



UNIVERSITÉ
LIBRE
DE BRUXELLES

The ULB today, at the heart of Belgium

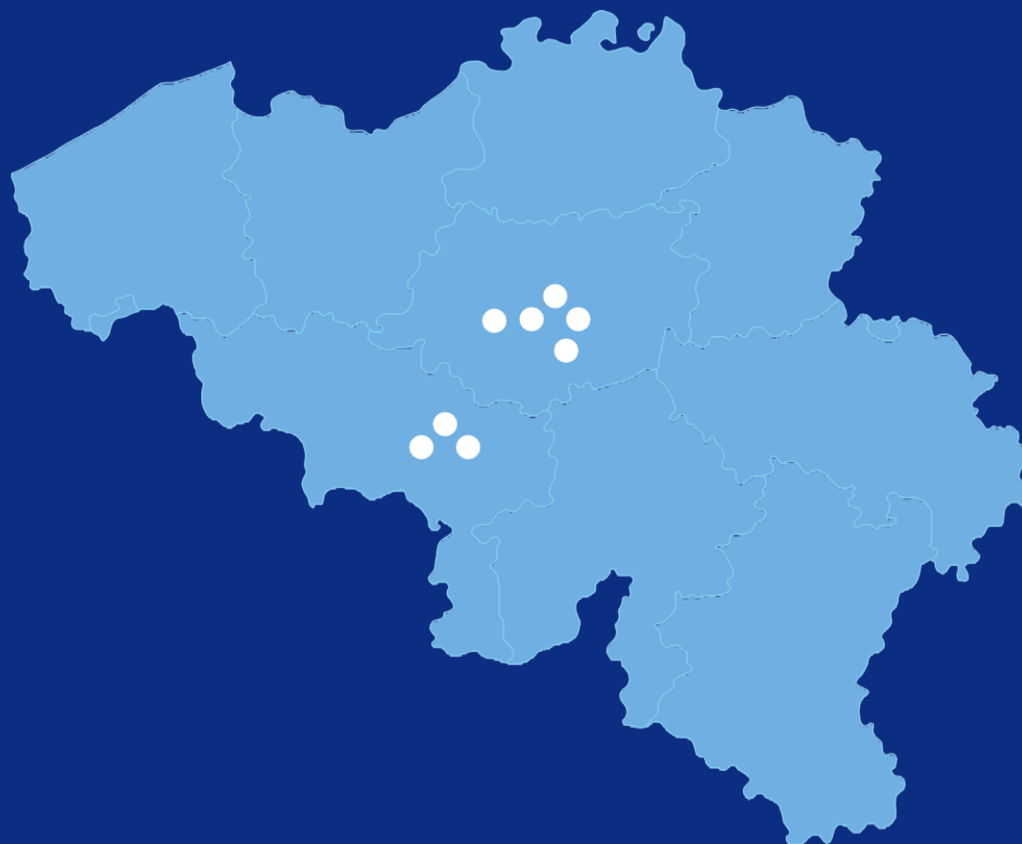
→ At the heart of **Brussels**:

3 campuses: Solbosch, La Plaine
and Erasme

2 sites: Flagey and Uccle

→ And in **Charleroi**:

Gosselies Biopark,
UCharleroi campus and Parentville site



First mission: pursuit of excellence

Research is at the foundation of ULB's activities.

The university aims to be a **key hub for research** on major topics that require a transdisciplinary approach, while pursuing excellence and sustainable development.

October 9, 2013
François Englert
Nobel Prize in Physics



Our research



ULB & VUB

Managing the
prestigious Solvay
Research Institutes



3600

Researchers and
teachers



2000

PhD candidates



240 +

PhD theses defended
each year



178 Million €

Annual research budget

200 + research units and 9 high-quality interdisciplinary research institutes

- Institute for European Studies
- ULB Neuroscience Institute
- Interuniversity Institute of Bioinformatics
- ULB Cancer Research
- Institute for Human Sciences
- Institute for Interdisciplinary Innovation in Healthcare
- EB^{xl}, ULB's network of Studies on Brussels
- Research Institute on Immunology
- TRANSFO, Research Centre for Social Change

Prizes and distinctions



4 Nobel Prizes in Science

Jules Bordet
1919, Medicine

Ilya Prigogine
1977, Chemistry

Albert Claude
1974, Medicine

François Englert
2013, Physics



Fields Medal



Francqui Prizes



Marie Curie Prizes



European Research Council
Grants



Wolf Prizes



FNRS Quinquennial prizes
(out of 42)

The ecosystems associated with research at ULB

**BRUSSELS
SOUTH CHARLEROI
BIOPARK**



1700 +

Jobs



50

Companies

But also:

