

**Networking across European and African universities
to strengthen collective intelligence
and address local and global challenges**

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The future of the world will be shaped in Africa

- Dynamics and intense transitions: « after the tiger, the lion is waking up »
 - Demographic: the only continent – intense!
 - Environment: mitigation / adaptation
 - Economic: urbanisation/industrialization, labor, migration
- Sustainability and equity

Africa – Europe favorable context

The screenshot shows a web browser displaying the European Commission's website. The address bar shows the URL: <https://research-and-innovation.ec.europa.eu/strategy/strategy-2020-2024/europe-world/international-cooperation/...>. The page header includes the European Commission logo, a language selector set to 'English', and a search bar. The main navigation bar is blue with the text 'Research and innovation'. Below this, a breadcrumb trail reads: 'Home > ... > Strategy 2020-2024 > Europe in the world > International cooperation > EU-Africa cooperation in research and innovation'. The main heading is 'EU-Africa cooperation in research and innovation'. The introductory text states: 'The AU-EU High Level Policy Dialogue (HLPD) on Science, Technology and Innovation formulates long-term research and innovation policy priorities to strengthen Africa-Europe cooperation'. A 'PAGE CONTENTS' section lists three items: 'AU-EU High Level Policy Dialogue (HLPD) on Science, Technology and Innovation', 'Priorities and partnerships', and 'Policy framework'. The main content area begins with the heading 'AU-EU High Level Policy Dialogue (HLPD) on Science, Technology and Innovation' and the text: 'Africa is a unique partner for the EU for historical and geographical reasons. Africa and Europe have developed a long-term, broad and evolving partnership across various policy areas.' The first sentence of the next paragraph is visible: 'The AU-EU High Level Policy Dialogue (HLPD) on Science, Technology and Innovation is the forum'.

No way to promote sustainability without strong scientific communities, including in Africa

University of Montpellier international ambition:


Designing and co-orchestrating global research and education arrangements, infrastructures and programmes to “produce / co-produce” knowledge and skills to address global societal challenges

LEAVING NO SCIENTIFIC COMMUNITY BEHIND

CHALLENGES AND OBJECTIVES

- Stimulate exchanges and collaboration for greater attractiveness, exposure and influence
- Address local-global interactions at the heart of tomorrow’s challenges
- Cover a global dimension, especially through data sets and analysis
- Play a leading role in the global governance of research and higher education in specific fields of expertise (Feed-Protect-Care)
- Mobilize complementary resources and skills
- Play an influential role by contributing to scientific diplomacy and to development through research

Specific tools and instruments

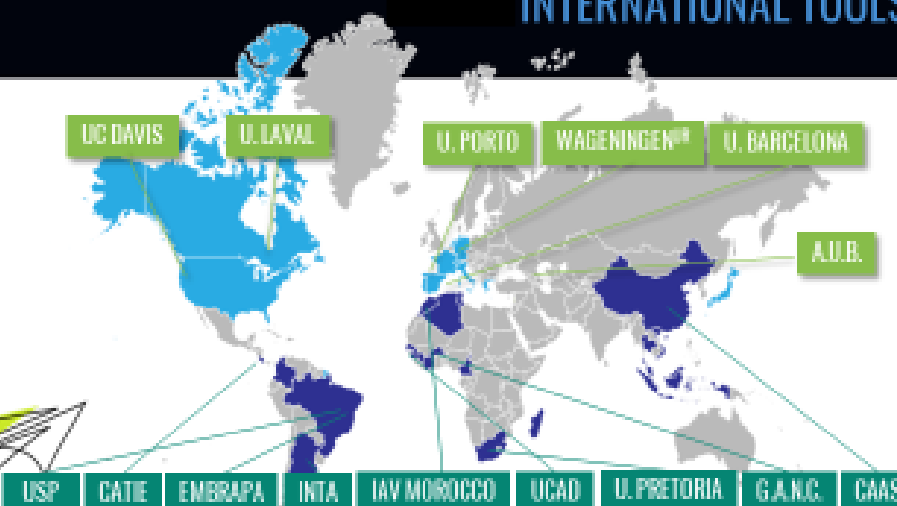


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INTERNATIONAL TOOLS




INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS

MUSE builds targeted bilateral and multilateral relations with international academic partners



