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Université catholique de Louvain

Founded in 1425, the Université catholique de Louvain (UCLouvain) is one of Europe’s oldest universities. It is also one of the 200 best and one of the 50 most international universities in the world (Shanghai, QS, THE). With its six campuses, the main one located in a green environment a few kilometers south of Brussels and two others in the very heart of the capital, UCLouvain is an international university of 32,000 students, of which nearly 20% are from an international background.

UCLouvain offers quality education in all disciplines thanks to its 14 faculties and its research activities focused on current societal issues such as democracy, sustainable development and innovation. Granted with numerous awards, teaching at UCLouvain is based on solid research and innovation, with numerous practical applications for society (62 spin-offs and more than 250 companies in the university’s three science parks).

UCLouvain and Japan have a close relationship, as evidenced by the many partnerships established with Japanese universities but also by the Japan Mirai Fund. The Japan Mirai Fund is a joint initiative by the two major Universities in Belgium, KU Leuven and UCLouvain with the common objective of strengthening links with Japan and Japanese universities and maximizing the value of the most comprehensive collection of Early Modern (Edo period) Japanese books available in Europe. The precious Collection was donated by Japan in the 1920’s to symbolize the friendship between Japan and Belgium after the complete destruction of the University Library during the First World War. The Fund aims at making this collection more accessible for research to the worldwide scientific community and at raising wide public’s awareness of Japanese culture and history.
Vincent Blondel (Antwerp, Belgium, 1965) is Rector of UCLouvain (Belgium). Founded in 1425, the University of Louvain (UCLouvain) is one of Europe’s oldest universities. Vincent Blondel was elected Rector in 2014 and re-elected in 2019 for a 5 years mandate. Since 2017, he is also the elected Chairman of the Guild of European Research-Intensive Universities. Vincent Blondel holds degrees in philosophy, engineering and mathematics from the University of Louvain, and an MSc from Imperial College, London. He has held postdoctoral fellowships at Oxford University, at the KTH Royal Institute of Technology in Stockholm and at INRIA Paris. He was the Kokotovic Distinguished Visiting Professor of the University California (Santa Barbara) in 2012 and was Visiting Professor as well as Fulbright Scholar at MIT in 2005 and 2010. Vincent Blondel has chaired the National Science Foundation in Belgium, the FNRS (Fund for Strategic Fundamental Research) and the Council of Rectors of the Federation Wallonia-Brussels. He was Dean of the Louvain School of Engineering and Head of the Department of Mathematical Engineering. He brought UCLouvain into the edX consortium, which offers online courses to millions of students across the world.

Vincent Blondel’s research is at the interface between mathematics and information technology. He has published 6 books, and over 200 articles that have attracted more than 20.000 citations. He has supervised some thirty theses and postdoctoral projects and has coordinated an interuniversity research program grouping together more than 200 Belgian and foreign researchers. He is one of the inventors of the widely used “Louvain algorithm”. He is a Fellow of IEEE (Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers) and of SIAM (Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics) and is a member of Academia Europeae and of the Belgian Royal Academy of Science. Since his election as university president and together with his team, Vincent Blondel has developed a major strategic plan that includes an emphasis on internationalisation, sustainable development and digital developments.

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Christel Vacelet arrived in Belgium by doing a European Commission internship in Brussels in the autumn of 1995. Her academic career was devoted to political science and international relations at various universities: the Institut d'Etude Politiques de Lyon, Portland State University (USA), the Université Gustave Eiffel (France) and, for a summer, the University of International Relations in Nizhny Novgorod (Russia).

After six years at the European Commission in the first department dedicated to digital communication and a stint in the Erasmus, Leonardo and Youth Technical Assistance Office, Christel Vacelet joined the European University Association (EUA) in 2003, where she helped set up the Bologna process and build the young association until 2008. Since then, higher education and research issues in Europe have been at the heart of her professional career. She worked at Eurydice (European education systems network) and European Schoolnet (ministries of education network) before returning to the EUA in 2016.

Ms Vacelet has also been involved with Amnesty International in French-speaking Belgium and was its president from 2017 to 2021. She continues to exercise voluntary responsibilities within Amnesty’s international movement.
Joris Proost holds a Master and PhD in Metallurgical and Materials Engineering from Louvain University (KULeuven) in 1994 and 1998, respectively. After spending 3 years at Harvard University, partly funded through a Fulbright and BAEF fellowship, he joined the Faculty of Louvain University at Louvain-la-Neuve (UCLouvain) in 2003, where he has been a tenured Full Professor since 2009. His current research interests within the Division of Materials and Process Engineering at UCLouvain focus on electrochemical process intensification, with a particular interest in developing new reactor and electrode technologies for green hydrogen production from renewable water electrolysis. A full academic track record is available at https://uclouvain.be/en/directories/joris.proost. Recently, he has also been the recipient of a Fellowship from the Japanese Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS) for a research stay at Kyoto University, which is planned for the Spring of 2023.

Prof. Proost is currently also the official Belgian representative within the Hydrogen Technology Collaboration Program (TCP) of the International Energy Agency (IEA). As such, he has been heavily involved as one of the subtask leaders in Task 38 on Power-to-Hydrogen. He was also invited to the high-level strategic IEA Hydrogen Workshop in February 2019 in Paris, and acted as a Peer Reviewer of the resulting seminal report "The Future of Hydrogen" that has been launched mid-June 2019 on the initiative of the Japanese Government at the meeting of the G20 energy ministers in Tokyo. He has been invited since to contribute to 4 more hydrogen flagship publications of the IEA: "Energy Technology Perspectives, the world’s guidebook on clean energy technologies" (2020), "Hydrogen in the Northwest European region, a vision towards 2030" (2021), and "The Global Hydrogen Review" (2021, 2022). Through this implication within the IEA, Prof. Proost has kept privileged Japanese contacts at NEDO and Kawasaki Heavy Industries. In addition, he has been asked as an international expert to advise the deployment and operation of an International Hydrogen Energy Center (IHEC), created in June 2021 by UNIDO, the United Nations Industrial Development Organisation.

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Philippe Chevalier is a professor at the Louvain School of Management and the Louvain Institute of Data Analysis and Modeling.

He also founded N-SIDE, a deeptech company applying AI and mathematical optimization techniques to help industry be more efficient in the use of resources, he is currently the CEO of the company.

Philippe holds a PhD degree from MIT obtained in 1992 and started his career as a faculty member of the University of Chile in Santiago, Chile. He later served as President of the Center for Operations Research and Econometrics (CORE) and the Louvain Institute of Data Analysis and Modelling in economics and statistics.

His main research interests concern stochastic models for supply chain management. He published articles in several leading scientific journals such as Production and Operations Management, European Journal of Operations Research or Management Science.

N-SIDE is serving leading companies worldwide with a current focus on Life Science and Energy. The company has more than 200 employees and has been growing by more than 30% per year over the last 5 years. The company is a certified B-Corporation.

