Vision of CIVIS

“As a civic European University alliance, one of our priorities will be to tackle major societal challenges of the 21st century.” (from the CIVIS Mission Statement)

The University of Tübingen has joined with seven other European institutions of higher education in the European University Network „CIVIS - A European Civic University Alliance“. The partners aim to work together to boost international student exchanges, European civil society and cooperation with Africa and the Middle East.

The aims of the participating universities are to play a greater role in society, to carry out relevant research, and to work responsibly and sustainably with an eye to the future. The thematic focus of the group is on the areas of: Health – Cities, Spaces and Transportation – Climate, Environment an Energy – Digitale and Technological Change – Society, Cultures and Cultural Heritage.

The Alliance aims to raise students’ awareness that they are European citizens, while stressing that Europe is interconnected in many ways - historically, economically, culturally - with the Mediterranean region and the African continent.

Portfolio of four sub-projects, aimed at developing structural models and support systems within the university for the implementation of CIVIS and the further internationalization of studies and teaching at the University of Tübingen:

- Support for the development of a CIVIS identity and increase of mobilities within the CIVIS Alliance (advertising measures; practical services of application, organization and administrative implementation of mobilities; subject-specific workshops and projects of the faculties; language courses for students and staff)
- Adaptation of IT-systems to facilitate the international mobility of CIVIS students and staff
- Pilot projects of virtual mobility and digitally-supported teaching; establishing a competence centre for technical and didactic support
- Development of service learning formats with regional partners under the umbrella theme of „sustainable development goals“