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European Consortium of Innovative Universities (ECIU), founded in 1997

- 11 European Members
1 Associate Partner in Mexico
- One member per country (max. 15 ECIU members)

All ECIU universities

- are research intensive
- have particular strengths in engineering and social sciences
- are relatively young and share entrepreneurial values: Innovation and Entrepreneurship is in the DNA
- are committed to developing new forms of teaching and learning (PBL, Industry Based Learning, Design thinking)
- wish to sustain and nurture internationally-minded staff: Common challenge: How to attract (international) talent?
- are key players in the regional innovation system

	Year	Students	Academic Staff
Aveiro	1973	12.500	870
Aalborg	1974	20.000	1.980
UA Barcelona	1968	37.000	3.629
Tec Monterrey	1943	98.000	10.300
Hamburg-Harburg	1978	6.600	772
Linköping	1975	27.000	2.550
Stavanger	2005	10.000	636
Twente	1964	9.600	1.528
Dublin City	1974	17.000	440
Kaunas	1922	10.495	2.812
Tampere	1965	9.904	2.200
Nottingham	1948	43.893	3.924

QS Under 50 Rankings 2017

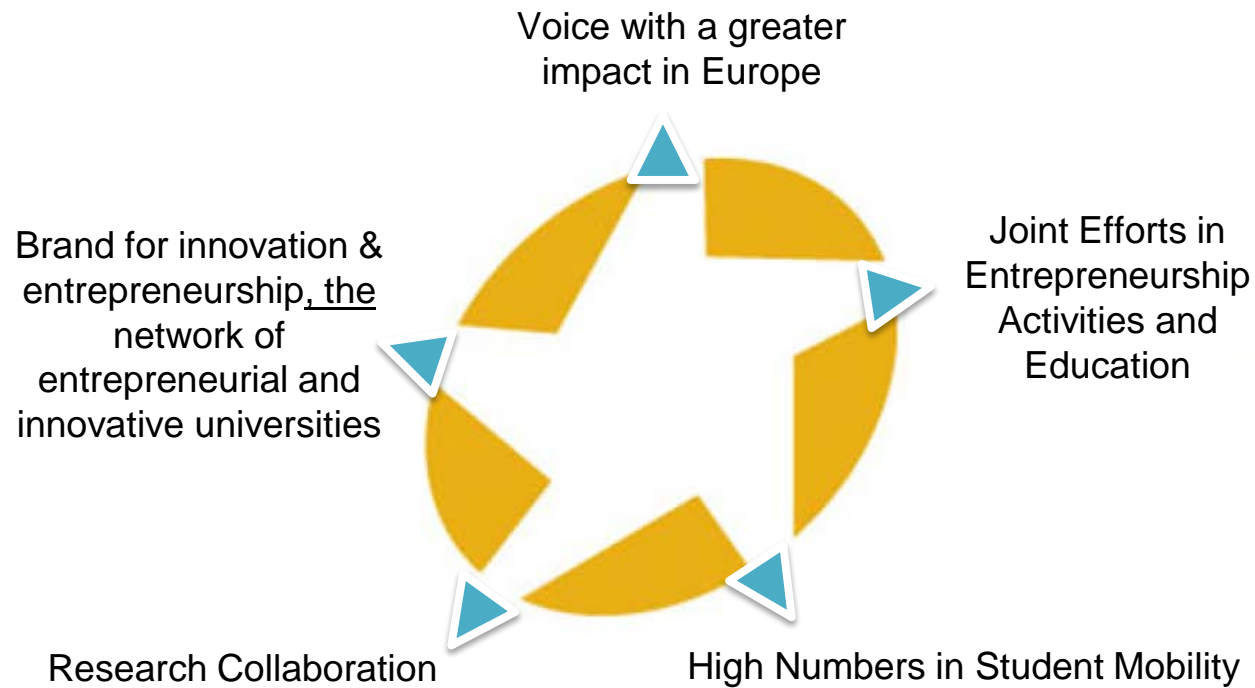
- **9th Autonomous University of Barcelona**
- **21st Linköping University**
- **30th Tampere University of Technology**
- **42nd Aalborg University**
- **44th Dublin City University**

