Leipzig University is a member of the Arqus European University Alliance together with the universities of Bergen (Norway), Granada (Spain), Graz (Austria), Lyon (France), Padova (Italy) and Vilnius (Lithuania).

The alliance focuses on the promotion of intensive integration and cooperation on all levels as well as the exchange of experience in terms of research and the advancement of young scholars, studies and teaching, and social commitment. In this way, we hope to contribute to the excellence and attractiveness of European higher education.

In order to achieve these objectives, more than 60 activities are planned under the Arqus umbrella over the next three years up to and including 2023. Each university does not only participate in European projects and processes of internationalization, but plays a significant role in the regional development of its location.

The Alliance’s name stems from the Latin term arcus/arquus, for arch, representing the strong foundations the consortium is laying for building bridges toward a shared future, to respond to the grand global societal challenges and to advance towards deeper European integration.

**Vision of Arqus**

**Priorities and Project Activities**

- Digitalisation of Teaching: Conception, creation and incorporation of digital learning units, which fit with the Arqus concept.
- Expansion of International Study Programmes: Workshops and mobility for the development of joint study programmes right up to integrated study programmes, which serve the intensive integration of the partner structures and the advancement of Arqus’ goals.
- Management of Student Data: Contribution to the digital transfer of student data within Europe in accordance with the Groningen Declaration of student data portability. Conception and piloting of a joint system of student administration.
- Internationalisation of Teacher Training: Co-operation in pedagogy. The piloting of a knowledge transfer from the partner University of Graz to Arqus partners in Granada and Bergen.