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Helene de Brouwer has joined the University of Louvain in 2014 as project manager within the Louvain Foundation. She is in charge of developing relationship with private partners and other foundations in order to help the University to launch new and innovative projects. She works actively with UCLouvain academics and scientists on a wide range of projects developed in Science and technology, Social Science and Humanities and Health Science. One of the major projects she is currently working on is the promotion of the University Japanese book donation, a precious heritage received from Japan in the 1920’s to mark the friendship between Japan and Belgium. This initiative named “The Japan Mirai Fund”, aims at making this unique collection more accessible for research to the worldwide scientific community and at raising public’s awareness of Japanese culture and history. Before joining the University of Louvain, Hélène spent 16 years with the Cancer Foundation where she gained significant experience with private partners. She holds a master degree in economics from the University of Louvain.
Sorin Melinte is Professor of Electrical Engineering in the Institute of Information and Communication Technologies, Electronics and Applied Mathematics at Université catholique de Louvain, Belgium, since 2002. He is currently the academic responsible of WINFAB (Wallonia Infrastructure for Nano FABrication, www.winfab.be). He develops an internationally competitive research program in systems materials engineering and nanotechnology. His current projects address novel nano- and micro-devices and hybrid inorganic-organic materials for energy harvesting and conversion as well as integration of Li-ion technology in smart buildings.

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With one-third of its students and researchers coming from abroad, the Université libre de Bruxelles is one of the most multicultural Belgian universities. It has a long-held tradition of excellence, thanks to its more than 220 research units, 8 interdisciplinary institutes, over 2 000 PhD candidates and more than 3 600 researchers and members of academic staff in all fields. It received 4 scientific Nobel Prizes out of the 6 awarded to Belgians, among them the 2013 Nobel Prize in Physics. Actively involved in the European Research Area, ULB has obtained to this day 41 ERC grants and received European funding (COFUND) to host international post-doctoral researchers. With its 12 faculties, Schools and Institutes, it trains students in all disciplines, closely combining cutting-edge research and education. ULB also recently spearheaded the creation of a large-scale university hospitals network and a scientific biopark dedicated to technological innovation. Open to the world, ULB has set up many partnerships with some of the world's top universities and is a proud member of the CIVIS European Alliance. Since its creation, ULB has been cultivating the flame of freedom. It has constantly demonstrated its independence and its commitment to the great struggles for democracy, individual liberties and human rights.
Annemie Schaus graduated from the ULB in Law (1988) and in International Law (1989). Her research focuses on the implementation of international treaties in a federal State and on the protection of fundamental rights and freedoms. The latter led her to get involved in several human rights associations. She was Dean of ULB’s Faculty of Law and Criminology (September 2007-January 2011), Vice-Rector for Institutional Relations and Knowledge Transfer (2011-2012) and Vice-Rector for Academic Policy (2012-2016). She became Rector of ULB in September of 2020.
Anne Weyembergh is Full Professor at the Université Libre de Bruxelles (ULB, Law Department and Institute for European Studies) and Vice Rector for External Relations and cooperation – ULB. She is former President of the Institute for European Studies of the ULB (Sept. 2014 - 2019) and Director of the Center of European Law (2019-2020). She founded and co-coordinates the European Criminal Law Academic Network (ECLAN: http://www.eclan.eu/) since November 2004. She is Visiting Professor at the College of Europe (Natolin campus).

She is Member of the Académie Royale des Sciences, des Lettres et des Beaux-Arts de Belgique (Classe des Lettres et des Sciences morales et politiques).

She has coordinated numerous research projects and is especially Lead scientist of the GEM-Stones programme (Globalisation, Europe and Multilateralism - Sophistication of the Transnational Order, Networks & European Strategies), Marie Skłodowska-Curie actions (Grant Agreement No 722826) (2016-2020).

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Marius Gilbert graduated in Agricultural Sciences at the Université Libre de Bruxelles (ULB) in 1995. He was then a visiting researcher for two years at the department of Zoology, University of Oxford and obtained a PhD on the spatial epidemiology of a forest insect pest at ULB in 2001. In 2006, he was awarded a permanent academic position with the Belgian FNRS. In 2016, he founded the Spatial Epidemiology Lab (SpELL) that he now leads as F.R.S.-FNRS research director. During the COVID pandemic, he joined the Expert Group on the Exit Strategy (GEES) that was assembled by the prime minister Sophie Wilmes to advise the government on the lockdown exit strategy. In september 2020 he joined the team of the rector Annemie Schaus as vice-rector of research and valorization.
Prof. dr. ir. Pierre Lambert obtained his MSc in mechanical engineering in 1998 (ULB), his PhD in engineering sciences in 2004 (ULB) and his habilitation in 2010 (U. Franche-Comté). After a postdoc at EPFL (2005) and at U Pierre et Marie Curie (2006), he was appointed as assistant professor at ULB in 2007 (in micro-engineering). In 2010 he got a CNRS position at FEMTO-ST (France) and then moved to the LIMMS French-Japanese lab in Tokyo (2010-2011). He is currently Professor at ULB, with research activities in the field of fluidic and flexible microrobotics. He is one of the Professors in charge of the MicroMilli platform at ULB (http://micromilli.ulb.be/), equipped with simulation, manufacturing and characterization tools for engineering at small scales (<1mm). Since 2022, he is the Vice Dean for International Relations of the Engineering School.

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Geoffrey Grulois is a graduate of the University of Tokyo (Master in Engineering) and a former fellow of the Japanese Ministry of Education.
Frédérik Ponjaert is a researcher at the Institute d’études européennes (IEE) and the East Asian Studies Center (EAST) of Université libre de Bruxelles (ULB), as well as an Assistant Lecturer in Comparative Regionalism at SciencesPo (IEP-Paris). His research is on comparative regionalism, with an emphasis on European and Asian realities. He also works on EU external action and inter-regional partnerships, again with a specific focus on Euro-Asian dynamics. More recently, both research strands have focused on the developing EU-Japan Relationship in light of the recently signed Economic Partnership and Strategic Partnership Agreements. Frederik Ponjaert is also the scientific coordinator of the GEM Ph.D. School on “Globalisation, the European Union and Multilateralism”. Said PhD School has already managed one EMJD and two MSCA-DN programs, the most recent one called GEM-DIAMOND works on the impact of mounting dissensus on the prospects for Rule of Law and Liberal Democracy and counts Waseda University among its partners. He is co-editor of two Routledge book series: the GEM series on ‘Globalisation, Europe and Multilateralism’ and the CES series on “Contemporary Asian Societies”. Lastly, he is also a member of the academic pool supporting the continued development of the Waseda Brussels Office.

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Jean-Louis Moortgat is the Director for Europe for Waseda University Brussels Office since April 2017 and Senior Officer for Asia at the ULB International Office from 2008. As such, he was Project Management Director from 2013 to 2015 under the EuropeAid program for the project "Promoting appropriate technology for smallholders to increase food security" which took place in Cambodia and Laos.

Prior to that, Jean-Louis Moortgat was Administrative and Financial Director of the Museum of Contemporary Art of the French Community of Belgium from 2003 to 2008.

