs**

Student teams work on real-life challenges over the course of various weeks, supported by Educational Entrepreneurs (coaches) and the Challenge-Owners

## **Hackathons**

International student teams come up with a concept draft for a challenge by researching and brainstorming together - the twist: they only have 36-48 hours for this task!



## iResidencies

on-site format in the local communities where students, researchers and staff from E<sup>3</sup>UDRES<sup>2</sup> partner universities come together for at least 1 week to develop common solutions to the rural community challenges.

9 Higher Education Institutions in E<sup>3</sup>UDRES<sup>2</sup>

100.000+ students

10.000+ staff

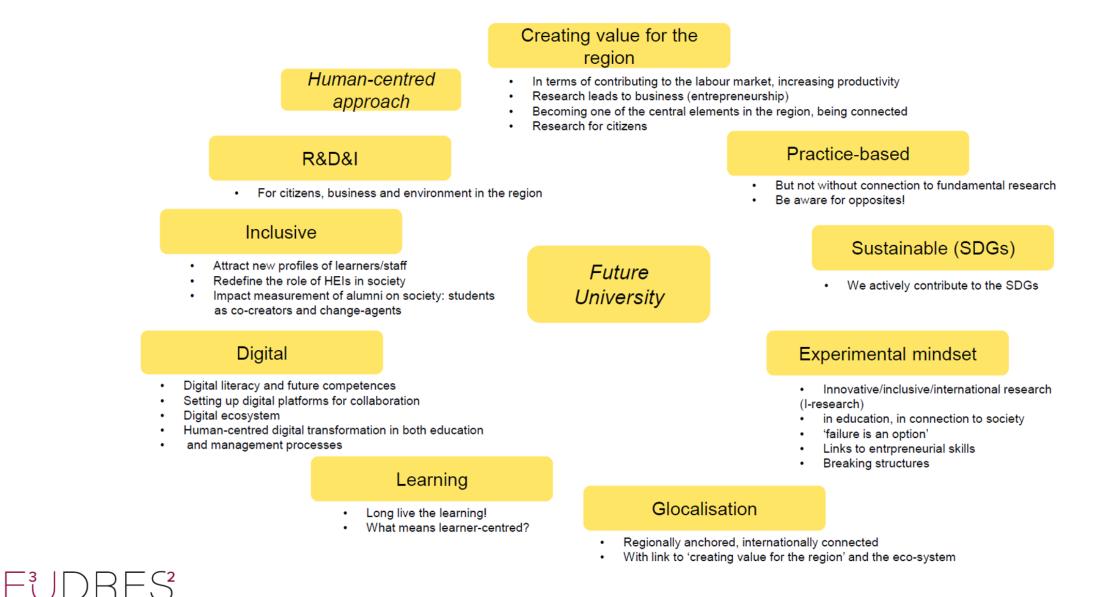
E<sup>3</sup>UDRES<sup>2</sup> also promotes innovation in **3 Research** Networks

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## E<sup>3</sup>UDRES<sup>2</sup> FUTURE UNIVERSITY VALUES: CONTEXT MAP



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## **EURASHE WORK-BASED LEARNING CHARTER**

## **Policy objectives**

- Recognise importance and contribution of work-based learning in policies
- Develop guidelines and approaches for quality assurance and recognition
- Enhance partnerships and collaboration between key stakeholders, involve the world of work in development, delivery and assessment, promote benefits and opportunities, incentives
- Recognise the demands on academic and organisational work for WBL arrangements
- Capacity development, sharing experience

## WBL Charter in HE principles

- o Partnership
- o Course Design
- Pedagogical Approaches
- o Assessment
- o Quality Assured
- o Institutional Policy
- Infrastructure and Procedural Developments
- Recognition of Prior Learning
- University-Business Cooperation
- Higher Education Apprenticeships
- Employer In-House Training
- Quality Provision with Partners

## SOME REFLECTIONS FROM THE EXPERIENCE

- o Great enhancement of capacity, expertise, learning opportunities
- Motivation and objective
- Position within priorities of institutions
- o Formal setting of the partnership
- National specifics and regulations
- Clear understanding terms and concepts
- o Role of leaders
- Openess, understanding, tolerance
- Challenge in upscaling from pilot to systemic, yet necessary for long-term cooperation



# At your table and/or coffee



- What does good inter-institutional collaboration in higher education look like? Do you see any trends or changing patterns?
- What are the enablers and challenges for effective interinstitutional collaboration?
- How can leaders (at various levels) support inter-institutional collaboration? Who are these leaders?
- What should be done at policy (university, national, international) level to support inter-institutional collaboration?

Time: 60 minutes

# Report back



Compile a list of key message from the policy lab