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Innovation in joint education

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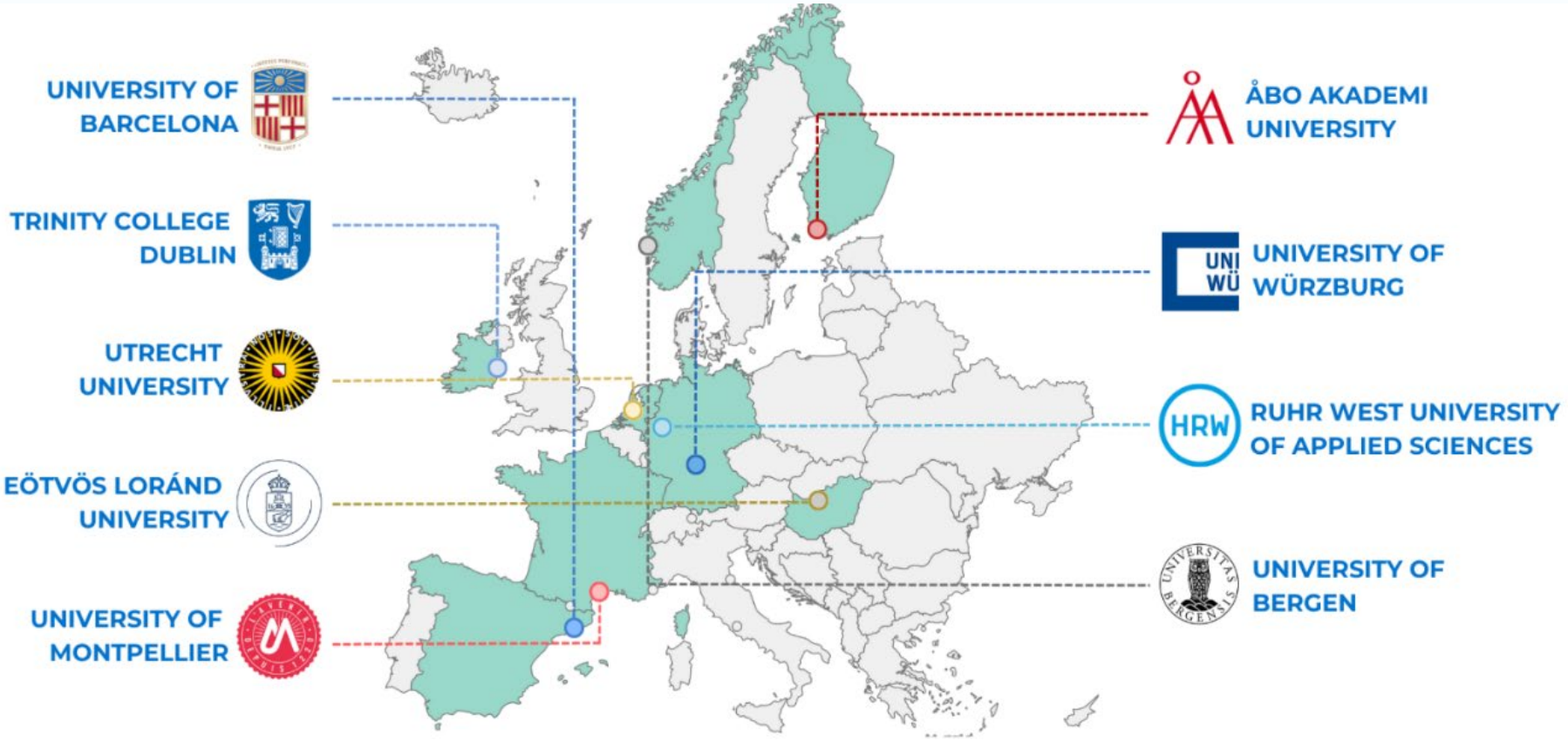
What is CHARM-EU?

