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We, the ten member universities of the European University of Cities in Post-Industrial Transition, dedicate ourselves to advancing virtual mobility by fostering collaborative initiatives that offer our students greater access to such opportunities. Virtual mobility represents an innovative leap in higher education by expanding internationalization opportunities, transcending geographical constraints, and fostering inclusive, sustainable, and technology-driven learning experiences.

Recognizing the pivotal role virtual mobility plays in shaping the universities of tomorrow, we regard it as an invaluable conduit for students to immerse themselves in a European study experience, share European values, and cultivate essential skills for the 21st century.

The UNIC Alliance commits to virtual mobility for the following reasons:

Enhanced Internationalization: Virtual mobility diversifies and amplifies internationalization opportunities, making them versatile throughout a student's educational journey. Unlike physical mobility's logistical constraints, virtual mobility adapts to various forms, enabling students to partake in European academic experiences tailored to their programs.

Inclusive Global Engagement: Virtual mobility fosters a comprehensive internationalization approach, offering equitable opportunities regardless of economic means or personal circumstances. Its accessibility serves as a stepping stone towards broader participation, encouraging engagement.

Sustainability in Learning: Embracing an environmentally conscious approach, virtual mobility offers a sustainable alternative. It significantly reduces carbon footprints compared to physical journeys, aligning with responsible academic pursuits.

Catalyst for Exploration: Virtual mobility incentivizes and overcomes barriers for students hesitant to travel abroad. It cultivates cross-cultural collaboration, inspiring participation and facilitating transitions to in-person mobility experiences.



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In pursuit of these benefits, we take on the responsibility of introducing and integrating diverse virtual mobility formats within UNIC universities.

Our commitments for the period from 2023 to 2027 include:

Enhanced Learning Environments: We commit to incorporating interactive virtual exchange within existing courses and modules, fostering dynamic teaching and learning experiences.

Accessible Learning Pathways: We pledge to champion virtual mobility initiatives, enabling student access to courses offered by member universities through the UNIC Campus. This hub connects students to online or hybrid courses from UNIC partners.

Flexible Academic Offerings: We will develop online, blended, and hybrid academic programs to cater to diverse learning preferences.

Exploration of New Virtual Arenas: Committed to innovation, we'll explore technological platforms that host virtual gatherings for collaborative learning and engagement among students.

Aligned with our core mission, UNIC's commitment to fostering the evolution of virtual mobility is unwavering. We provide a dynamic space for idea exchange, innovative experimentation, and the growth of pioneering virtual mobility experiences, solidifying its integral role within the academic landscape.