



# Testing the EEIG for Academic Cooperation: The Legal Tools

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All the partners approved and signed the EEIG Statutes, registered with the Chamber of Commerce of Turin

But then? What happens next?  
How do we make it work?

"Learning by doing" – all necessary legal architecture needs to be tested (taking into account different legal regimes)

# Objective of the project (legal side)

- Further research needs to be conducted on the activities that can be entrusted to the EEIG and, even more importantly, on the tools through which human and material resources can be shared within the EEIG.
- The project aims to make a significant **step forward towards the possible implementation of a legal status for universities alliances** by enabling the development of a **toolkit of legal instruments** that will facilitate the concrete functioning of a university EEIG solely participated by public entities from different member States of the Union.

# The legal toolkit

The legal toolkit will include:

- the statutes of the EEIG (which will be offered for consultation to the European academic community through a publication on the relevant website)
- the contracts stipulated for the grouping's functioning, the transfer of resources and the regulation of relationships between the members and the grouping.
- models of recruitment notices for administrative and teaching personnel, which will help implementing the grouping's activities (initially to be hired on a temporary basis).

This will give the partners a chance to carry out an initial assessment of the functionality of the EEIG vis-à-vis the needs of inter-institutional cooperation and it will allow the broader European academic community to put forward more specific demands to the EU institutions as they develop an ad hoc instrument for cooperation of academic interest.

For the elaboration of the **necessary legal tools to ensure the provision of personnel and the transfer of data and material resources** from the partners to the EEIG, a **comparative analysis** will be needed that looks into:

- the relevant legal systems,
- their common features, but also its differences and possible conflicts
- the legal system the EEIG is subject to due to its registered office being in Italy.

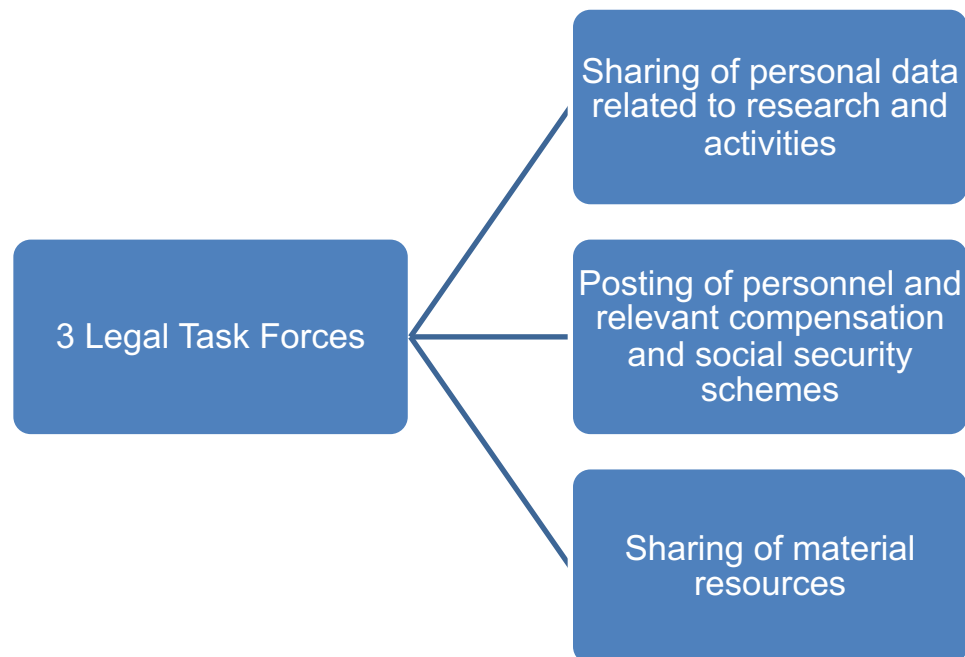
Fields for the study	Challenges
Hiring staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Requirements and professional qualifications to be required bc international audience + professional curricula that can demonstrate solid international experience and the ability to teach to a student audience with a diverse cultural background.</li> <li>Notices written in all the partners' languages (as well as in English) + appropriate consideration to degrees awarded in the respective legal systems, without requiring the production of validation orders</li> </ul> <p>*To foster the development of such skills, the EEIG may include in its program the organization of courses on intercomprehension and multilingualism, benefiting from the UNITA experience.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Given the experimental nature of the grouping: temporary contracts + secondment. Needs preliminary comparison between the different regulations that can be found in the partners' legal systems, with a view to assessing their practical usability and the applicable legal framework.</li> </ul> <p>*The legal disciplines regulating university personnel in their respective national systems are subject to public law rules that may vary significantly from one member state to another, as they are not subject to EU harmonization.</p>
Data sharing	Data protection rules, with regard to the privacy of data owners and the particular purposes for which the data are collected (e.g. for research purposes).
Transfer of material resources	Specific restrictions may be imposed by public accounting rules of the partners' legal systems.

## Questions to be answered by the study:

- What conditions is the secondment of personnel subject to in the partner universities' member states?
- What are the consequences in terms of the economic-legal treatment of the seconded personnel and the relevant social security regime?
- What professional requirements and qualifications should be required to identify suitable professionals for the implementation of the EEIG's functions while ensuring its international character and ability to engage in dialogue with institutions (and with students from different Member states)?
- What are the modalities through which data owned by partners can be shared and transferred to the EEIG (particularly in light of GDPR and data protection regulations)?
- What are the arrangements through which ownership or use of material resources can be transferred, in light of the public accounting rules in force in national systems?

The outputs and lessons learnt which will be presented at a scientific conference, a collective volume and the winter school.

# Project implementation



The leader of each task force will develop a questionnaire to be submitted to the legal experts of the partners with a view to clarifying the applicable legal framework in the partners' legal systems. +5 postdocs will be hired to work in the legal toolkit.

The findings of the analysis will be discussed in appropriate online meetings and summarized in a final report.





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**Vă mulțumim pentru atenție**

**Gracias por su atención**