- Health Valley
- CapInnove
- EEBIC Incubators
- Theodorus fund
- 40 active spin-offs

A few figures

BUDGET



238 Million €

Global ULB Budget

189 Million €

Governmental Endowment

178 Million €

Annual research budget

TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER



23 Million €

Capitalization of the 3rd fund

25 Million €

Capitalization of the 4th fund

Second mission: quality education open to all

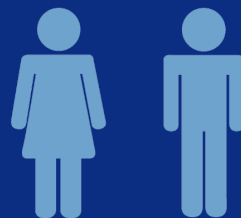
ULB is also committed to **helping its students become responsible citizens**, by focussing on learning rather than teaching, and by preparing them for a world that is forever changing.



The ULB, a comprehensive university

A wide range of programmes in all fields of study

Programmes are taught in French but also partly or entirely in English



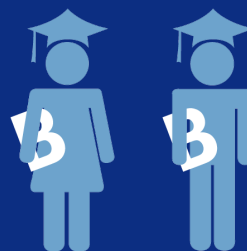
35 000

Enrolled Students



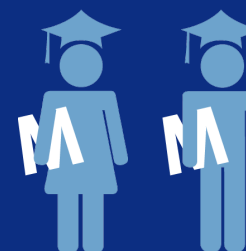
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Faculties



40

Bachelor's programmes



150

Master's programmes

Innovative teaching



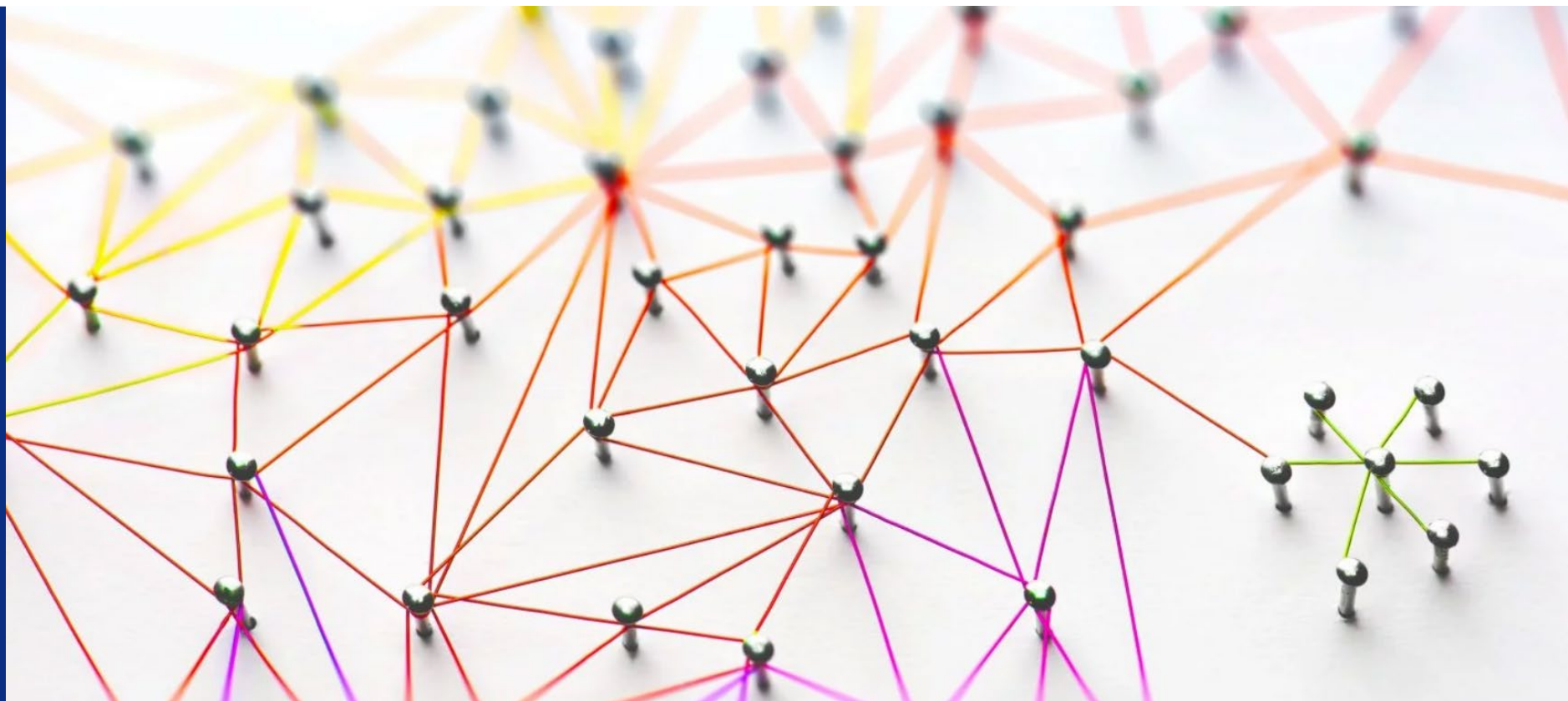
Institutional support for innovative teaching projects

SimLabs, FabLab, training dispensary, flipped classrooms, Syllabus 21...

