



CHARM-EU and the accreditation of *Global Challenges for Sustainability*

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I. CHARM European University

Reconciling Humanity with the Planet by creating the university of the future



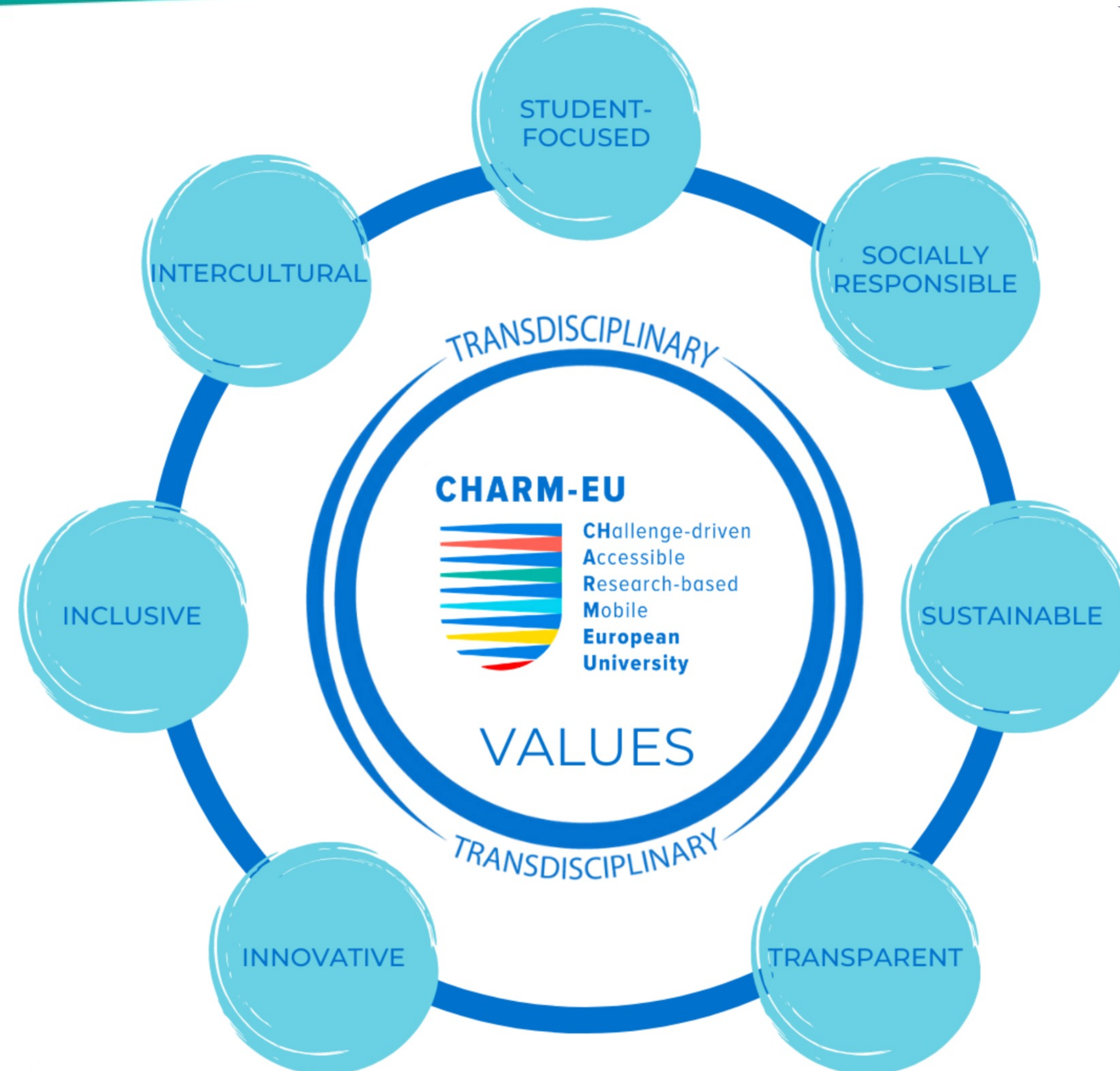
Introducing CHARM-EU

- **Challenge-driven, Accessible, Research-based, Mobile European University**
- One of the first 17 European University Alliances
- Founding institutions: University of Barcelona (leader); Eötvös Loránd University (ELTE), Budapest; Trinity College Dublin; University of Montpellier; Utrecht University
- Start of the project: November 2019
- Aim:
 - to build an innovative university model, including all aspects of operation, educational innovation, mobility
 - to pilot the structure and the educational methodology with one full master's programme