THE 150 under 50 ranking 2017

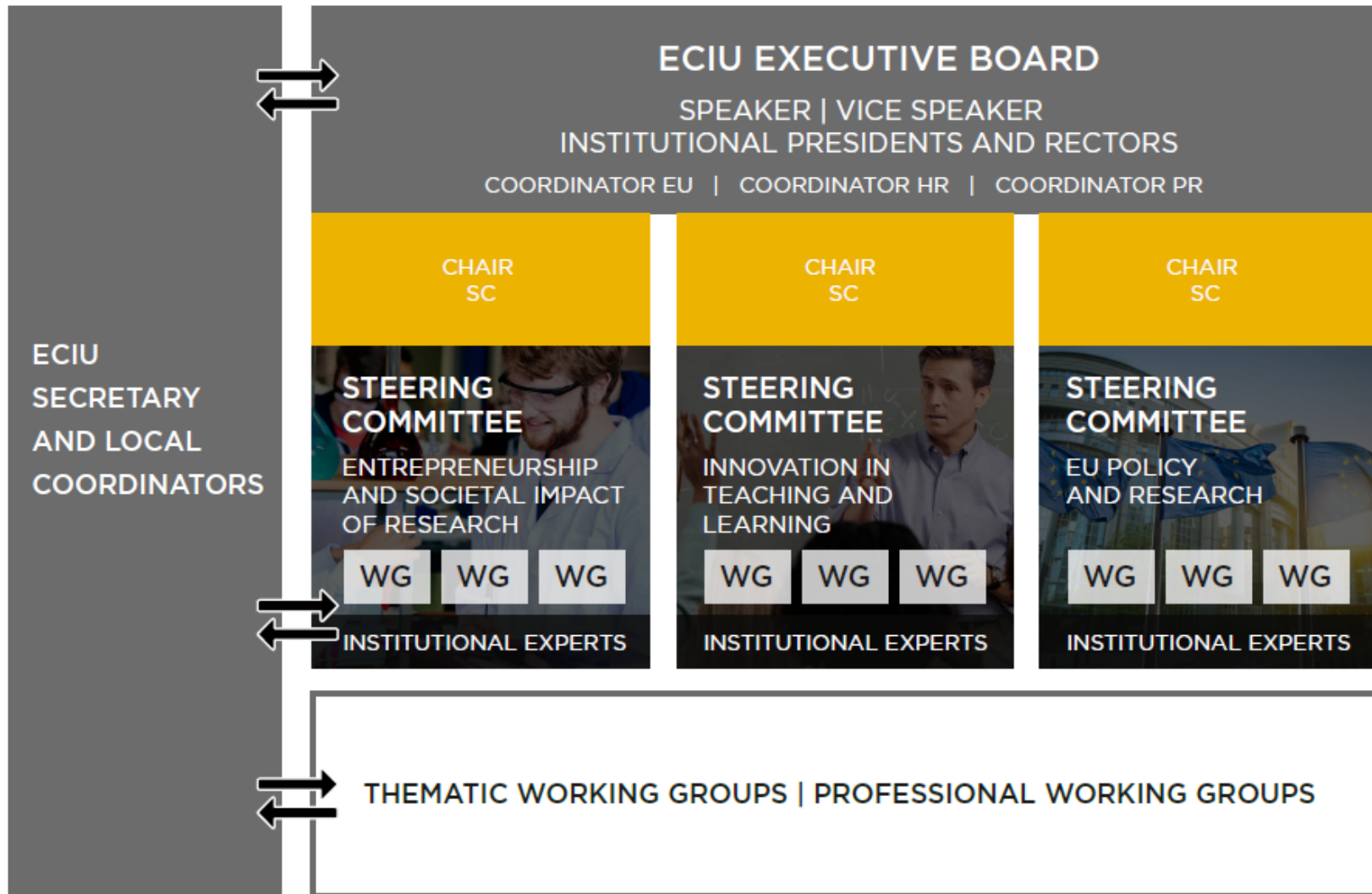
- **18th Autonomous University of Barcelona**
- **23st Aalborg University**
- **60th Linköping University**
- **74th Dublin City University**
- **81st University of Aveiro**