Facts on CHARM-EU

- First generation – since 2019
  - 5 universities
  - Joint MA degree – 1st cohort 2021/22

- Second call
  - 9 universities
  - Expanding MA
  - Expanding educational activities

- Key characteristics:
  - Broad HE institutions
  - Diversity, innovation & inclusion



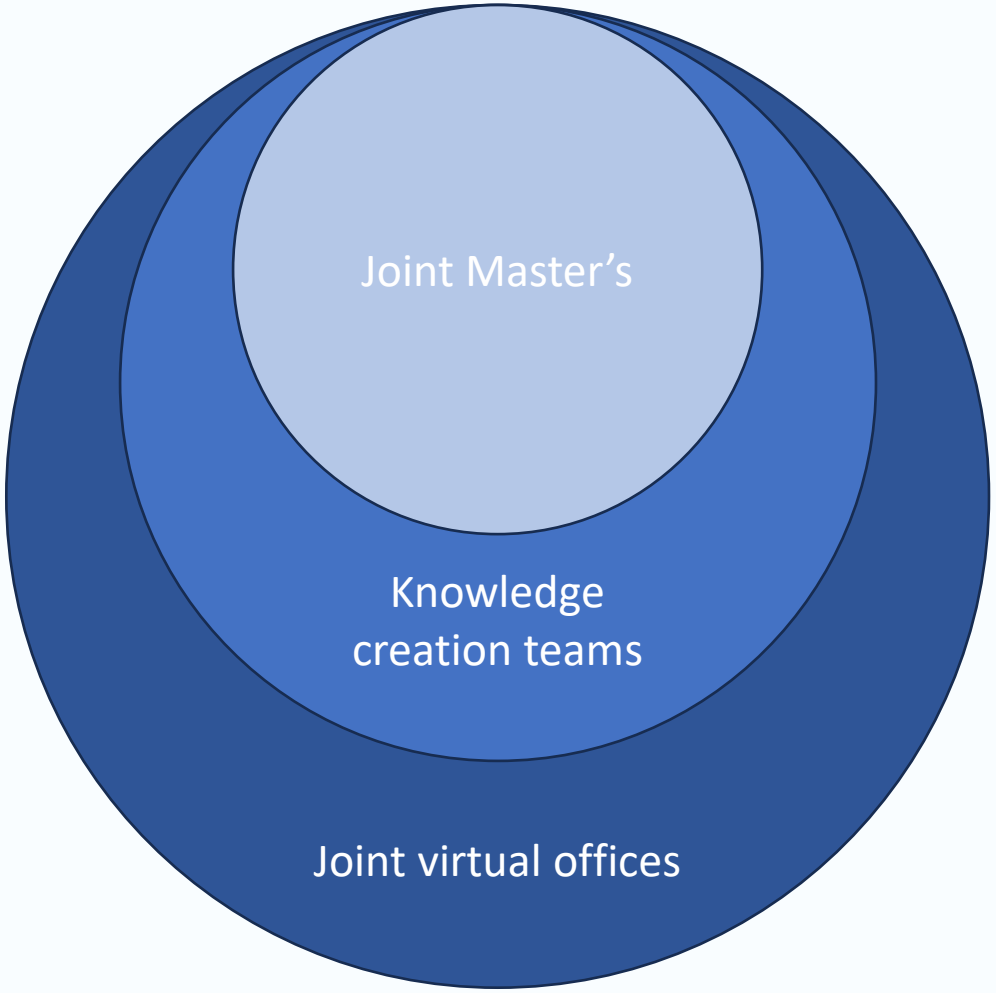
Challenge-Driven, Accessible, Research-based, and Mobile

Agenda

A. **Joint Masters**
   What does our joint education look like? An example of the MSc Global Challenges for Sustainability.