Pedagogical support unit : teaching, action research, and ICT-based learning, MOOCs, recorded lectures, educational videos, blended learning

Quality unit : support for internal and external evaluations, development of action plans and follow-up

A rich catalogue of life-long learning programmes



100 +
Certificates

150 +
Vocational training
programmes

5000 +
Students each year

Third mission: strong social commitment



Healthcare

→ Erasme teaching hospital and a vast hospital network in Brussels and Wallonia



Education

- Schola ULB, free learning support, which has already helped more than 28 000 pupils
- Creation of a Children's university in 2016
- Support for new innovative secondary schools (« écoles plurielles »)

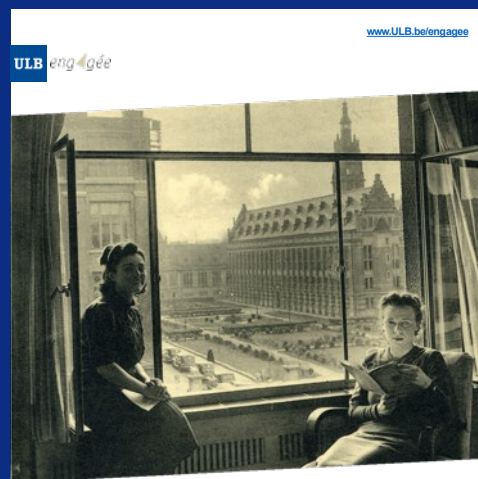
A university strongly committed throughout its history...



to women's emancipation
ULB was the first Belgian university to open its doors to women, in 1880; today fully committed to a Gender policy



to critical thinking
Inclusion of the principle of free enquiry in our statutes in 1894



to a social policy
1st student hall of residence in 1932

to development cooperation, since 1938



against fascism
Closure of the university in 1941, in resistance to the Nazi occupation

A university strongly committed throughout its history...



1984
NELSON MANDELA
DOCTEUR HONORIS CAUSA

to equality
Nelson Mandela,
Honorary Doctorate

to ethical debates
Liberalisation of abortion,
euthanasia



1990
L'AVORTEMENT DÉPENALISÉ



2004
LE TUTORAT PRIMÉ
PAR L'UNESCO

to fairness and success
Unesco Comenius Medal
for our Tutorial Programme
in 2004

to solidarity with refugees
Since 2015, creation of
solidarity fellowships and a
Welcome Desk for refugee
students

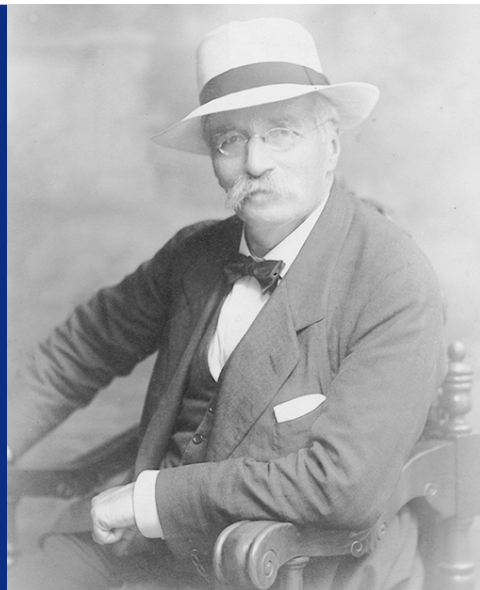


2015
SOLIDARITÉ AVEC
LES REFUGIÉS



**to sustainable
development**
Adoption of a climate plan
in 2019

A committed university: **two Nobel Peace Prizes**



Henri La Fontaine - 1913

Committed to peace and to the promotion of international law to resolve conflicts between nations



Dr Denis Mukwege - 2018

Committed to ending the use of sexual violence as a weapon of war

Development cooperation with universities

ARES-CCD

- ULB is actively involved in development cooperation, mainly in Africa but also in South-East Asia and Latin America. Our aim is to contribute to the fight against poverty through university partnerships in research and education.

