Partnership application UAS4EUROPE

Who are we?

UAS4EUROPE is a networking platform for universities of applied sciences (UAS) in Europe, in the field of research and innovation. The goal is to provide a common UAS-voice and to increase visibility of UAS at the European level, and to strengthen the participation of UAS in European research-and innovation programmes and policies. UAS4EUROPE welcomes the support from other UAS associations and UAS in Europe.

How to become a partner of UAS4EUROPE?

There are two options for supporting UAS4EUROPE:

1. **Full partner** – open to national or regional associations, consisting of multiple universities of applied sciences in Europe;

2. **Supporter** – open to individual UAS active in the field of applied research and innovation who wish to endorse the network;

How the decision on new partners is made

To apply for a partner status (in case of an association of multiple UAS) or supporter status (in case of an individual UAS), please send a message to info@uas4europe.eu. In the application message the applicant needs to include:

1. the full name of the UAS, a logo, generic data on the amount of students, institutions, researchers and, finally, the contact-person.
2. The mission statement of UAS4EUROPE, signed by highest responsible of a UAS or of the association of UAS's (see annex on 3d page).

➢   *Supporter status* to an individual institution can be granted through a majority vote in the Organization Committee of UAS4EUROPE (policy-level). The applicant will receive an answer within one week after the vote;

➢   The *status of a full partner* can be granted through a majority vote in the President's Meeting of UAS4EUROPE (board-level). The applicant will receive an answer within one week after the vote.

In assessing the partnership-application the Presidents of UAS4EUROPE will pay special attention to the following criteria:

- The European network(s) in which the applicant, or its members, operates;
- The amount of students, institutions and researchers that the applicant represents;
- The geographical location: non- or under-represented countries and regions are preferred;

Deadlines for the next intake

Deadline for the next intake will be at latest two weeks prior to the President's Meeting or Organisation Committee. The timing of these meetings will be communicated through our website: www.uas4europe.eu or via info@uaseurope.eu .

What are the costs, rights and restrictions?

Costs

The application process is free of charge. An invoice of the partnership of the ongoing year (in full) will be sent to the new partners after the decision is ratified by the President's Meeting.

➢ *Partners* of UAS4EUROPE pay a yearly partnership fee determined by the President's Meeting. The fees for 2019 are € 1.000 annually per partner. in addition all partners of UAS4EUROPE cover incidental extra costs for organizing the biannual conference (approx. € 3.000 per partner, once every two years);

➢ *Supporters* of UAS4EUROPE do not pay a partnership fee, but are however excluded from directly taking part in both Organization Committee and President's Meeting;

Rights & restrictions

Partners and supporters have a…
➢ right to participate in the biannual conferences;
➢ right to share announcements on seminars, exhibitions, competitions, organizational changes etc. to the UAS4EUROPE-secretariat;
➢ right to join the mailing list;
➢ right to contribute to drafting position papers, congregating in working groups and attend and contribute to UAS4EUROPE-events;
➢ right to cancel their status at any time with one month's prior notice to the UAS4EUROPE-secretariat;
➢ right to use the UAS4EUROPE logo, accompanied by the text: 'partner of UAS4EUROPE' or 'supporter of UAS4EUROPE';

Partners have a…
➢ right to appoint a representative, in the Organization Committee, thereby actively contributing to the events and papers of the network;
➢ right to appoint a delegate, representing their organization with full-voting power during the President's Meeting, thereby actively be involved in strategic discussions and decisions made by the Presidents;

For more information, check out our website: https://uas4europe.eu

UAS4EUROPE is a joint initiative of the Universities of Applied Sciences Network (UASnet), the European Association of Institutions in Higher Education (EURASHE), the swissuniversities, Hochschule Bayern e.V. and the Austrian Fachhochschul-Konferenz (FHK). UAS4EUROPE aims to strengthen the role of universities of applied sciences (UAS) at the European level.

MISSION STATEMENT OF UAS4EUROPE

UAS4EUROPE aims to strengthen the voice of universities of applied sciences (UAS) in Europe in the field of applied research and innovation. It is both a networking platform for exchanging knowledge and for reaching out to European institutions and other European stakeholders to ensure a better integration and visibility of UAS in Europe's research- and innovation policies and programmes.

The goal is to provide a common voice and to create visibility for UAS at European level and to strengthen the involvement of UAS in European policies and programmes. We further aim to highlight the particular roles of UAS and their value in Europe:

1. as smart regional connectors
2. as international key players
3. as competent project partners and project leaders for European programmes
4. as consulting bodies on research and innovation
5. as contributors to European entrepreneurship

Through these roles, UAS4EUROPE stresses the importance of the correlation between high-quality education and applied research. In practice this could be through education labs, internships and workplace learning by students.

One major challenge of EU research and innovation programmes has been to increase their impact on society. The vital role of UAS as a transmission mechanism connecting knowledge creation to citizens, small and medium-sized companies as well as public institutions in their region has not been fully realized. Europe as a whole will benefit from more actively capitalizing on the role of UAS as connectors linking citizens, companies (especially SMEs) and public institutions.

Signature, name, date and logo of the organisation,