



## UGR - University of the Greater Region

### Background of the project



#### **Vision “2020: A Higher Education Area serving as a model for Europe”**

“It is 2020. The Greater Region constitutes a common area for higher education, research and innovation [...] Mobility between different sites for research and study purposes is part of day-to-day academic life [...] Languages are no longer a barrier [...] Statements of marks, examinations and diplomas all bear the seal of the Greater Region [...] All partner sites have their own specific profiles; their activities are coordinated to be complementary and they cooperate closely within a network.”

- The University Charter of the Greater Region (since 1984)
- The Bologna Declaration (1999)
- „2020 Vision for the Future“ (2003)
- Decisions of the 9th and 10th Summits of the Greater Region (2006, 2007)
- Working Group of the Greater Region on Higher Education and Research ...

## The Greater Region – a single Higher Education Area for the future



### “University of the Greater Region“:

3 languages, 4 countries  
7 universities  
115 000 students  
6 000 professors

### In comparison:

#### Universities in Berlin:

93 000 students  
1 300 professors

#### University of Hamburg:

38 000 students  
650 professors

#### Université de Strasbourg:

41 060 students  
2 651 professors

#### Universities in Paris:

77 700 students  
2 100 professors

## The University of the Greater Region – Making Bologna a reality!

...creating a common space of higher education and research!

...facilitating mobility!

... promoting cross-border studies and joint degrees!

...connecting researchers, creating new networks!

...developing a truly multicultural and multilingual environment!



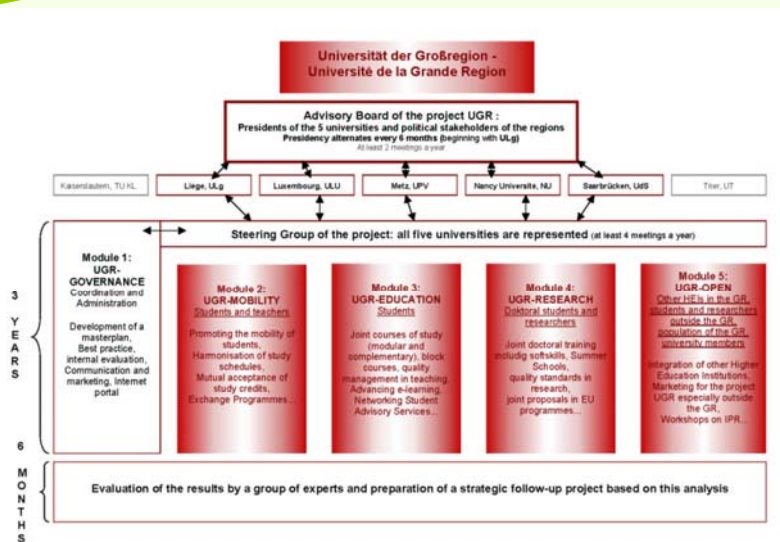


## « University of the Greater Region (UGR) »

- **Funding programme:** European Territorial Cooperation 2007-2013 (**Interreg IVa**)
- **Partners:** Universities of Liège, Luxembourg, Metz, Nancy and Saarland
- **Associated partners:** Universities of Kaiserslautern and Trier
- **UGR Advisory board:** Political stakeholders and university presidents; **Steering Group:** members of the university management structures
- **Project duration:** 42 months, including a preparatory phase of six months and a final evaluation period of 6 months
- **5 modules :** Each module is chaired and co-chaired by two of the participating universities. All universities are involved in all modules.
- **Budget:** Around 6.000.000 €



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## Methodological approach:

**Structural measures:** These measures are meant to create the necessary conditions and framework to enable cooperation between the partner universities in education and research. (For example: measures to harmonise academic calendars, facilitate recognition of degrees and courses taken)

**Pilot measures:** Pilot projects aim to explore and test closer cooperation in specific areas and departments (For example: Launching new cross-border degrees, establishing PhD schools)



## First results 2009

### ➤ Setting up networks between the partner universities

- **Expert committees:** Course offerings, 'virtual library', communication and marketing, student card, transport and mobility, research council, international relations
- Development of common tools: sharing of research equipment, common databases

### ➤ Visibility of the project

- **Common communication tool: Internet portal** → [www.uni-gr.eu](http://www.uni-gr.eu)
- Corporate Design UGR : logo, organisational chart
- Participation in fairs, fora and other events





**Together towards the University of the Greater Region!**