Core values

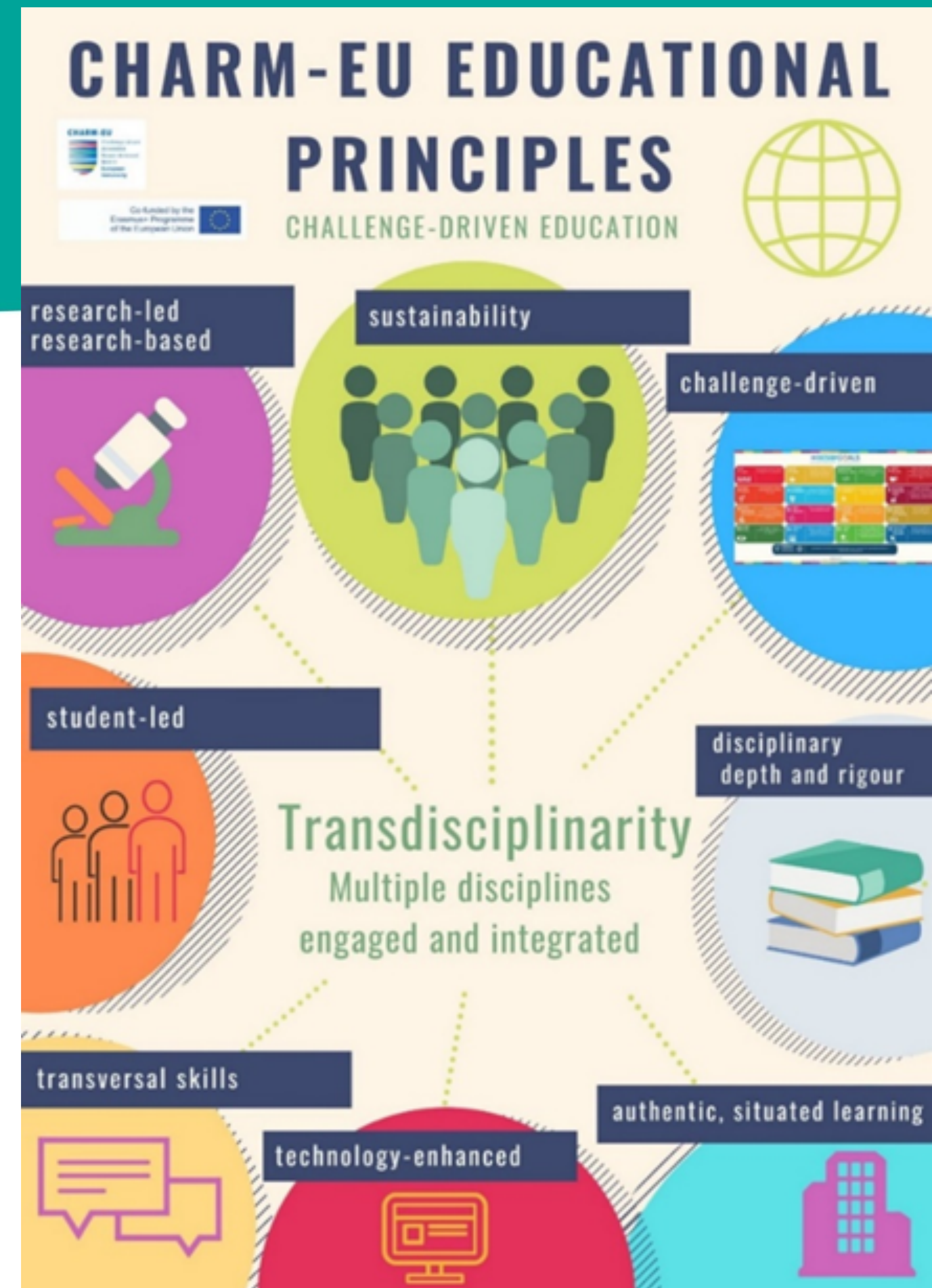
- **Transdisciplinary**
- Student-focused
- Socially responsible
- Sustainable
- Transparent
- Innovative
- Inclusive
- Intercultural





Educational principles

- Challenge-driven
- Research-led, research-based
- Sustainability
- Student-led
- Situated learning
- Transversal skills
- **Transdisciplinarity**
- Transnational and intercultural learning
- Inclusivity