B. **Knowledge creation teams**
   How is the Joint Master's designed?

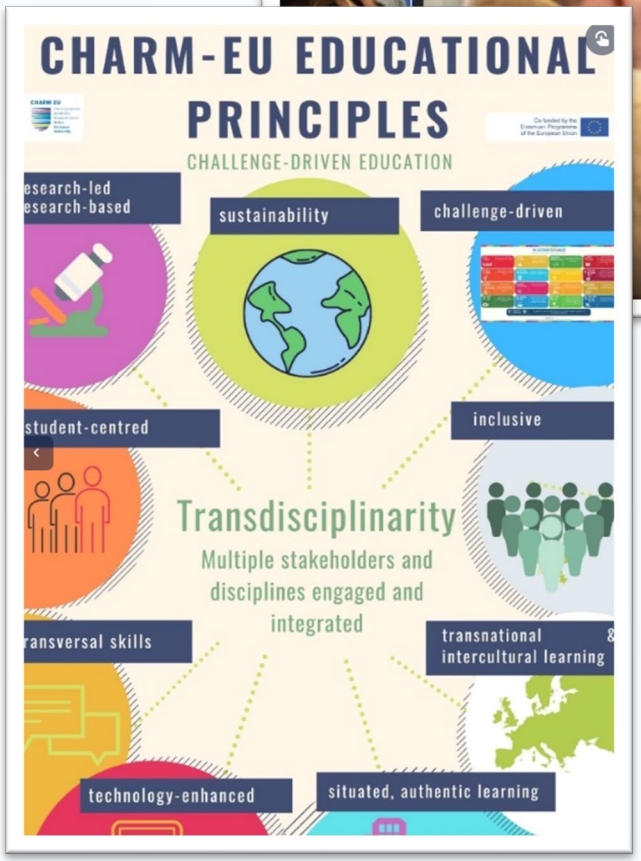
C. **Joint virtual offices**
   How is the Joint Master's organised? Support and joint administration explained.



What is the MSc in Global Challenges for Sustainability?

The CHARM-EU Master's is a unique, transdisciplinary program focused on sustainability and innovation.

- **Different locations – same education**
  - Accreditation with European approach
  - Hybrid classrooms
  - Support of joint administration office - JVAO
- **Innovation**
  - Programmatic assessment
  - Challenge based learning
- **Jointly designed**
  - Based on 9 Educational principles
  - 8 Programme Learning Outcomes (PLO's)
- **Facts**
  - About 200 graduates
  - Around 60-70 students per cohort
  - Compulsory mobility



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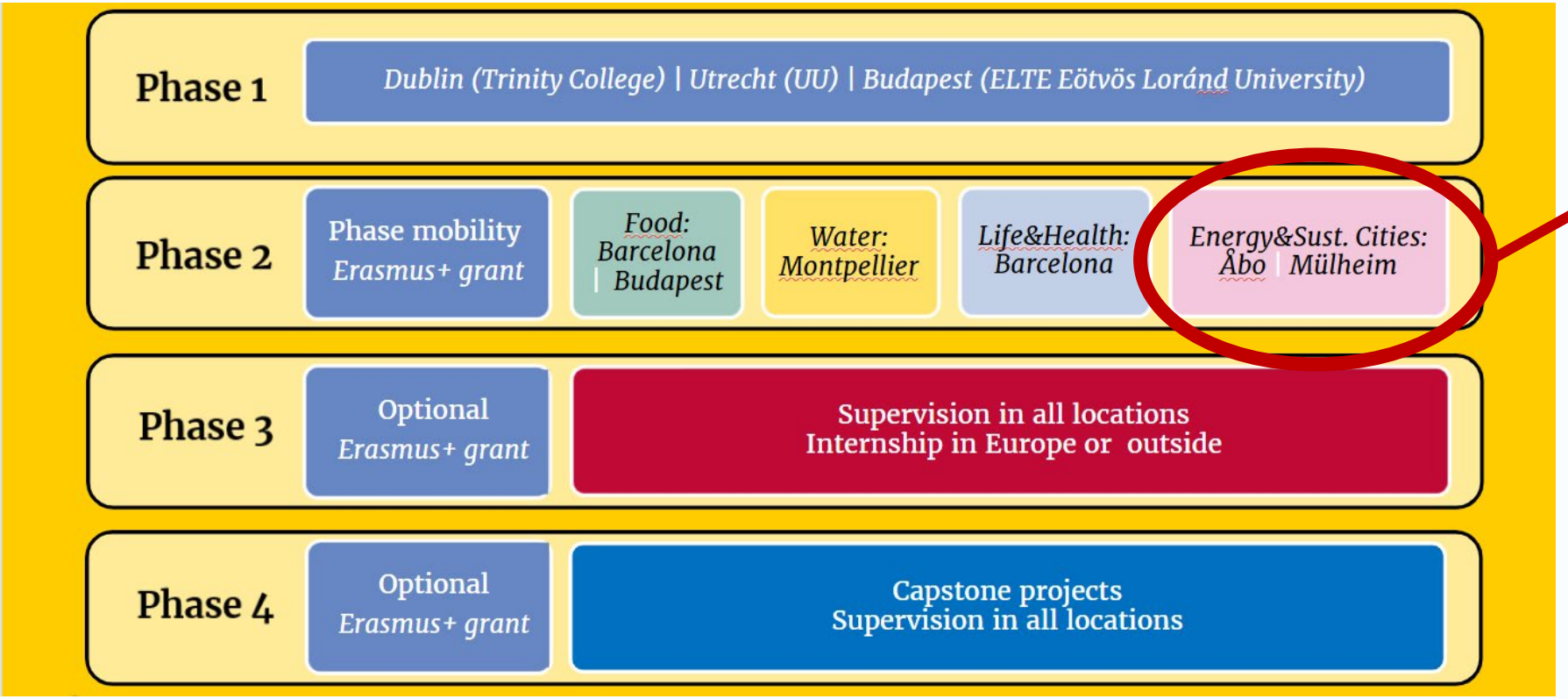