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Université de Liège

University of Liège is one of Belgium’s leading universities, founded in 1817. ULiège welcomes 25,400 students, 23% of whom are of international origin (122 nationalities). ULiège is the public university of the Wallonia-Brussels Federation. It includes 11 Faculties representing the Humanities, Health Sciences, Sciences and Technology. With 40 bachelor’s degrees and 207 master’s degrees, its range of undergraduate and postgraduate courses is among the most diversified in Belgium. ULiège is located in 3 cities in Wallonia: Liège, Gembloux and Arlon. Its courses have several international quality labels (EQUIS, AACSB, EUR-ACE, Conférence des Grandes Ecoles). ULiège collaborates with more than 1,000 teaching and research institutions throughout the world. It boosts its research centres in fields such as biotechnologies, life and medical sciences (human and veterinary), agronomy, space and engineering sciences, environment, etc., by developing partnerships with public authorities and companies. More than 100 spin-off companies created by ULiège are in activity. ULiège is a major employer in Wallonia: more than 5,700 employees, including 640 academic staff and 2,900 people involved in teaching and research activities. Together with the University Hospital (CHU) of Liège, this represents 12,000 direct jobs spread over the provinces of Liège, Namur and Luxembourg.
Anne-Sophie Nyssen is Full Professor of Work Psychology at the Faculty of Psychology, Speech Language and Educational Sciences of the University of Liège (ULiège) and, since 2018, Vice-Rector for Education and Welfare. She was previously Vice-Dean of her Faculty.

Since her PhD at ULiège and her post-doctoral stay at Stanford University, her research fields focus on the role of human and organisational factors in workplaces (industry, aviation, hospitals,...): human error, accidentology, suffering at work, cognitive ergonomics, decision making and expertise development, design, evaluation of new technologies, analysis of complex systems and system reliability. She organised the inter-university Master of specialisation in risk management and well-being at work. At the international level, she has confronted the French, Anglo-Saxon and American cognitive approaches with Professor Jim Reason of the University of Manchester, the Dane Jens Rasmussen in Roskilde, with the medical team of San Diego in California and with Professor Dave Woods of the University of Columbus.

Anne-Sophie Nyssen also holds a certificate in Ericksonian hypnosis from the Erickson Institute in Liège. She initiated a course on hypnotic process awareness and therapeutic communication in the university curriculum. She has worked with Professor Marie-Elisabeth Faymonville of the CHU of Liège on a course on the use of hypnosis in the management of acute and chronic pain. She is a member of the group of experts set up by the Conseil Supérieur de la Santé to draw up an opinion aimed at defining the scientific indications for the use of hypnosis.

As Vice-Rector, Anne-Sophie Nyssen developed the #RESPECT campaign which aims to fight against the different forms of discrimination experienced within the University: fight against harassment, for non-violent communication and respect of differences. She is involved in the fight against sexual violence against women and girls in the framework of the Mukwege Chair at ULiège. During the Covid period, she was behind the distribution of bio-solidarity baskets to students. In the context of the pandemic, which has brutally shaken up teaching methods for both teachers and students, she has launched a process of reflection on a modern vision of the place of digital technology in university education and advocates, in this sense, for a reasoned sobriety of digital tools. At the same time, she actively participated in the inter-university reforms of the “Décret Paysage” and the initial training of teachers.

Anne-Sophie Nyssen was elected Rector of the University of Liège on 12 May 2022, a position she will officially hold from 1 October 2022, succeeding Professor Pierre Wolper. She will then be the 63rd academic personality to hold this position since the creation of the University of Liège in 1817, the first woman rector in the history of the ULiège and the first woman rector of a Public university in Francophone Belgium.

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Between 2009 and 2018, as Vice-Rector of the University of Liege, Eric Haubrue was in charge of education and regional development. In the field of education and training, Eric Haubrue attaches great importance to the development of training courses enabling skills to be acquired throughout life. He is the initiator and the current president of the new jobs and skills incubator within the Liège-Luxembourg academic cluster (https://www.jobsatskills.be). Eric Haubrue develops new learning methods but also new information and communication technologies to build a University of the future.

In terms of innovation and research, as convinced that creativity coupled with innovation is an engine for the development of new economic models, Eric Haubrue is a one of the founders of the IDCampus creativity platform (https://www.idcampus.be) and of several startups in the “FoodTech” field like LaMiamFactory (https://www.miamfactory.com) and BeerFac (https://www.gembloux.beer).

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Björn-Olav Dozo is a professor at the University of Liege, in the Department of Media, Culture and Communication. He teaches digital humanities and videogame cultures.

He defended a doctoral thesis (PhD) in languages and letters in 2007. Since 2013, his research has focused on video games as cultural objects. He is one of the co-founders of the Liège Game Lab, whose activities can be followed on social networks (@LiegeGameLab on Twitter) and on their website. He also is the director of the Presses universitaires de Liège, of the center of computer development in arts and humanities of ULiège (CIPL) and the center of digital and distant teaching of the University (CARE "Digital Tools").
Didier Mattivi is Director of Rise, the ULiège, entity in charge of Research, Innovation, Support and Enterprise.

He was obtained a diploma of Civil Engineer with Physics as a major from ULiège in 1996 and a business management diploma from Solvay Business Schools in 1998.

After an initial career in IT for banks (Generale de Banque, Nagelmackers), he joined Cisco as Channel Manager for Luxembourg. In 2005, with 3 friends, he founded IP Trade, company developing, selling and supporting IP Telephony solutions for trading floors. IP Trade became worldwide number two in that market and was sold to British Telecom in 2017.

He has started 2 new ventures, Wild Bishop a video game studio and Barwal a wine barrels manufacturing company.

He joined ULiège in October 2022 to lead and integrate 2 entities, ARD in charge of Research support and Interface, TTO of ULiège. The fusion was effective in July 2022. He leads a team of 70 people.

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She provides support to the authorities of the University for their international meetings and missions abroad but also to the Faculties for implementing their internationalization projects, specifically towards partners located in non-european countries (among which Brazil, Canada and the United States).

Finally, she monitors a watch on international funding opportunities and is member of the Think Tank for Latin America of the Santander Group (SGroup).

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Université de Mons

The University of Mons (UMONS) is located near the Belgian-French border, in the cities of Mons, European Capital of Culture in 2015, and Charleroi. UMONS includes 7 Faculties, 3 Schools and 10 Research Institutes among which the Engineering Faculty, founded in 1837, is the oldest Engineering Faculty in Belgium. UMONS offers bachelors, masters, and PhD degrees, some of them taught in English. UMONS has around 150 different degree programs on offer to its 11.000 students at Bachelor, Master and PhD level in fields as diverse as Law, Psychology, Social Sciences, Biomedical Science, Economics, Electrical Engineering, Management, Material Science, Mechanical Engineering, Urban Planning, Information Technology, Architecture, Interpretation, Speech Therapy, Mathematics, Chemistry, Pharmacy, Translation Education, Biology, Geology, Medicine. All faculties offer PhD theses supervised in English. Double degrees can also be awarded, for example within the TIME network.

With 1000 researchers (incl. 500 PhD students), the research objectives of UMONS are settled both at the regional and international levels. Through its quality research and excellence, UMONS is a nationally and internationally recognized institution. The growing number of publications in referenced scientific journals and of citations in international scientific publications, has led to the university being ranked among the best universities in international rankings, such as EU U-Multirank (Top 50 for the internationalization of its publications) and QS (116th position), for the productivity of its scientific research.

UMONS is one of the ten European Universities integrated in the European University Alliance EUNICE. Last September, its Rector was elected President of EUNICE University.
Philippe Dubois is rector of University of Mons (European University in EUNICE Alliance since 2020) (Mons, Belgium). He is full professor at Faculty of Sciences where he leads the Center of Innovation and Research in Materials & Polymers CIRMAP. His expertise covers polymeric materials; and (reactive) processing of (nano) composites materials, including bio-sourced polymers.