INSTITUTE OF ADVANCED STUDIES

ally international scientific communities for sustainable






3 EXPLORE CALLS FOR MOBILITY PROJECTS

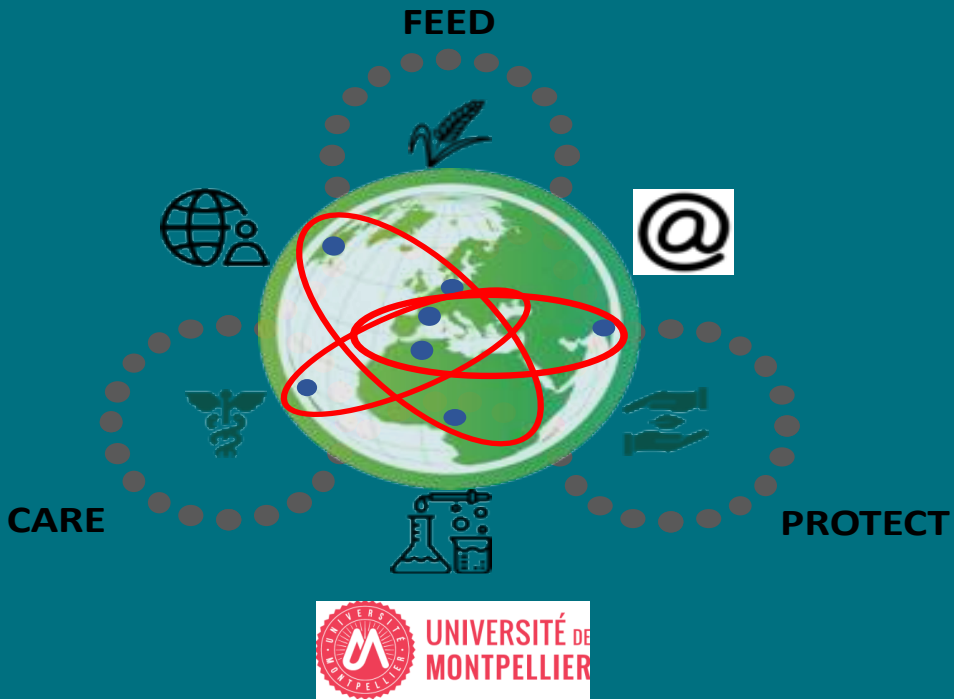
INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC EVENTS

to promote Montpellier scientific communities worldwide

4th Global Food Security Conference



Global infrastructures



Montpellier Global Days: focus on Africa

4-7 OCT

innovation education science

AFRICA 2021

Montpellier Global Days

MUSE
MONTPELLIER UNIVERSITY OF EXCELLENCE

4 jours
6 thèmes

"Nourir, soigner, protéger"
Experts, chercheurs et porteurs de projets se réuniront afin de partager leur travail, leurs réflexions et leurs conseils autour de 6 thématiques.

Programme du 4 Octobre Programme du 5 Octobre Programme du 6 Octobre Programme du 7 Octobre

Accueil Global Days
4 jours, 6 thèmes
Programme complet
Santé / Maladies / One Health / C...
Agroécologie
Eau
Biodiversité
Systèmes alimentaires
Technologies I&D

L'Université de Montpellier et ses partenaires de l'ISITE MUSE proposent du 4 au 7 octobre 2021 quatre journées consacrées à l'enseignement supérieur, à la recherche et à l'innovation à la veille du Nouveau Sommet Afrique France qui se tiendra à Montpellier du 7 au 9 octobre 2021.
Inscriptions ou conférences et tables rondes à compter du 1er septembre.

AFRICA
FRANCE

Promote a hub and portal function to connect European and African academic communities