Example Energy & Sustainable Cities

- Students will be in Finland and Norway
- 3 modules of 10 ECTS
- Students work on one ‘sustainable city’ throughout the track, each module from a different perspective
- Teachers from multiple universities

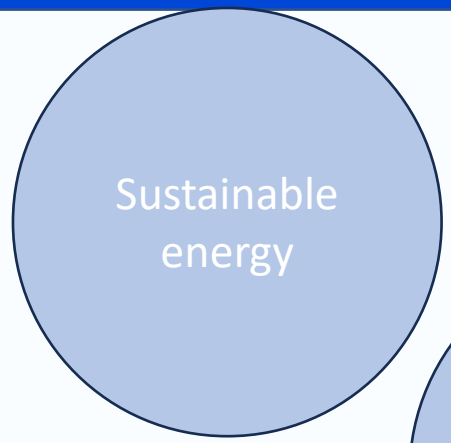
Knowledge creation teams

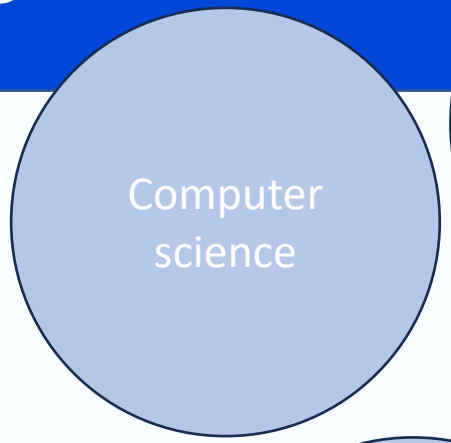
Interdisciplinary and intercultural team of teaching staff

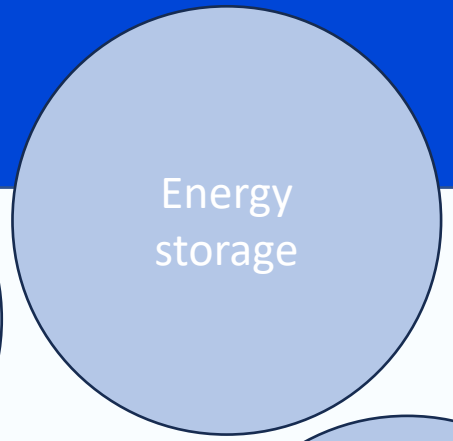
- Involving students
- Sometimes involving external stakeholders
- Supported by a didactical expert
- Supported by Administrations Office (JVAO)
- Responsible for designing and delivering the modules