He has published more than 800 peer-reviewed scientific articles/book chapters, 11 books and scientific special journal issues (H-index: 110; overall citations: 60,000) and is the inventor of 73 patents. He is founder and president of GATE2 S.A. (previously NANO4 S.A.), a spin-off company of UMONS and Materia Nova research center. He is a member of the editorial boards of 20 international scientific journals in the fields of polymer chemistry and materials science, among which he is Associate Editor of *Materials Sciences & Engineering Reports* with an Impact Factor of 36.21. He is a laureate of the FNRS Quinquennial Award in applied exact sciences (2011–2015), the highest scientific award of FNRS delivered every five years by the Belgian FNRS. He is personally ranked (18th) in “Top 100 materials scientists of the 2000-2010 decade” by Thomson Reuters and published in *Times*.

Currently he is president and scientific director of Materia Nova Research Center, Mons. He is adjunct professor at the Chemical Engineering Faculty, Michigan State University, MSU, Lansing (US), honorary professor at University of Luxembourg, guest professor at the National key-lab of Chemical Engineering, Zhejiang University, Hangzhou, China, Plan 111 International professor at Sichuan University, Chengdu, China and Invited professor at Université Polytechnique Hauts-de-France. He joined the Luxembourg Institute of Science and Technology (LIST) where, as scientific director in 2016-17, he launched and installed the National Composite Center of Luxembourg (NCC-L).

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Full professor since 2018, she was vice-dean of the Faculty of Medicine and Pharmacy between 2014 and 2022 and became Vice-rector for mobility and international affairs in October 2022.

She is president of the Belgian Brain Council since 2021 and is a member of the scientific committee of the Belgian Alzheimer Research Foundation and secretary of the international ALBA Network aiming at promoting equity and diversity in brain sciences.

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Université de Namur

Founded in 1831, the University of Namur (UNamur) carries on the values of the Jesuit traditions of openness, excellence, freedom and sustainability in its mission of teaching, research and service to society. UNamur’s priority is to educate students and young researchers to become responsible and active members of the society and encourage them not only to acquire solid knowledge in their chosen fields of study, but also to engage in extra-curricular activities and in social, cultural and humanitarian projects.

The University is situated in Namur, the capital city of Wallonia. It is home to some 7150 students studying in more than 50 academic programs offered by six different Faculties. The programs are embedded in strong research capabilities. Researchers collaborate in the framework of eleven transdisciplinary research institutes and nine research platforms. Research activities are clustered around five main transversal topics: Life and Health Sciences, Information and Communication Technologies and Society; Heritages, Cultures and Societies, Economic and Social Vulnerabilities and Materials, Energy and Environment.

UNamur is a member of several international networks and collaborates with many international partners. It plays an important role at local, regional and national level by encouraging the dialogue with the economic and political actors. It contributes to the creation and the transmission of knowledge and promotes excellence in higher education for all students, regardless of their origin; it promotes excellence in research and the wellbeing of the entire academic community.
Doctor in Physics, Annick Castiaux began her career as an FNRS fellow at the Solid Physics Laboratory of the University of Namur. In 1998, after a post-doctoral experience in France, she left the academia to start a career as a consultant in Information Management at IRIS, an international company active in the field of digital economy.

In 2002, she was appointed as a professor in the Management Department of the UNamur, where she has developed a new curriculum in business engineering. At the same time, she launched a research group in Innovation Management to study technology and innovation, with an approach paying great attention to social responsibility and sustainable development.

Her interest in exploring creative and innovation processes and their impact on society has led her to cofound (in 2014) the TRAKK a creative hub, where actors from different backgrounds can interact and collaborate on a number of projects. In 2015 she cofounded the Creativity and Innovation Research Centre (CIRCé), a research unit operating within the Namur Digital Institute and whose aim is to study innovation ecosystems.

Director of the Management department from 2013 to 2017, she has been serving as academic Director for International Affairs from 2013 to 2017 and as Vice-rector for teaching, quality assurance, communication and digital transition from 2017 to 2021. Since 2018 she is the representative of the Association of French-speaking rectors in the EUA working group on Innovation ecosystems.

From 2020-2021 she was a member of the Strategic committee of Get Up Wallonia.

In March 2021, she has been elected as Rector. She has started her mandate in September 2021.

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Professor S. Lucas has 20 years of experience in plasma deposition both at fundamental and industrial levels. He leads an interdisciplinary research team at the University of Namur including PhD chemists, post-docs in chemistry and pharmacy, industrial engineers, and more than 15 physicists (PhD or post-docs). He has developed numerous Monte-Carlo based computational tools to simulate the interaction of atoms with surfaces, coating growth and properties. He works in close collaboration with Belgian SME’s as well as large enterprises such as Nanocyl, DSI, BELSOL, AGC, Arcelor Mittal, IRE. In 2011, he transferred an industrial coater developed in his lab to the SME NANOCYL in order to functionalize kg of MWCNT per day. He holds more than 10 patents in the field. Until 2018, he co-led the “Synthesis Irradiation and Analysis of Matter” technological platform (SIAM) and the “Radiobiology Group” and the “Namur Nanosafety Center” (NNC). In 2017, he took part in the creation of a UNamur spin-off called “Innovative Coating Solution (ICS)” the core-business of which is to help customers to develop high added value coatings and to solve production issues. In 2021, he became part-time Deputy Chief Research Officer at IBA.
Dating back to 1858, The “Université Saint-Louis – Bruxelles” is a university specialized in human and social sciences, offering education to some 4000 students in 5 faculties. It is located in the very heart of Brussels, the capital of Europe. Well known for its bilingual and trilingual (French-English-Dutch) programmes at undergraduate level, USaint-Louis Bruxelles specialises in Philosophy, Letters and Humanities (Degrees in philosophy, history, romane languages and literatures, Germanic languages and literatures), Law (Degree in Law), Economics, Social, Political and Communication Sciences (Degrees in Business engineering, economics and management, political sciences, information and communication and sociology and anthropology), European Studies (Degrees in European Studies) as well as Translation and Interpreting (Degrees in 10 different languages). Overall, the university offers 12 Bachelor programs, 7 Master and Advanced Master programs and 8 Doctoral programs.
Professor Pierre Jadoul is the Rector of the Université Saint-Louis – Bruxelles since September 1st, 2013. He graduated in Law from Saint-Louis and UCLouvain. Since 1982, he has practiced Law in Brussels and has held various academic positions. His areas of expertise include contract law, insurance law, commercial law, and liability law. Until recently, he was a member of the Belgian Superior Council of Justice. From 2005 to 2010, Professor Jadoul served as academic secretary of the Faculty of Law of Université Saint-Louis Bruxelles and he became Dean of the Faculty for a 3-year period starting in September 2010.

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Fund For Scientific Research (F.R.S.-FNRS)

The mission of the Fund for Scientific Research – FNRS is to develop fundamental scientific research by funding initiatives submitted by researchers. It fosters the production and the development of knowledge by supporting, on the one hand, individual researchers and by financing, on the other hand, research programmes conducted within laboratories mainly located in the universities of the Wallonia-Brussels Federation.

