The University of Edinburgh values and cultivates connections and relationships throughout Europe, evidenced through our community, partnerships and exchanges.

This brief provides key information focusing on the region of Europe.

Our community

- 12% of our student community are EU nationals
- 3rd largest European student community in the UK, with the largest cohorts from Germany, Poland, Italy, Spain and Ireland
- 20% of our staff are from EU countries, and in our academic staff community a quarter are from EU countries
- Over 20 societies and clubs centred on European languages and culture:
  - Bulgarian
  - Dutch
  - Estonian
  - Exchange 360
  - French
  - Gaelic
  - German
  - Hellenic
  - Hungarian
  - Khazakstan
  - Lithuanian
  - Lusophone
  - Polish
  - Romanian
  - Russian
  - Scandinavian
  - Slovak & Czech
  - Spanish
  - Turkish
  - Yugoslavian

Exchanges and partnerships

- Over 7,000 students have worked and studied across Europe, through the Erasmus Programme since 1987.
- Over 300 Erasmus agreements with leading European universities from over 20 different nations.
- Strategic bilateral partnerships with 6 leading European Universities
  - University of Amsterdam
  - University of Copenhagen
  - University College Dublin
  - University of Helsinki
  - KU Leuven
  - Leiden University
Research outputs

- 30% of our research outputs were co-authored with EEA partners in the last 10 years
- Just over 13% of our research portfolio of funding comes from EU sources

Making a mark in the world

- Community of 15,000 European alumni
- 7th best university in Europe and among the top 30 globally in the 2020 QS world ranking
- 10th among all HEIs for Horizon 2020 funding (5th in UK) and 12th for the largest number of ERC grants

Networks

- Member of several prestigious European networks including Coimbra Group, LERU, EUA and UNICA
- Founding member of the innovative UNA Europa alliance, working with seven other top research universities to develop a new model for European learning.
- UNA Europa unites more than 400,000 students and 68,000 staff

Find out more

Europe Regional Team

Our work in other regions