CHALLENGING CONVENTIONAL THINKING

ECIU is the leading international consortium of research intensive universities, with collective emphasis on innovation, creativity and societal impact, driving the development of a knowledge-based economy.



ECIU ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE



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Innovation in Teaching and Learning

- Sharing experience and best practice in implementing new educational models
- Organizing Masterclasses for Innovation in Teaching and Learning
Examples:
June 2017 in Stavanger: Simulation-based Learning
November 2017 in Kaunas: Leading and Enhancing Study Programmes
- Team Award for Innovation in Teaching

Entrepreneurship and Societal Impact of Research

- Sharing best practices for entrepreneurship and interaction with the region
- KPI on regional engagement: How to measure innovation and societal impact of a university?
- Joint Projects on community engagement of Higher Education and on Collaboration platforms for entrepreneurial activities addressing academics, staff and students
- IPR and TTO working group



- For student and post-graduate startup teams from ECIU members– students with strong entrepreneurial characteristics but who are still at an early stage of development
- Building upon the existing models of accelerator programmes of the ECIU universities while introducing participating startup ventures to the ECIU network and local innovation ecosystems
- Three seminars in Dublin, Aalborg and Linköping, coordinated by DCU Ryan Academy

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SC EU Policy and Research

- Unique profile and long track record of being entrepreneurial, innovative and very much connected to the industry in the region
- Joint consortium responses or position papers
- Regular ECIU events with stakeholders in Brussels (for example on Attracting talents, Smart Specialisation Strategies, Horizon 2020)
- EU Working Group of Liaison Officers: Sharing of experience and best practise, joint trainings for grant officers