Based on scientific excellence, the financial support of the F.R.S.-FNRS takes several forms:

– Temporary or permanent remuneration of individual researchers,
– Financing of research teams,
– Participation in international networks and programmes,
– Allocation of grants and credits for scientific exchanges,
– Awarding of scientific prizes.

The F.R.S.-FNRS is also in charge of promoting European research and innovation programmes involving the Wallonia-Brussels Federation towards its researchers, and of accompanying researchers willing to participate in these programmes.
Following a post-doctorate at the Von Karman Institute for fluid dynamics, Véronique Halloin joined the ULB where she successively took on the posts of assistant professor, lecturer and full professor. In 2006, Véronique Halloin was appointed to the position of Vice Rector of the ULB, responsible for research and development. In October 2008, she became Secretary General of the Fund for Scientific Research (F.R.S.-FNRS). Véronique Halloin is also member of the Rectors’ Conference of the French-speaking Community of Belgium (CRef).

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Luc Langer has a degree in civil engineering and a PhD in materials science from the Catholic University of Louvain along with an executive Master’s degree in general management from the Solvay Business School. With expertise in metal coating, he has been the founder of many industrial companies in coating, processes, and nanotechnologies, notably Nanoxid sprl and MATRIO-Group SA. Since 2009 he has been the managing director of Materia Nova, a center of research in materials as well as GATE2 SA the spin-off of the University of Mons and Materia Nova and IONICS SA the joint venture between Materia Nova and AGC active in high-tech surface coatings.
Haute Ecole Albert Jacquard

Located in Belgium in the province of Namur, the « Haute École Albert Jacquard » offers cutting-edge education in domains such as computer graphics, economics, public relations, communication or pedagogy.

Pioneer in the field of computer graphics in Belgium, the HEAJ has opened a new Master in video games in 2022, some years after having created the first Master in transmedia architecture.

HEAJ’s program offer is as attractive as varied. Beside the two Masters, a lot of professional bachelor’s degrees are proposed to students in a lot of sectors (e.g. 2D and 3D animation, graphic design, video games, accounting, education, psychomotricity, communication and so on).

With nearly 3000 students, the Haute École Albert Jacquard offers quality education while focusing on practice and youth support. Our university college attaches a high importance to the human aspect and its students’ follow-up.
Joël Jacob, Director-President, co-constructed and set up the Master in Transmedia and Video Game Architecture. His expertise, which has been acclaimed by his peers, makes him a key player in the development of digital skills in Wallonia. Joël is also a digital artist.

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Created in 1996 as a result of the reunification of all higher education institutions located in the Capital and all belonging to WBE, it gathers several former independent institutions in the fields of education, healthcare, computer science, social science, economics (trade and sustainable development, law and administration) and technical engineering (EUR-ACE® Framework Standards for the Accreditation of Engineering) with orientations in medical and nuclear physics, computer science, electronics, chemistry, mechanics and electricity).

HE2B has now 4800 students and 700 staff members (teaching, administrative and research). It grants 30 bachelor’s degrees and 10 Master’s degrees and 6 Specializations.

The HE2B is active on several research fields and has been awarded multiple research grants.

HE2B is targeting to develop international partnerships and collaborations in order to stimulate mobility for students (internships) and teachers with Japanese universities, Colleges of Technology and Professional Training Colleges.

On the field of research, HE2B wants to collaborate internationally, especially in nuclear technical engineering, computer science and on the field of trade and development with Japanese universities and Colleges of Technology.
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She was born in Gent (Belgium) in 1977. She obtained the degree of Master in German Literature and Languages in 1999 and a few years later, a Specialization degree in Applied Languages at the Université Libre de Bruxelles (ULB).

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She also served ten years as Director of the Department of Economics, Law and Sustainable Development of Haute Ecole Bruxelles-Brabant (HE2B).

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- the "long type", made up of transitional Bachelors in three years and Masters organized in one or two years, sanctioned by the academic degree of Master, and offering education focused on the economy and paramedical sectors.

Francisco Ferrer University College welcomes more than 3,500 students per academic year, representing no less than 76 different nationalities.

The question of living together is at the heart of the educational, social and cultural project of the institution. Francisco Ferrer University College calls on students to be responsible players in their learning. It undertakes to develop in them transferable skills, a general culture, values such as cooperation and solidarity, a sense of responsibility and ethics, and essential attitudes such as curiosity, self-control, critical thinking and scientific rigor.
Alizée Simal was born in Brussels in 1989. She began studying the Law and obtained her Bachelor's Degree from the Université Libre de Bruxelles in 2012. She pursued her academic path by obtaining first a Master's Degree in Population sciences and development from the Université Libre de Bruxelles and then another Master in Human rights from the Université Saint-Louis.

She began working for the City of Brussels in 2015. First as Head of the Registration Office of Francisco Ferrer University College and then, since 2020, as Head of the International Relations Office of the same school. There, she is in charge of promoting and managing the mobility of staff and students and she is the person responsible for creating and realizing partnerships through international projects and/or students/staff mobility.

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ICHEC Brussels Management School

ICHEC is a teaching-oriented management school offering programs at Bachelor’s and Master’s level in French and in English. Founded in 1954 and part of the “Group ICHEC-ECAM-ISFSC”.

ICHEC enables its students to develop their talents and educates them to become responsible as well as open-minded managers. In order to accomplish this mission, ICHEC adopts a rigorous approach to its academic programs, informed by research, with an emphasis on business practice. Our graduates gain the knowledge, skills and competences which are necessary to embark on a lifelong learning process. The ICHEC spirit is founded on the values of respect, solidarity and integrity.

ICHEC is also a group of 4 training centers specialized in research and continuous education for adults. It is at the heart of a network composed of more than 3000 students, more than 15 000 alumni who are part of the ICHEC Alumni association, a faculty of 200 academically qualified or professionally qualified members who bring students their day-to-day experience of management.
Since 1990, Brigitte Chanoine has occupied different positions in the Finance Department at ICHEC Brussels Management School, of which she has been the Rector since September 2008.

Brigitte Chanoine is qualified as a Master in Business Engineering (ICHEC), having a Master in Finance (UCL) and being Doctor in Business Administration (PhD in Finance). She is member of different Advisory Boards and Board of Directors (ARES, ACIS Belgium, ACIS France, Fondation pour l’Enseignement).

In March 2011, Brigitte Chanoine has been selected as one of the 100 women of exception of Belgium.

In June 2022, she was designated “Honorary Citizen” of the Municipality of Woluwe-Saint-Pierre.

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- International relations representative for ICHEC in different networks (Cladea, Nibes, AACSB, EFMD)
- Member of the accreditation Task Force for the implementation of AACSB and EPAS
- Co-founder of the Clemson University Brussels Center (CUBC) in 2005 and nominated as Program Director in Brussels for CUBC
- International Expert for ANQA, national center for professional education quality assurance
- Commissioner for NVAO, de nederlandse -vlaamse accreditatieorganisatie
Haute Ecole en Hainaut

The Haute Ecole en Hainaut (HEH) is a Belgian French-speaking university college located in the province of Hainaut, 50 kilometres south of Brussels, the capital of Europe. HEH is organized by Wallonie-Bruxelles-Enseignement (WBE).

Created in 1996 as a result of the reunification of all higher education institutions located in the province of Hainaut and all belonging to WBE, it gathers four former independent institutions in the fields of education, social sciences, economics (law, tourism and administration) and technical engineering (with orientations in informatics, construction, land surveyors and life data technology).