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II. Accrediting *Global Challenges for Sustainability*

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The master's programme

- An inclusive, student-led programme based on the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDG)
- Open for all fields without restriction on previous studies
- Three phases: preparatory, flexible, capstone
- Three thematic tracks: Water, Food, Life & Health
- 90 ECTS
- Originally planned for 12 *and* 18 months (currently accredited only for 18 months)
- “Mobility as a norm”
- Tailor-made study path

Phase 1: Preparatory

COMPULSORY

10 ECTS MODULE

transversal skills



10 ECTS MODULE

sustainability



10 ECTS MODULE

research skills and key
theoretical frameworks



Phase 1 Content
Creating Team



Phase 2: Flexible

STUDENTS CHOOSE ONE THEME

Theme 1: Life & Health

10 ECTS
MODULE

10 ECTS
MODULE

10 ECTS
MODULE

Knowledge
Creating Team 1



Theme 2: Water

10 ECTS
MODULE

10 ECTS
MODULE

10 ECTS
MODULE

Knowledge
Creating Team 2



Theme 3: Food

10 ECTS
MODULE

10 ECTS
MODULE

10 ECTS
MODULE

Knowledge
Creating Team 3



Phase 3: Capstone

COMPULSORY

30 ECTS MODULE

extra-academic actors



authentic, situated
learning



Knowledge
Creating Teams



challenge-driven





Accreditation Procedure

- The challenge: a virtual university comprising of five partners in different jurisdictions



Different validation & awarding arrangements: Quality Agency and/or Ministry approval required to receive initial approval to commence a programme *and/or* to list a programme on the National Qualifications Framework (except for Trinity College Dublin self-accrediting/self-Awarding)

- Joint strengths: all five partners comply with European Framework Documents – ESG, ECTS Handbook, European Approach to Joint Programmes and the Bologna Process; all five Quality Agencies are members of ENQA



Requirements for starting the procedure

- Gaining an understanding of each institutions/ jurisdictions QA context
- Legislative changes required in national jurisdictions to facilitate the achievement of Alliance objectives (e.g. Hungarian legislative steps in Spring 2020)
- Applying the European Approach for Quality Assurance of Joint Programmes

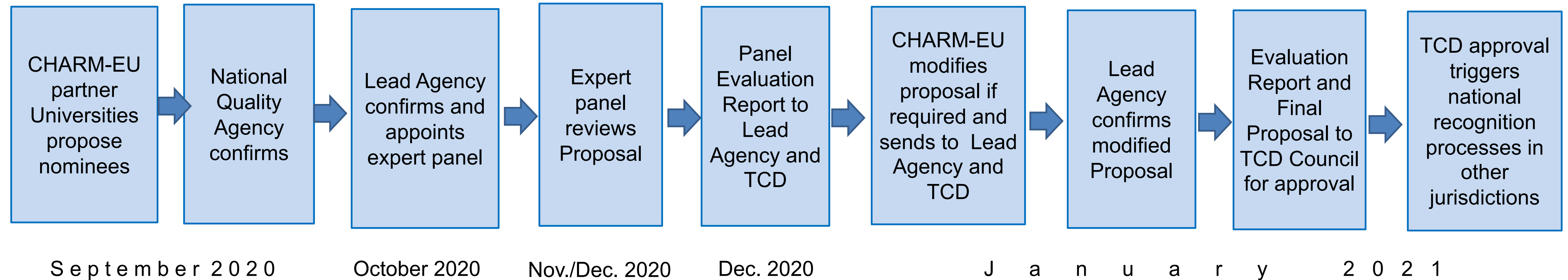


Accreditation procedure





Expert Panel Process



Composition of the panel:

- 3 Academic experts in the fields (Water, Food and Life & Health)
- 1 Professional representing industry/NGO sector
- 1 Transdisciplinary Expert
- 1 Master graduate student, nominated from Quality pool of the European Students' Union;
- 1 Quality expert that can act as Secretary, nominated by European Association for Quality Assurance in Higher Education



Lessons learned

- Engagement with Quality Agencies, Ministries and ENQA from the START individually and collectively
- Understanding timeframes
- Coordinating Agency's Terms of Reference for the European Approach (documents needed etc.)
- Discovering tensions between national legislation requirements and cross-jurisdictional objectives
- Understanding where changes are required for the CHARM-EU process from the institution's normal accreditation process
- Need for further discussions on national legislations, strengthening cooperation and harmonising regulations

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