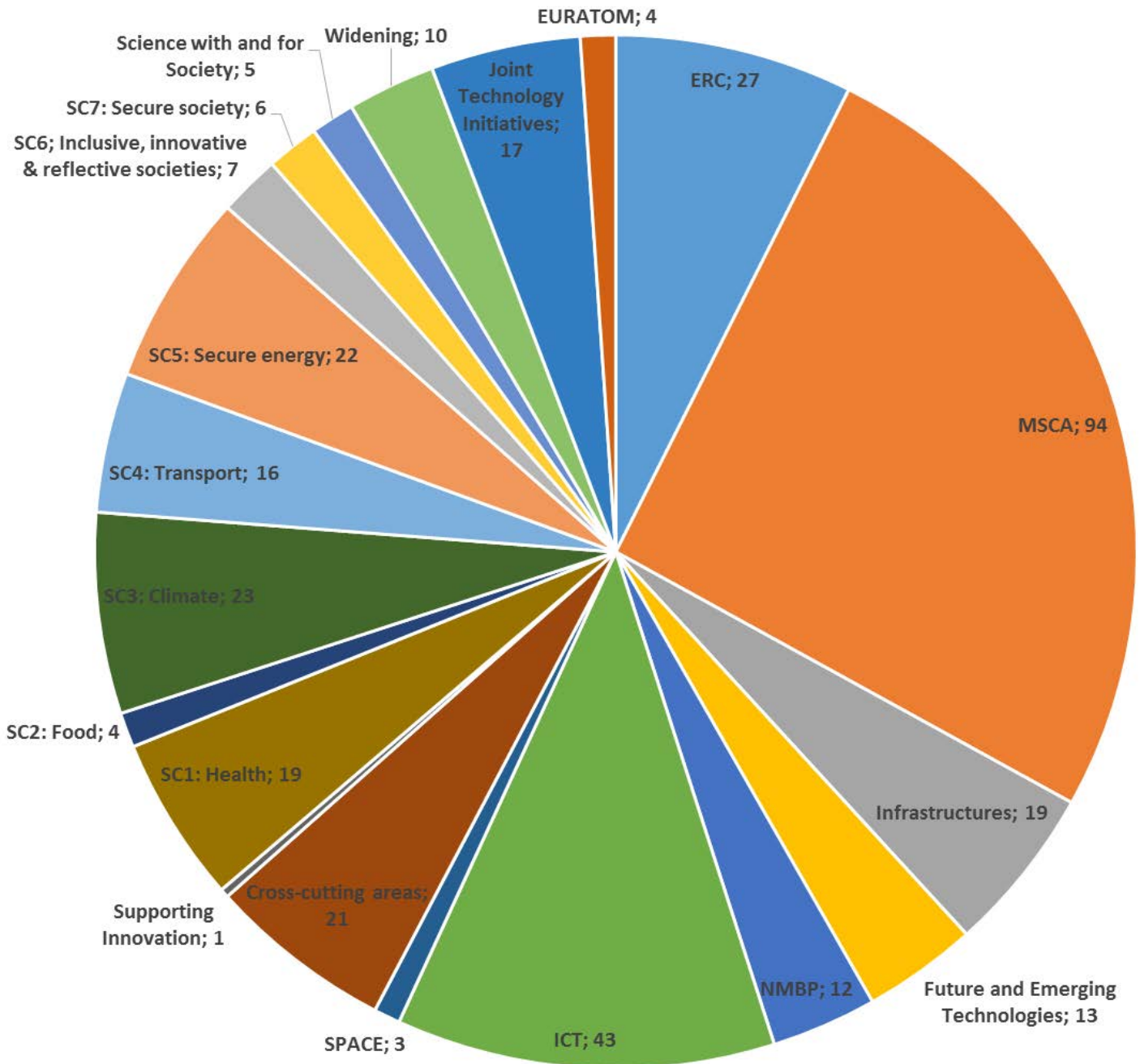
ECIU Representation in Brussels from 1 October 2017

- Permanent Office to actively contribute to the discussion on HE Focus on horizontal issues (TOPICS: Mid-term reviews (Horizon 2020, Erasmus+), European Institute on Innovation & Technology, Open Access, Innovation & Entrepreneurship; Education trends (open, massive, blended)
- Identify funding opportunities for ECIU network development activities



Benefits:

- For ECIU: Visibility and Influence as a specific group of likeminded universities
- Individual: Prepare for FP9/LLP, Present good practices, Dialogue for policy development



**ECIU
Proposals in
H2020
(as per May
2017)**

ECIU COFUND Application within Marie Curie

- **Total amount per programme:** up to 10 Million Euro
- **Target group for the ECIU COFUND:** Postdocs
- **Deadline for submission:** 28 September 2017

Aim of the ECIU COFUND fellowship programme is to provide 130 young experienced researchers with all the research and transferrable skills necessary to be valuable players in Regional Innovation Systems (RISs).



ECIU RUNIN Project

- **Funded by:** Innovative Training Networks (ITN) scheme under the Marie Skłodowska-Curie research programme
- **Total amount:** 3.7 Million Euro
- **Target group:** PhD level
- **Project Begin:** 1 September 2016



**The Role of
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- **Goal: To increase the numbers of in- and outgoing students between the ECIU member with the help of structured forms of student mobility (Exchange Packages, Twin Programmes)**
- **Joint Master Programmes and Double Degree Programmes**

“Go abroad to an ECIU university”

- **Student Events**
- **Staff Mobility Programme**

The Leadership Development Programme (LDP, since 2004, run by CHEPS) – a flagship of ECIU

- AIM: To prepare current and future university leaders for the challenges related to Higher Education in Europe
- Hosted by three ECIU universities which are project clients and provide a strategic case
- Unique programme with more than 250 Alumni from academia and support staff working together on personal development and on how to govern a European university.