HEH has now 3,600 students and 390 staff members (teaching, administrative and research). It grants 22 bachelor’s degrees and 6 Master’s degrees and has been awarded multiple research grants.

Through its active policy of encouraging international partnerships, HEH enhances learning opportunities by stimulating mobility for students and teachers in all programmes. Moreover, the video game industry is in full evolution, promoting opportunities, developing employment as well as sustaining the emergence of an ecosystem. HEH is thus targeting to develop collaboration in Japan in various fields in research, more specifically in technical engineering as well as video game development. In this regard, the recent advances in the field of magnetron sputtering through the development of a high-power pulsed plasma source at the HEH highlight our expertise and willingness to collaborate internationally.
Denis Dufrane is a linguist and philologist specialised in Dutch and English literature. He studied at the Université Libre de Bruxelles (ULB) and was awarded a Master’s Degree in Germanic philology in 1986. His Master’s thesis was supervised by Prof. Paul Hadermann in Dutch literature. He has been an English teacher in the teacher training department of the Haute Ecole en Hainaut (HEH.be) for more than 20 years. He then accepted the position of Director of the teacher training department of the HEH from 2006 till 2009. After being re-elected in 2021, he started a third mandate as Director-President of the HEH, a French-speaking university college located in the province of Hainaut, 50 kilometres south of Brussels, the capital of Europe.

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She then had the opportunity to join the Haute Ecole en Hainaut University College, mainly based in Mons, where she held three positions simultaneously: Institutional Coordinator of the Student Success Support Commission for 10 years, Institutional Coordinator of the International Relations Commission and Teacher in Management at the Engineering School of the HEH.be; the two last positions still held today.

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Matthieu Michiels currently holds a position of Assistant Professor at HeH, a French-speaking university college located at Mons, 50 kilometers south of Brussels. He is also a senior R&D scientist at Materia Nova, research center in materials and processes at Mons. He holds a Master degree in electronics in 2006. In 2021, he obtained a PhD in Engineering Sciences; his dissertation focused on bipolar high-power pulsed magnetron sputtering discharges for improved thin film deposition process. With over 15 years of experience in developing state-of-the-art plasma processes, he is today the head of the power electronics laboratory in the Department of Science and Technology at HEH.

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Haute Ecole Leonard de Vinci

The University College Léonard de Vinci (HE Vinci) is a higher education institution recognised for the quality of its 43 profession-oriented (short) Bachelor’s, academic-oriented (long) Master’s and Advanced Degree Programmes.

HE Vinci is a not-for-profit education provider (ASBL).

We have three campuses (two in Brussels and one in Louvain-la-Neuve), located in beautiful surroundings.

We welcome more than 8000 students of many different nationalities.

Our missions include teaching, research and continuing education. We also actively provide a range of services to society. Our core mission is to train tomorrow’s professionals in the state-of-the-art of their field.

Our programme-based approach and project-based teaching methods allow our students to personalise their educational pathways and undertake work experience as part of their programmes. We have also established numerous international partnerships, which benefit our students and our academic and administrative staff. We employ more than 1000 people.

Since September 2019, our university college has been structured around three Sectors: Health, Human and Social Sciences, and Science and Technology.
Valérie Biéva holds a Master in Law from the Université Libre de Bruxelles (ULB) and an Executive Master's degree in Human Resources from ICHEC Management School.

After working in Belgium as a corporate solicitor, she pursued her journey for six years ‘down under’ in Australia.

In 2009, she became Head of the Legal Department at the Léonard De Vinci University College, where she has also deputised for successive Director-Presidents. On September 14th 2019, she took office as Director-President of the Léonard De Vinci University College.

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Emmeline Leconte secured a Master’s degree in Computer Science at the University of Namur, and a Teaching Certificate for Higher Education. She completed her training with an internship at Kobe University in the Faculty of Engineering (four months on the Robocup Rescue Simulation Project).

She then worked as a teacher in the Computer Science Institute of University of Namur. In 2006, she started teaching on the BA courses at the Léonard de Vinci University College.

In 2016, she became Head of the Computer Science Department. In 2020, she was elected as Director of the Science and Technology Sector.

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As Head of the International Relations Office at Léonard de Vinci University College, Maïté Abram coordinates a twenty-strong team of colleagues with a collaborative approach. Initiating and supporting international projects throughout the organisation, she values a professional mindset based on agility and thinking out of the box.

She also contributes actively to the Committee on international relations of the Academy for Research and Higher Education, especially as co-leader of the Winter School on internationalisation, a 3-day course for Juniors in the International offices of French-speaking HEIs of Belgium.

Holding degrees in Roman philology and Orientalism, her vast network lies in Higher Education, EU affairs and Women's rights.

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Haute Ecole Louvain en Hainaut

With its 7 study areas (Agronomy, Applied Arts, Business & Management, Teacher Training, Social Studies, Nursing & Health Care, Technology and Engineering School) spread over 15 sites in the province of Hainaut, HELHa is the largest University College in the French speaking part of Belgium, providing more than 60 different Bachelor and master’s degrees to more than 11,000 students.

As a University College, it recruits regional and local students to prepare them for their future jobs in companies or services in the area and in the world. HELHa’s ambition and strategy is to progress and move on alongside the world evolution under its various aspects and disciplines. This means a constant adaptation and renewal of our habits, reflexes and trends, so as to get the highest possible added value for our students, the next generation of world citizens.
Philippe Declerq has been President-Director at HELHa since December 2017, after having been Vice-President-Director since March 2012. After his civil service at the NGO ATD Fourth World in London and Brussels in Sept 1991, he started his professional career as a technico-commercial engineer within the Building Company SA RONVEAUX in Ciney (BE) in January 1993. He then started teaching to Bachelor students in Building in Sept 1993, where he progressively became the pedagogical coordinator (Sept 1998) of this Bachelor Degree and Head of the Technical Bachelor Degrees in Sept 2004.

He was very active in the piloting of the strategic plan of HELHa in 2014, of INTERREG projects with the University of Amiens, internal auditor for the road laboratories of SA LABOTOUR (Tournai, BE), invited guest speaker at KAHO-St-Lieven in Aalst.

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Haute Ecole de Namur-Liège-Luxembourg

The University College HENALLUX counts about 6700 students working on ten campuses, in the provinces of Namur, Liège and Luxembourg.

The University College HENALLUX offers Bachelor, specialization and Master studies in higher education, in the fields of Public Health Sciences, Psychological Sciences of Education, Information and Communication, Political and Social Sciences, Legal Sciences, Economics and Management Sciences, Sciences and Engineer and Technology Sciences.
Benoît Dujardin has been appointed President-Director and so legal representative of international relations of the Hénallux University College since June 2021.

He was previously head of the Economical Field, with social conciliation as interdisciplinary assignment.

In the years before, he was the Director of the Callemeyn Campus. Before joining Hénallux, he has worked at Belgian national bank.

Benoît holds a Master’s degree in Accounting and taxation. He has a strong interest in human relations and their mechanisms, which have influence on his management’s perception.

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Marie-Anne Lecomte has a bachelor’s degree in nursing, a master’s degree in public health and a postgraduate diploma in bio-medical ethics.

