

## EURECA-PRO Advances Automatic Module Recognition to Boost Student Mobility Across Europe

**The European University Alliance EURECA-PRO has taken a significant step towards making international learning more accessible by introducing a strengthened framework for automatic module recognition across its nine partner universities.**

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The initiative supports EURECA-PRO's ambitious goal of achieving 50% student mobility during the current project phase — representing around 60,000 students. The new framework will ensure that credits earned at partner institutions are automatically recognised and counted towards students' home degree programmes, reducing administrative barriers and creating a smoother academic experience across Europe.

Building on initiatives established during the first phase of the project — including a shared grade conversion framework, standardised module description templates, and digitally validated certificates featuring QR codes for secure verification — the new framework introduces shared governance mechanisms for recognition decisions and promotes the mutual recognition of equivalent modules through flagship academic collaborations. These measures are expected to strengthen academic cooperation while increasing student participation in international educational opportunities.

The new alliance-wide agreement, signed by the rectors of all nine EURECA-PRO partner universities on 19 May 2026 during Review Week at Universidad de León, commits institutions to recognising EURECA-PRO educational modules at least as free electives, while integrating core components such as the Introductory Lecture and the EURECA-PRO Passport into degree programmes wherever possible. The agreement marks a major milestone in the development of EURECA-PRO as the European University for Responsible Consumption and Production, strengthening its commitment to a more connected, student-centred, and internationally integrated higher education experience. Highlighting the importance of reducing barriers for students engaging in learning opportunities across the alliance, Jutta Emes, rector of TU Bergakademie Freiberg, stated:

*“As universities, we have the privilege of working together with young people, who are the leaders of tomorrow and the future experts on SDG 12. It is therefore essential that the students working on this highly important topic are supported with a much more seamless study experience.”*

For students, the new framework will provide clearer pathways for international study, greater flexibility in shaping their academic journeys, and stronger recognition of learning completed abroad or online. Courses completed within EURECA-PRO will increasingly count as mandatory, elective, or free elective modules within degree structures, ensuring that mobility becomes an academic advantage rather than an administrative challenge.

Emphasising the significance of the agreement for both students and the wider European Higher Education landscape, Anna Chrobok, Chair of the EURECA-PRO Education Council from the Silesian University of Technology, stated:

*“The signing of the automatic module recognition agreement represents a significant milestone for our alliance and for the European Higher Education landscape. This new regulation ensures that student achievements are recognised across all partner universities and at their home institutions, enabling smoother mobility and stronger academic progression for students.”*

By advancing automatic module recognition, EURECA-PRO is helping make student mobility more accessible and academically rewarding. The new framework is expected to strengthen cooperation between partner universities while encouraging greater student participation in international learning opportunities. In doing so, EURECA-PRO continues to build a truly integrated European University where students can move more freely, gain international experience more easily, and have their academic achievements recognised across borders.

### **About EURECA-PRO**

EURECA-PRO was founded in 2020 as part of the European Universities Initiative launched by French President Emmanuel Macron in 2017. Centred around the theme of “Responsible Consumption and Production,” the alliance is dedicated to advancing the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 12 while fostering deeper cooperation and connection across Europe. Since its creation, EURECA-PRO has developed joint study programmes and innovative educational pathways that enable students to move seamlessly between partner universities through integrated international learning experiences.