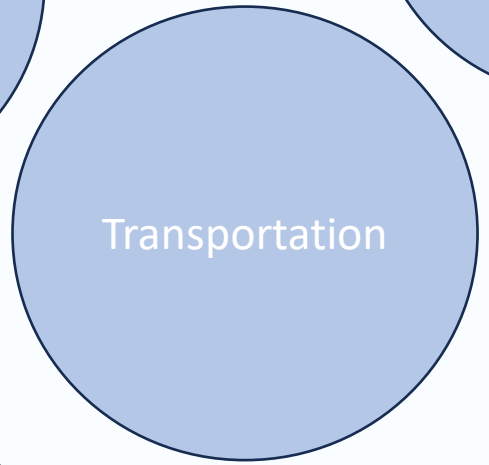
Energy and sustainable cities

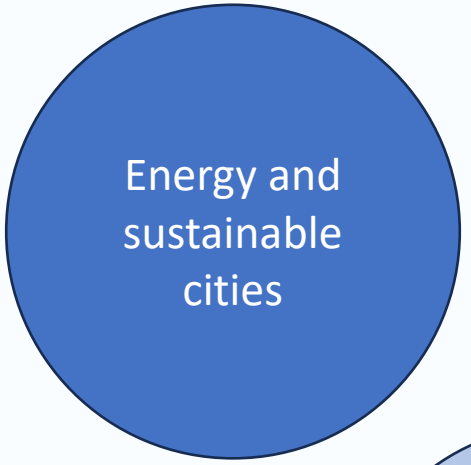
Knowledge creation teams

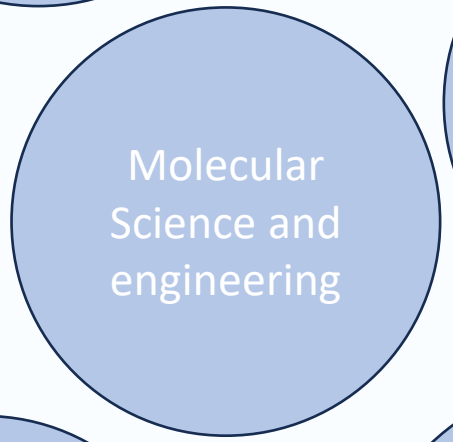


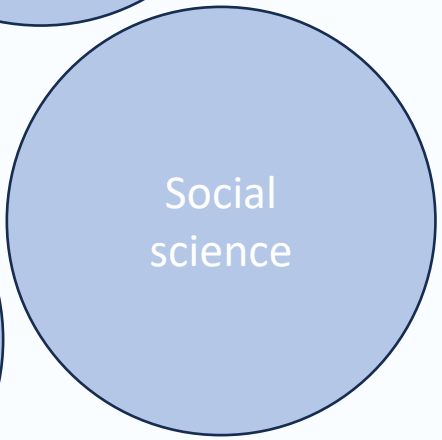


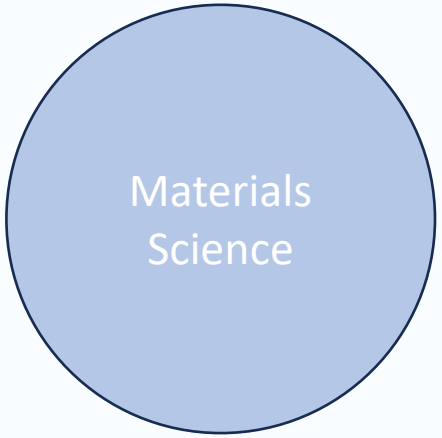


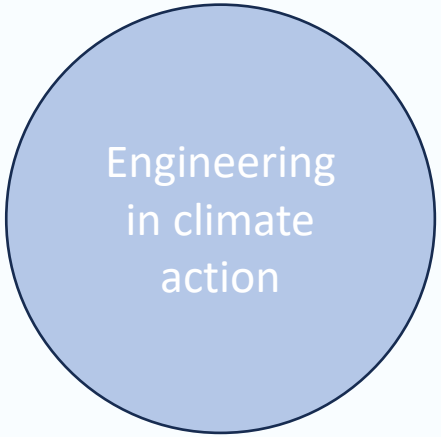


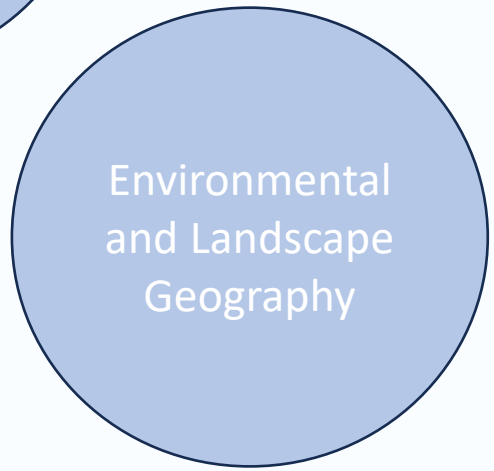