She has been working in hospitals for almost 20 years. Since 2006, she is the institutional coordinator of international relations at the Hénallux University College. She manages various projects such as Erasmus, WBI, ARES, Capacity Building… as well as all the internationalization actions of the Hénallux.

Convinced that mobility allows students and staff’s exchanges to enlarge their competencies and openness, she cultivates the international relations approach within the institution and partnerships.

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Haute Ecole de la Province de Liège

The University College of the Province of Liège awards a wide range of Master and Bachelor Degrees in many subjects.

Whatever the field of study, our institution offers trainings combining theoretical and practical aspects as it allows students to carry out field placements and meet the professionals. It offers more than 60 courses in 12 areas: more than 30 Bachelors (short type), 7 Masters (long type) and 14 Specializations.

Our teaching staff is fully committed to offering students high-quality education. The University college of the Province of Liège is today recognized as a competent partner, and as such is involved in the economic development of Liège, and more widely, of the whole Walloon region.

The HEPL has the desire to turn towards Europe and the world and it’s now part of UNIGreen Alliance. The Green European University is an Alliance of 8 European Higher Education Institutions (University of Almería, Spain; Agricultural University of Iceland, Iceland; Agricultural University of Plovdiv, Bulgarie ; Instituto Politécnico de Coimbra, Portugal ; Paris Sup’Biotech, France ; Università degli Studi di Modena e Reggio Emilia, Italie ; Warsaw University of Life Sciences, Pologne) that share the common vision of promoting excellence in Teaching, Learning, Research and Innovation in field of Sustainable Agriculture, Green Biotechnology and Environmental and Life Sciences.

UNIGreen valorises and builds on a long-lasting collaboration to create an integrated European University supporting the green economy.
From 1990 to 1994, Annick studied Physical Education at the University of Liège. She completed these studies with a licence degree in Physiotherapy from 1994 to 1996, also at the University of Liège. She also obtains a teaching diploma for these two subjects.

Before joining HEPL, she worked as an independent physiotherapist from 1996 to 2002.

From 1996 to 2013, she became lecturer at HEPL in these two fields.

Between 2013 and 2018, she started to work as Director of Pedagogical department. This involved ensuring the strategic and operational direction of the department by participating in various management bodies such as the Board of Directors or Management College.

In 2018, she was elected as Director-President at HEPL.

Its strategic development objectives are the development of innovative education in a sustainable framework, conducive to collaborative exchanges and mobility while promoting self-fulfillment.

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From 2001 to 2004, she studied a Bachelor in Marketing at Haute Ecole Léon Eli Troclet (Ex-HEPL). She completed her degree with a Master in Management at the University of Liège (HEC Liège) from 2004 to 2007. She also obtains a teaching diploma for Higher Education in 2014.

Before joining the HEPL, from 2007 to 2008, she worked as Store Manager in a Belgian company (End-to-end running of a point of sale). From 2008 to 2009, she worked as E-business consultant in Belgian SME. From 2009 to 2011, she was a teacher in secondary school at the Province of Liège.

She started her career at HEPL in September 2011 as lecturer and international relations manager for economic, social, and educational departments.

10 years later, in 2021 she became relationship and strategic head of International Office at HEPL.

She was creator member of the European University UNIGreen. She also is Full member of International Relations Committee since 2021 and Member of the Higher Council for Mobility.

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Conservatoire Royal de Bruxelles

The Conservatoire royal de Bruxelles was officially founded in 1832, its existence goes back to 1813. It has always been one of the best institutions of Music and Performing Arts in Higher Education in the world. Belgium’s greatest musicians were educated here under the guiding hands of great masters such as François-Joseph Fétis (the conservatory’s first director), François-Auguste Gevaert or Joseph Jongen. The Conservatoire royal de Bruxelles, which was separated from its Flemish counterpart over twenty years ago, is a real draw to students who come from Europe and around the world. Studies are divided into two main fields Performing Arts (Classical Music, Jazz, Rhythm and Early Music) and Drama), subdivided themselves into sections and course options. The infrastructure comprising one of Belgium’s most beautiful concert halls and a musical Library recognized as one of the world’s richest, fosters high quality student work, supported and encouraged by an exceptional international pedagogical team. The international affairs are led by a high number of European Projects (ASEM-DUO, Erasmus+) such as mobilities (erasmusconservatoire.be), strategics partnerships (harmaplus.eu) and master classes.
Graduated in organ and music theory, his career as a concert musician has allowed him to perform in various international festivals of baroque and organ music both as a soloist and as basso continuo player with the organ and harpsichord. Since 2008, his career has involved primarily the Conservatoire royal de Bruxelles as a Full-time faculty in Music Analysis/Writing Hamony since (2009-), International relations Coordinator (2015-) and the head of the music theory department since 2019.

His years of pedagogical research have been awarded with success by the publication of a harmony treaty "Précis d'harmonie tonale" at Editions Delatour, Paris in 2017. Master Classes and lectures around the world allowed him to spread its pedagogical skills and methodology. In 2019, he has been selected to teach in the prestigious Tokyo College of Music on behalf of an international teaching programme supported by both governments (sponsored by ARES).

In 2018, he created the International Seminar HarMA for music theorists' faculties in Higher Music Education Institutions (harma.eu.com) and the Strategic Partnerships Erasmus+ Programme “HarMA+”. Both are a "World Premiere" in the fields of music theory (harmaplus.eu)
École supérieure des Arts Saint-Luc de Bruxelles

ESA Saint-Luc Brussels is a place of education, creation and production where generations of artists and project designers are forged.

Its objective is to train creators under the guidance of theoreticians, professors and researchers from the artistic fields taught by offering teaching programs focused on design, construction techniques, interior design, ecodesign, innovative policies or new forms of graphic and visual communication and contemporary narrative, including digital. These programs encourage both practice and reflection, with the aim of providing students with a solid general culture and the critical tools necessary to practice their discipline.

Moreover, the school actively participates in research programs, most often in collaboration with Belgian or foreign academic partners, public organizations, artist-researchers and cultural operators.

ESA Saint-Luc Brussels is present abroad through festivals, international fairs and international networks, thus contributing to its international influence. It also encourages the mobility of its students, for study and internship purposes, as well as that of its professors in the context of interdisciplinary and research projects.
President of the Board of the ASBL Research and Innovation and President of the Chamber of Higher Arts Schools, Marc Streker is Director of the ESA Saint-Luc Brussels since 2015.

Elected member of the general assembly of the Cumulus association since 2009, he was the driving force behind projects on innovation and creativity. He has been also Professor at the Saint Luke Institute of fine arts and Architecture in Brussels during 15 years and Consultant at the Directorate-General for Information, Culture and Audiovisual of the European Commission.

Marc Streker holds a Master’s degree in social and information sciences, School of Communication and Journalism, UCLouvain and a Master of the Institut Supérieur Libre en Arts Plastiques.

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Cécile Thuillier is in charge of the international development of ESA Saint-Luc Brussels since 2017. She initiated a post-master's degree in social innovation design on the theme of the city of tomorrow, aimed at professionals from Belgium’s development cooperation partner countries. She is the representative of the art schools of the Wallonia-Brussels Federation in the commission for development cooperation of the Academy for Research and Higher Education (Académie de recherche et d’enseignement supérieur –ARES).

