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The Distributed Excellence
Concept and its relation to EUI and FP9

Importance of distributed excellence

- distributed excellence strengthen internationalization which has an essential importance for universities, it is beneficial for students, researchers and other staff as well
- International collaborations helps to facilitate sharing of experience and contributes to disseminate and inspire new ideas
- International cooperation helps university to make better environment for their researchers
- Therefore Charles University was one of the first universities responded on Macron's Initiative by establishing 4EU Alliance

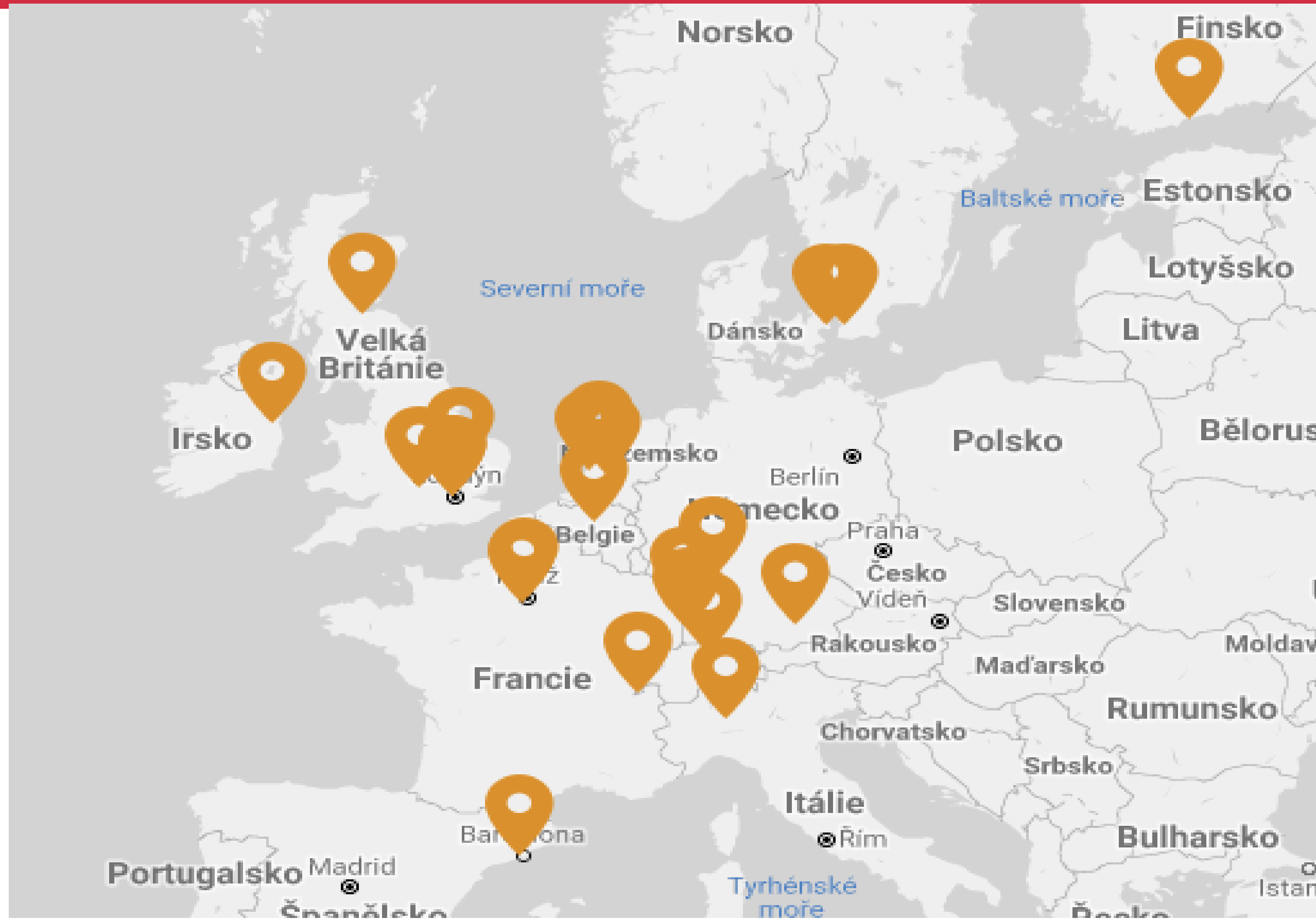


Prevention of brain drain

- After almost 30 years of collapse of Soviet Union and fall of the Iron Curtain, the difference between „East“ and „West“ still persists
- We need to get rid of such a division
- Distributed excellence and international partnership are tools to overcome the persistent difference between the so called the EU 15 and the EU 13 Member States; we need to get rid of the wall finally
- Financial and other motivation incentives are necessary for prevention of brain drain (PRIMUS, ERC support for applicants), distributed excellence is one of the factor which might help



LERU universities: where is the central and eastern Europe?



Currently 23 members of leading european research universities, none in EU 13!



Partnership with LERU: LERU CE7

- LERU CE7 was established in October 2016
- Partner universities: CUNI Prague, University of Belgrade (Serbia), Eötvös Loránd University Budapest (Hungary), University of Ljubljana (Slovenia), University of Tartu (Estonia), Warsaw (Poland) and Zagreb (Croatia)
- Aims of LERU CE7 are:
 - jointly develop and share knowledge on the ERA topics, both at the national and at the EU level
 - To develop common policy positions on certain topics, e.g. underfunding of European research, rules for new framework programmes
 - at this platform LERU also discuss with CE7 “widening” actions taken by the European Commission, specifically the twinning, teaming and the ERA chairs instruments



Alliances of European Universities: 4EU Alliance

- Université Sorbonne, Heidelberg Universität, Charles University, University of Warsaw
- Already long-term existing cooperation
- Declaration signed on 10th March 2018
- Currently:
 - mapping of the existing cooperation in the context of all 4 EU universities
 - Establishing the governance of the Alliance
 - Considering new strategic activities which could start in September 2018



Implementation of 4EU

- Beyond simple research collaboration and mobility
- Subsidiarity but also coordinated effort regarding the HR and capacity
- Building a common infrastructure in administration, teaching and research
- Education: complementary education curricula, sharing teaching materials, joint master and doctoral programs, free movement of teachers and students alike
- Research- shared platforms and joint research proposals towards H2020 and FP9
- Innovation- shared activities, joint strategies

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Press Release

THE FORMATION OF THE EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY ALLIANCE “4EU”

21 March, 2018: Following intensive discussions during 2017, four strong European research universities—Charles University (Czech Republic), Heidelberg University (Germany), Sorbonne University (France) and the University of Warsaw (Poland)—have founded a strategic European partnership, built on existing academic collaborations.

This European University Alliance aims to create a new quality of cooperation in research, teaching, education and administration and to establish the appropriate infrastructure which will bring together researchers, students and staff from the four institutions. The cooperation is based on a common understanding of the idea of the European university that builds on academic freedom and autonomy and ensures fair access to education. The presidents of the four universities signed a corresponding Declaration in Paris on Saturday, 10 March, 2018.

This Alliance will step up the cooperation and optimize the environment for creativity in teaching & learning, research and innovation. It will remove obstacles to free circulation of individuals, ideas and best practices between their universities by creating an open space and atmosphere.

The four universities see the Alliance as their responsibility for making a common effective contribution to solving important societal challenges for Europe and beyond.

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