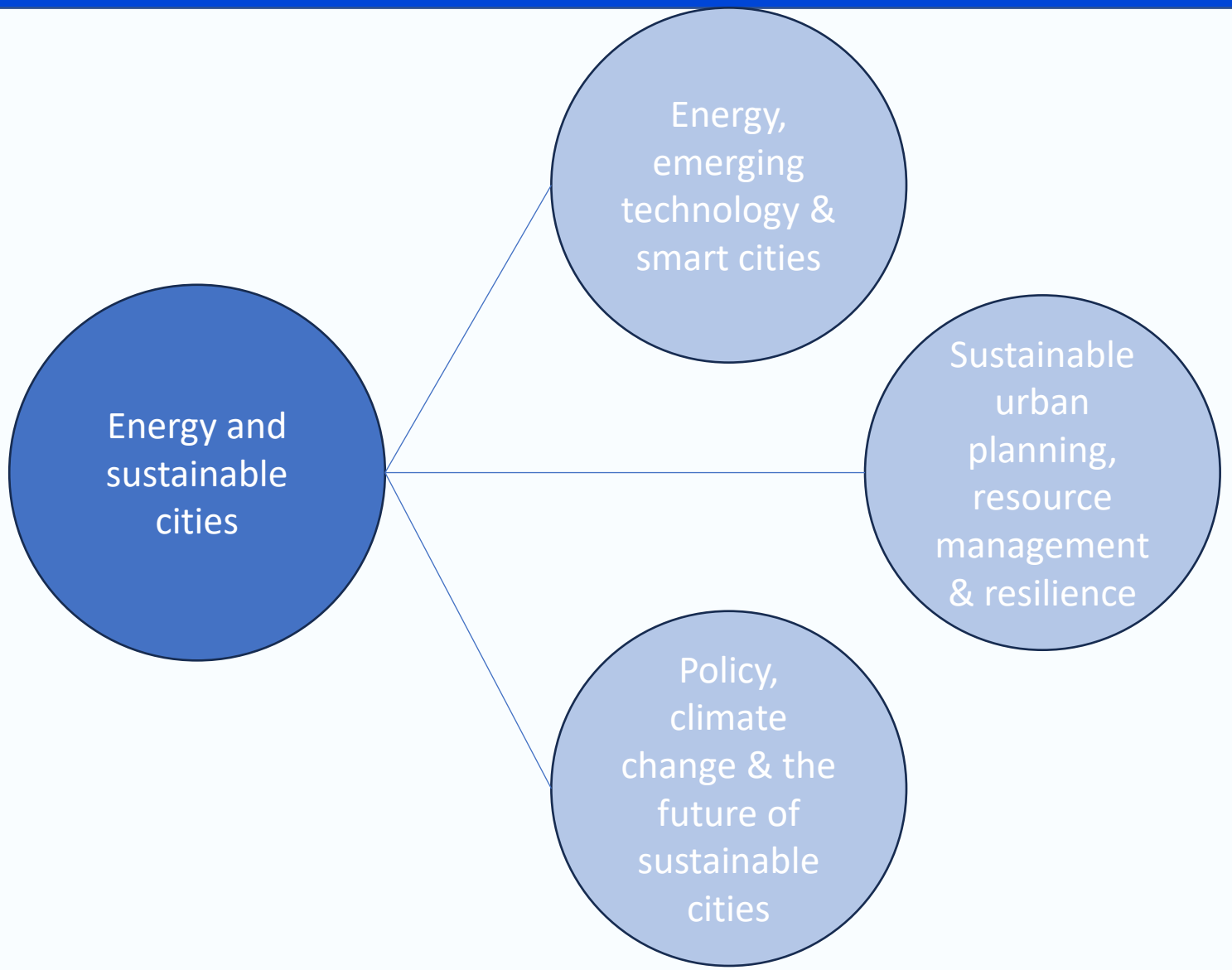




Knowledge creation teams

Design of three transdisciplinary modules

- **Module coordinators from various countries**
- **Students will be in Norway and Finland**
- **Students will work on an Energy challenge**



Joint support - Joint Virtual Offices

The CHARM-EU has Joint Virtual Offices to support staff and students.