6 thematic areas

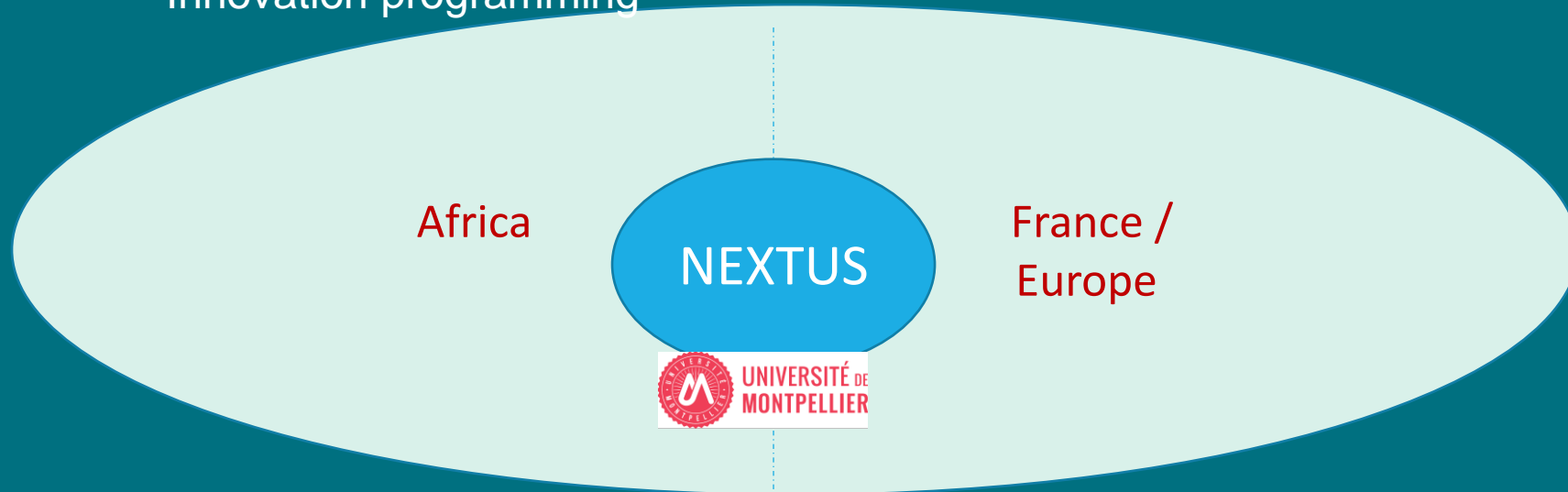
- Emerging diseases / One-Health
- Water
- Environment
- Agroecology
- Food systems
- Technology (space, digital, robotics...)

<https://www.montpellierglobaldays.fr/>

Montpellier Global Days outcome

1. Joint investment in the domaine of Higher Education, Research, Innovation programming

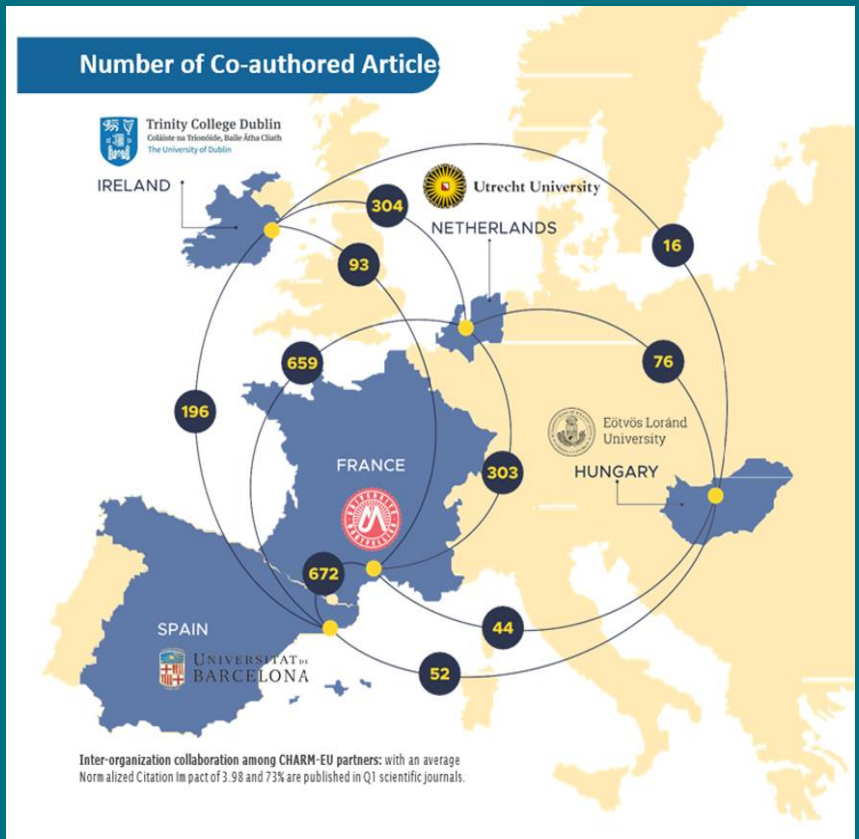
2. Joint investment: collegial and prospective expertise