Our NGO : ULB Cooperation

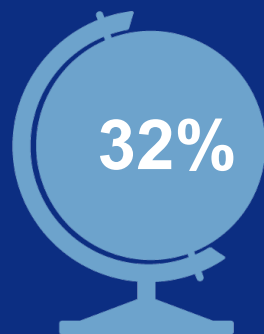
- Development projects in 3 countries in the South (Democratic Republic of Congo, Burkina Faso & Senegal).
- Actions to raise student awareness of cooperation (in the North).

FOSFOM fund in collaboration with 13 medical faculties in the south.

- Highly selective scholarships enabling young MDs to be trained in our hospital network.
- Over 100 scholarships per year.



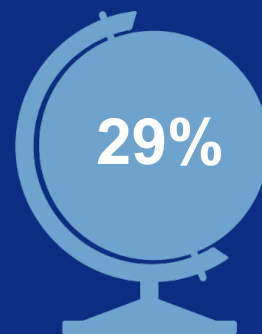
A very international university

**32%****of students were international students**

Origin:

EU (excluding Belgium) 23 %

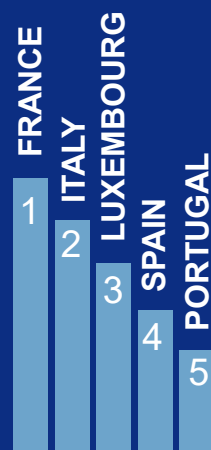
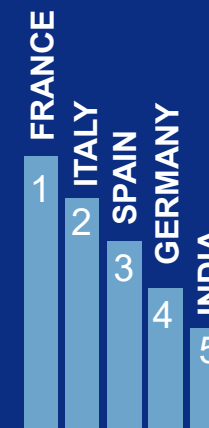
Non EU 9 %

**29%****of academic and research staff came from abroad**

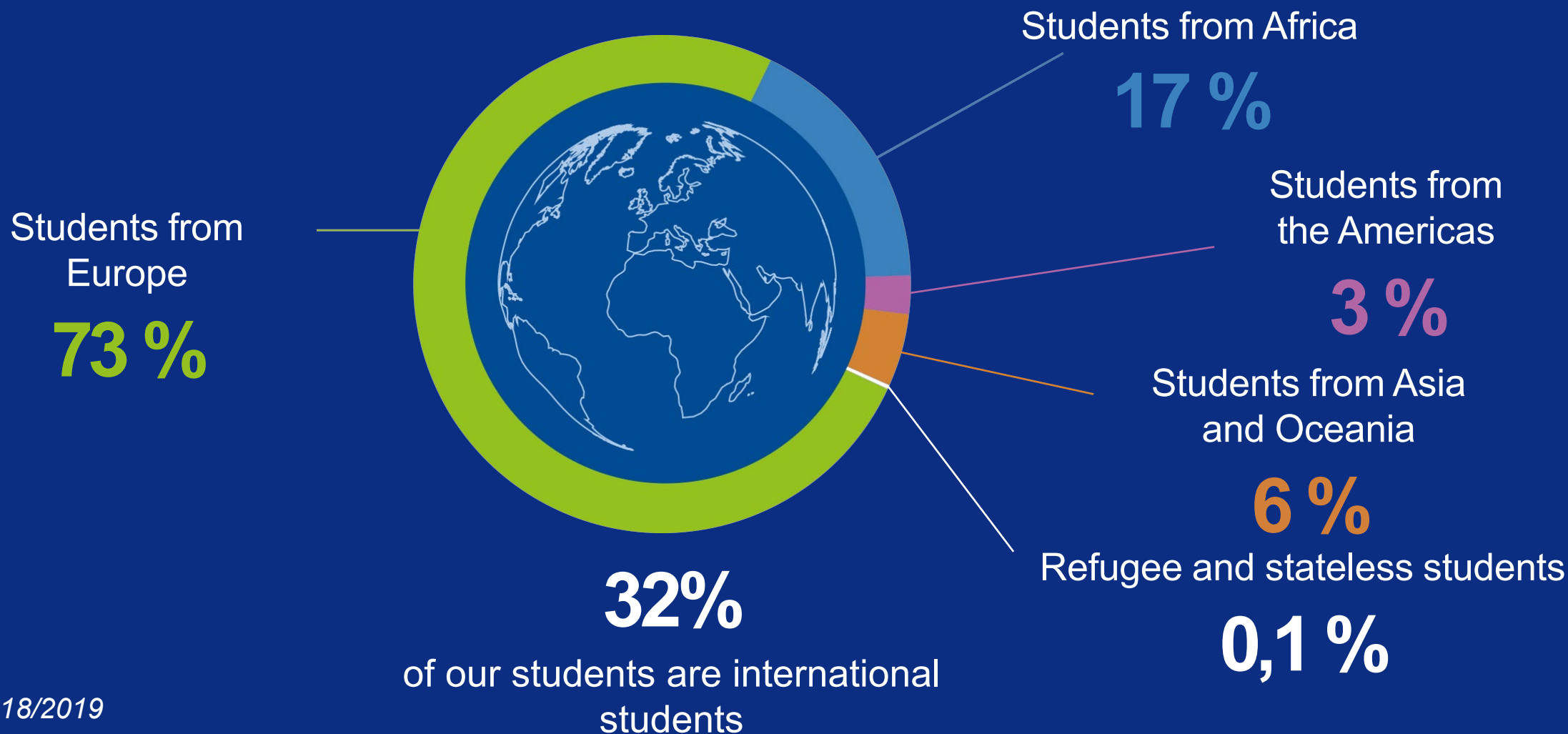
Origin:

UE (excluding Belgium) 20,67 %

Non EU: 9,95 %

Top 5 countries of origin of EU students in 2017/2018**Top 5 countries of origin of academic and research staff in 2017/2018**

A multicultural university, open to **diversity** of languages and cultures



International collaborations at the heart of our teaching



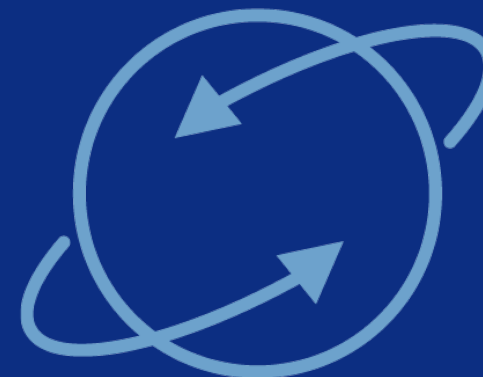
450 +

Bilateral institutional
cooperation agreements



4

Ongoing Erasmus Mundus
programmes



2000

Students on mobility
programmes (in & out)

Special partnerships



Berkeley
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

Université
de Montréal

SORBONNE
UNIVERSITÉ

UNIVERSITY OF
CAMBRIDGE

UNIVERSITY OF
OXFORD

Unil
UNIL | Université de Lausanne

UNIVERSITÉ
DE GENÈVE

WASEDA University

Université Ouaga 1

Université de Lubumbashi

USP
Universidade de São Paulo

G3: a french-speaking network of excellence since 2012



UNIVERSITÉ DE MONTRÉAL

UNIVERSITÉ DE GENÈVE

UNIVERSITÉ LIBRE DE BRUXELLES

- Creation of a joint fund
- 20 projects launched followings calls for proposals
- A collaborative platform
- Development of joint thesis supervision agreements

European Civic University

CIVIS

A European Civic University

An alliance of **8** universities

400 000 students

55 000 members of staff

172 ERC Grants

34 Nobel Prizes



UNICA, a European network



51

universities

in **37** European capitals



A special relationship with VUB



Close collaboration with VUB (Vrije Universiteit Brussels) within the Brussels University Alliance :

- Development of joint Master's programmes and Master's in English
- ULB-VUB Joint Research Groups
- weKONEKT.brussels
- Joint events (Difference Day, Belgian Pride, Saint-Verhaegen)
- Usquare & Learning Innovation Centre projects

The ULB LOOKS TO THE FUTURE



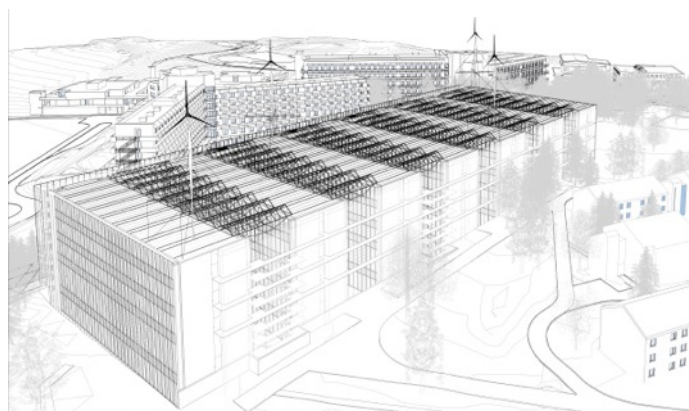
ULB
CAP ▶
2030



Learning and Innovation Centre



Usquare: a new university quarter



E building (Plaine campus)



New Erasme



UCharleroi campus



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