- **Joint Offices**
  - Joint Virtual Quality Assurance – JV QA
  - Joint Virtual IT office – JV ITO
  - Joint Virtual Diversity, Equity and Inclusion office – JV- DEI
  - Joint Virtual Administrative office – JVAO
- **Joint Boards**
  - Joint Board of Examiners
  - Joint Programme Board & Academic Council
  - Joint Assessment Committee
- **Joint degree**
  - Joint OER & QA system
  - Joint degree & diploma supplement– signed by all universities

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Master's in Global Challenges for Sustainability

Joint degree delivered by the University of Barcelona, Utrecht University, Eötvös Loránd University Budapest (FI 80798), the University of Montpellier, and Trinity College Dublin, the University of Dublin, members of the CHARM European University. Level 7 programme according to the European Qualifications Framework by AQU Catalunya (registered in EQAR); on 17 December 2020 conforming to the European Approach for the Quality assurance of Joint Programmes. This accreditation has been accepted by the Netherlands Flanders Accreditation Organisation (registered in EQAR), the High Council for Evaluation of Research and Higher Education (Hcéres – France, registered in EQAR), Trinity College Dublin, the University of Dublin, and is valid by the force of law in Hungary. The CHARM-EU Board of Examiners certifies that the student acquired all Programme Learning Outcomes and passed the three phases of the degree.

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Legal mentions

Spain/Catalonia Máster Universitario en Retos Globales para la Sostenibilidad / Màster Universitari en Reptes Globals per a la Sostenibilitat.

Netherlands The examinee has been awarded the degree of Master of Science (MSc).

Hungary Jelen oklevél igazolja A fenntarthatóság globális kihívásai mesterképzés tanulmányi kötelezettségeinek teljesítését, mesterszintű végzettség és az okleveles fenntarthatósági szakértő szakképzettség megszerzését.

France Arrêté du 1er avril 2021 relatif à l'attribution du grade de master aux titulaires du diplôme en partenariat international « Défis globaux pour le développement durable » de l'Université de Montpellier.

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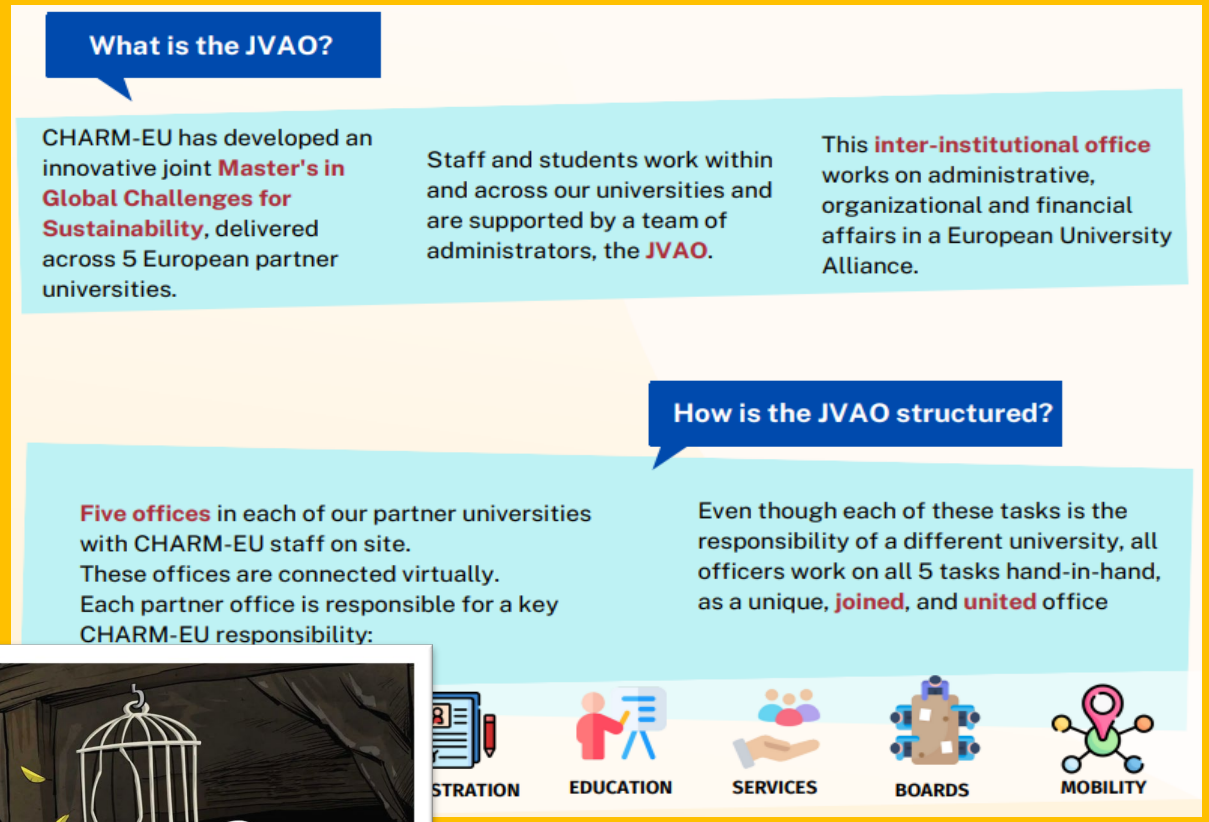
JVAO meeting in Montpellier – March 2024