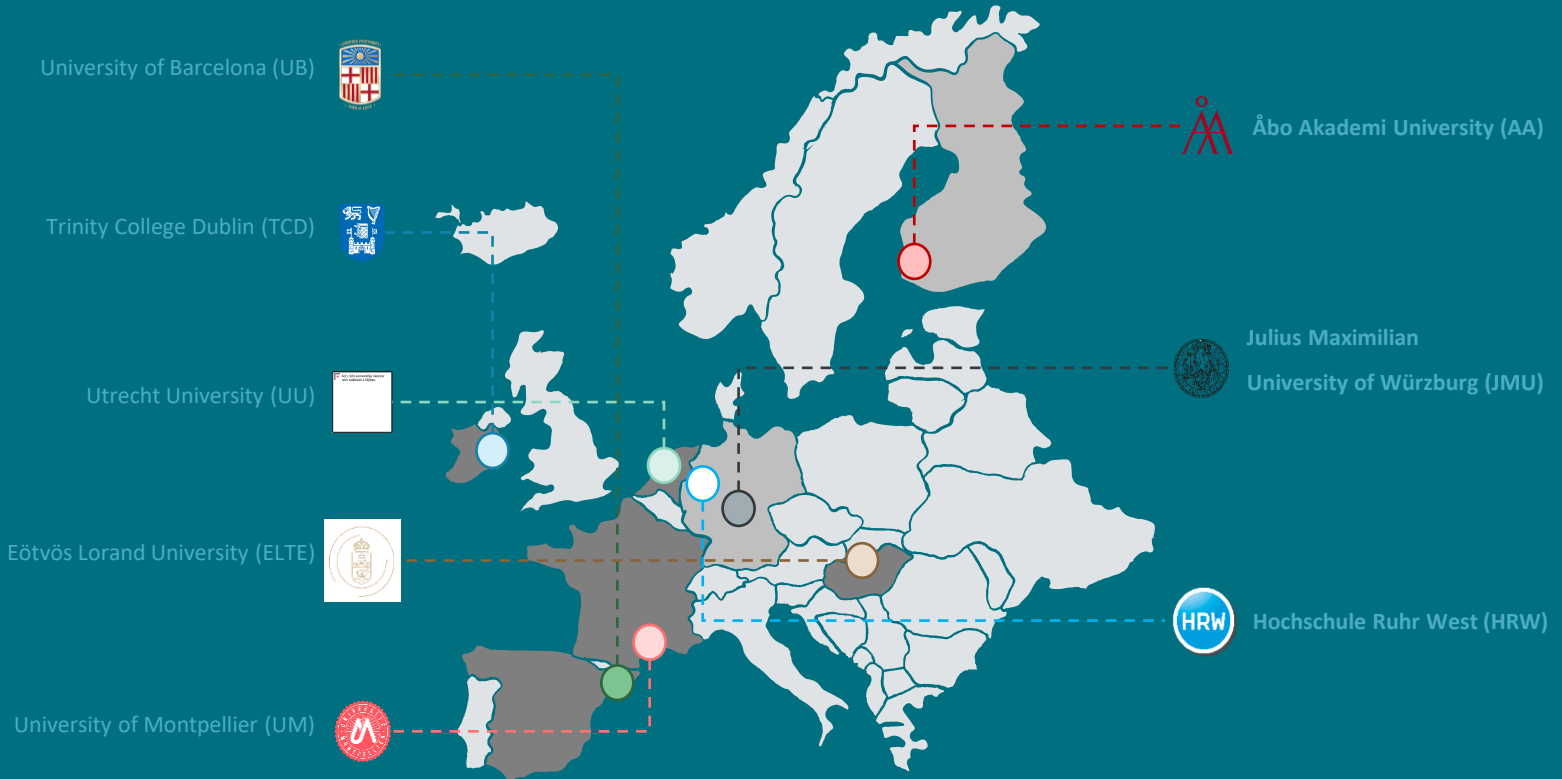
4. Regular meetings between scientists, civil and political society organizations

3. investment in initiation of projects and their scaling up

A unique opportunity: European universities



CHARM European University



- ✓ **CH**allenge-driven
- ✓ **A**ccessible
- ✓ **R**esearch-based
- ✓ **M**obile
- ✓ **E**uropean
- ✓ **U**niversity

CHARM Eight: beyond Europe... Africa

To contribute to the general objective: “Transferability, external cooperation, and partnerships, at all levels, local, regional national, European, and outside of Europe, including the Global South”.

Work Package 13: EXTERNAL RELATIONS STRATEGY

- jointly design and pilot a research, education & innovation strategy and a framework for external relations of the alliance, for worldwide academic partnerships and for worldwide non-academic stakeholder engagement
- ensure a balanced approach to new stakeholder engagement across different types of stakeholders as well as across different geographic areas
- develop a coherent, agile and responsive pathway to incorporate new stakeholders into the CHARM-EU activity set

Work Package 14: WORLDWIDE ACADEMIC PARTNERSHIP NETWORK

- pilot the implementation of the strategy developed in WP13
- establish partnerships and collaborations with other European and non-European Higher Education Institutions, networks, and associations (at national and regional levels)
- initiate collaborations and synergies with other European Universities Alliances

Thank you!