

# New partners



**Invest European University Alliance** becomes stronger with two new major partners. **The University of Reims Champagne-Ardenne, France**, and the **University of Milano-Bicocca** join the INVEST consortium to enhance its capacity to provide an even broader range of studies and research opportunities to future generations that seek innovation, inspiration, and employability. This partnership is also part of our broader strategy to create new global opportunities for students and support long-term enrolment stability and growth. The agreement is also driven by our common goals for sustainability, as we work to identify European partnership opportunities that support the INVEST vision.

**The University of Reims Champagne-Ardenne** established in 1548 is a multidisciplinary teaching, training, and research university positioned and recognized internationally in the bio-economy field and focuses on four major multidimensional cluster areas, agriscience, the environment, biotechnology, and bio-economy-healthcare-digital engineering- and humanities and sciences. It welcomes more than 29,000 students on its campuses within 13 departments in the Grand-Est region. With multiple subjects and locations, and 350 cooperations with 38 countries around the world, it reflects a European and International character.

**The University of Milano-Bicocca** is a young university established in the old Pirelli factory that turned into a state-of-the-art complex encompassing modern research laboratories, and expansive study areas. It welcomes over 32,000 students in 8 major departments. It is a multidisciplinary University with three major schools in Economics and Statistics, Law, Medicine, and Surgery and departments in Biotechnology and Biosciences, Physics, ICT, the Environment, and Educational sciences. Bicocca with a strong presence in European and International cooperations reflects an inclusive university that shares, respects, and protects diversity, as one of its main values.

Each partner with existing departments in inextricably related areas as varied as information technology and digital systems, biosciences, agriculture, and agriscience all focal fields of **INVEST** will explore and add to our interactive European and international map with the intention of making a positive global impact. The education we envision with this joint endeavor involves all members of our university community. **INVEST's** commitment to this active and positive engagement is to co-create new modern programs which follow global trends in a constantly changing world. Our students will enhance their learning experiences, mutual development, self-discovery, and skills to transform their own lives and the communities in which they live and to excel in their chosen future paths.

Both Universities with impressive and unique histories and backgrounds will add to the openness and growth, fundamental principles of the INVEST Alliance. As universities, their policy to promote European and international mobility of students and professor-researchers, innovation, and to develop scientific cooperation with foreign universities fits with **INVEST's** aspirational values, core values, and guiding principles.

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