Joint Virtual Administrative Office – What is our role?

The CHARM-EU Master's is supported by a unique, Joint Virtual Office to support staff and students.

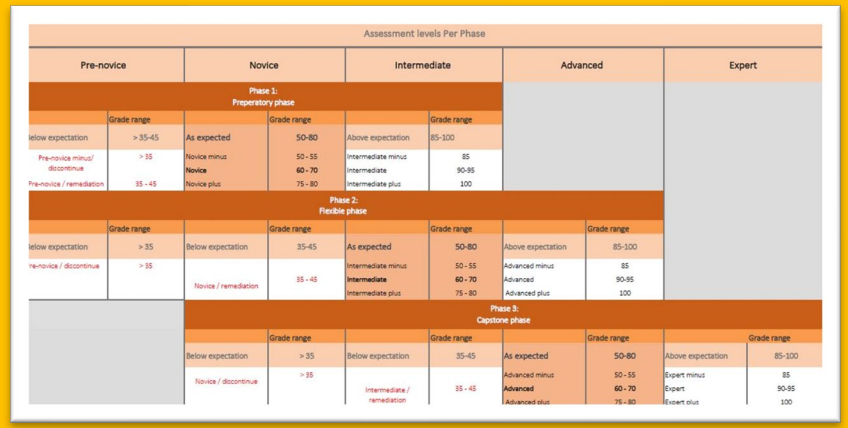
- **Different locations – joint office**
  - Key-tasks per JVAO
  - Liaison between CHARM and local HE administration
  - Meet in person 1 or 2 per year
- **Administration & student support**
  - Registration in all universities' administration
  - Start university = home university for mobility
  - Access to all student services
  - Complimentary CHARM-EU support – f ex DEI office
- **Community**
  - Students help each other when moving
  - Student engagement is key



Quality assurance in a European alliance

The CHARM-EU Master's has 1 joint QA system

- **Innovation in education**
  - Identify problems & find solutions
  - It is new!
- **PDCA cycle**
  - Student and staff evaluations
  - Academic Rules & regulations (OER) – yearly revision
- **Representation in the Board of Examiners & Assessment committee**
  - Different expectations on the role and responsibility
  - Difference in employment status and time investment
  - Cultural differences to assessment and grading
- **Dissemination**
  - Work on European Degree with other alliances
  - For-EU4All participation – straight to Brussels



One minute paper

Please write down on two post-its

1. What **question** do you have about joint education in alliances?

2. What do you **think** is the added value of joint education in alliances for **the field of higher education**?

Thanks!

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