Cécile holds a Master degree in French Literature, and has worked as a project manager in several countries: France, Canada, United Kingdom, Sweden and Belgium.

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With over a thousand students from all sectors of society our school of art is one of the largest in south Belgium. A dedicated team of 250 tutors, professional artistes and administrative staff create a learning environment in which students can thrive.

ESA Saint-Luc seeks to empower our students to become active professionals in a range of different artistic sectors stretching from the fine arts to restoration of artistic heritage via spatial and visual design. Above all, we aim to train self-reflexive, autonomous and responsible artistes able to read the world around them and to become actors of change. Every year, we welcome a number of exchange students from Europe and abroad. Moreover, experts from the private sector, external professors and foreign students contribute the added value of our tuition.
Fabienne Pironet holds a PhD in Philosophy with a specialisation in medieval philosophy. In the course of her career, she has assumed different professional roles – often simultaneously. Her academic career began as a professor and researcher at University of Liège (1992-1995 ; 2006-2020). She later moved on to the University of Montréal (1995-2005) and the University of Paris I Sorbonne (2003). In addition, Dr Pironet has held positions as R&D Manager and Scrum Master in various IT Departments (2007-2009 and 2015-2017). Since 2011, her expertise is also regularly called upon by Higher Education Quality Assurance agencies in Belgium and Luxembourg.

She became Head of ESA Saint-Luc Liège School of Art in 2018 and has strongly supported the development of school’s international relations as well as the department for research in art.

On the rare occasions when she can find a little to spare, Dr Pironet enjoys composing music and restoring antiques.

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Professor of Comics since 2008 and freelance artist

Etienne Simon was born in 1976 and obtained a diploma in arts at École Supérieure des Arts Saint-Luc Bruxelles in 1998. Since then, he has worked for many publishers: first, as a colorist on projects like « Green Manor », « Louis au Ski », « Pedro le coati » and “Gun Fu (US)”. Later, as an author, he created stories and illustrations for Spirou and other titles for French or German publishers.

In the 2000’s, YUIO actively participated as a moderator in the “cafésalé” forum - the first forum of illustration and comics in France. Thanks to this experience, he was invited to take part in an exhibition at the Design fiesta Gallery in Japan. « Gurato », the collective for the event has generated various artistic publications such as artbooks, comic book strips and a thematic workshop held in Paris.

Making the most of his experience as a teacher, YUIO, supported by Eyrolles editions, published a comic strip called « Dessiner - Illustrer: mode d’emploi en BD, 2019-2022 »: a collection of 144 illustrations, didactic comics and witty tips on becoming a master in the art of comics. All this knowledge, dedication and good humour is continuously reinvested in the classroom for the benefit of generations of artists to come.

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Professor of Comics at ESA Saint-Luc Liège since 2011 and freelance artist.

Born in 1980, Hugo obtained his degree in the field of Comics from ESA Saint-Luc Liège School of Art in 2003.

In 2005, he created the series "Poncho et Semelle" in the youth magazine "Capsule Cosmique". The 3 volumes of the series are published by Sarbacane editions. Further important publications include "Les Arrachés" (Fluide Glacial, 2009), the "Varulf" series (Gallimard, 2013-14) and the “Happy birds” series (Delcourt, 2017). In addition, since 2005, Hugo is a regular contributor of short stories for Spirou magazine.

Hugo also took part in the creation of a webzine entitled "Professor Cyclope" for the Franco-German culture television channel “Arte”. More recently, he adapted Edward Abbey’s novel "Only are the Untamed" for Sarbacane editions.

His extensive and constantly growing experience is a real asset in the classroom where Hugo has nourished the imagination and creativity of students for over a decade.

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The Academy for Research and Higher Education (Académie de recherche et d’enseignement supérieur – ARES) is the federation of the French-speaking HEIs of Belgium. As a public interest body, it is responsible for supporting these institutions in their teaching, research and community service missions. It brings together 6 universities, 19 university colleges, 16 colleges of arts and numerous adult higher education colleges. As a unique platform, ARES carries out the general coordination for the HE sector in the Wallonia-Brussels Federation.
Graduated in journalism and communication from the Université libre de Bruxelles (ULB), Laurent Despy began his professional career as spokesman for the Socialist Party (PS), which was then chaired by Philippe Busquin. He held this position from 1992 to 1999. He then became political secretary of the PS group in the Parliament of the French Community from 1999 to 2001. From 2001 to 2003, he continued his career as spokesman for Rudy Demotte, then Minister of Budget, Public Service and Sports.

Subsequently he moved closer to the field of education and was appointed in 2003 as “Government Delegate” to the ULB, where he carried out control and advisory missions. In 2007, he also became “Government Commissioner” at the Université de Liège (ULiège). In 2011, he was elected administrator of the same university.

Laurent Despy has also been politically involved at the municipal level as a municipal councilor from 2000 to 2018. He also has been alderman for housing, urbanism and land use from 2009 to 2017.

Laurent Despy is currently the administrator of ARES, since July 2020.

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Holder of a Master’s degree in Business and Management (ICHEC), Elodie Decostre started her career as an international relations coordinator at ICHEC Brussels Management School. In 2017, she became country product manager at EF Education First, a private company active in the education sector. She then joined the ARES in 2019 as a project manager and became recently the director a.i. of the international relations at ARES, a position in which she coordinates the various initiatives, projects and actions supporting the internationalisation of higher education institutions.
Wallonie-Bruxelles International (WBI)

Wallonia-Brussels International (WBI) is the public agency responsible for international relations of the Wallonia-Brussels Federation and Wallonia. WBI promotes entities with an international capacity for action (such as universities, clusters or companies) in Wallonia-Brussels and defends the values and interests of each of the parties, in a spirit of cooperation and mutual aid.

In the framework of agreements with 70 countries and regions, WBI supports all stakeholders in Wallonia-Brussels. Actions are carried out in areas such as culture, scientific research and higher education.

Wallonia-Brussels International works among others through a network of scientific liaison offices. The general objective of the network is to promote scientific and technological relations between research and innovation operators in Wallonia-Brussels and partner countries.

Wallonie-Bruxelles Campus

Wallonie-Bruxelles Campus (WB Campus) is the agency for promoting higher education of French-speaking Belgium on the international stage. It represents well-renowned higher education institutions, including 6 universities, 19 university colleges and 16 schools of arts.

WB Campus works under the auspices of Wallonia-Brussels International (i.e. the Ministry of Foreign Affairs), in close collaboration with the Academy for research and higher education (ARES) to support the internationalisation of our higher education institutions.

To reach its goal WB Campus uses different tools: www.studyinbelgium.be, multilingual publications, participation in promotional events abroad, organisation of promotional campaigns on specific themes.

Before joining Awex, the Wallonia Export-Investment Agency, in 1995, she worked as a project coordinator for the European Communities Commission, and then in a research position at the Political and Social Economy department at the University of Liège.

In April 1997, Pascale joined the office of the Minister-President of the Walloon Government as an advisor. There, she was in charge of the “Foreign Relations” Cell.

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In parallel to these ministerial posts, Pascale joined the Ducroire Belgian Export Credit Agency in 2006 - she still holds this position - and became the government commissioner for the Economic Stimulation Agency (2007-2009), where she became a board member in 2012, and at the Wallonia Export-Investment Agency, Awex (2009-2014).

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