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CONNECTED COMMUNITIES ROUND 1

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CC1.1_GU Grounding Human-Centred AI on Embodied Multimodal Interaction	Eleni Gregoromichelaki & Simon Dobnik
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CC1.1_UPF Entrepreneurship and Innovation	Miquel Oliver Riera
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CC1.1_TUD New Technologies for Social Inclusion	Ercan Altinsoy
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CC1.1_VUB CLARITI: Connected-community for Learning And Research In Mathematics for Technology and Innovation	Ann Dooms & Kenny De Commer
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EUTOPIA CONNECTED COMMUNITIES

CC's are **integrated thematic networks** where teachers, researchers, and students cooperate in cross-campus knowledge activities. They do not impose change but **aim to strengthen existing good practices in challenge-based learning and research** by creating interuniversity connectedness at a European scale.

The CC's are aligned with the EUTOPIA alliance vision on openness and aim to bridge the typical divides that still characterise academia:

- **Connecting academia and society:** by focusing their knowledge activities on key challenges in society, and thereby involve stakeholders emanating from a wide range of activities in the business world, the public sector, and cultural organizations.
- **Teaching and Research:** participants combine their experience in teaching and research for testing different formats of cross-campus cooperation; by doing so they create impact that goes beyond the ad hoc experience of staff and students involved.
- **Inclusion:** CCs are expected to open up their knowledge activities to a wide range of potential learners by using flexible and/or blended formats for cross-campus cooperation.

Based on common criteria, the partner universities of EUTOPIA identified nominees for acting as a lead in future Connected Communities. These leads are permanent members of the existing staff in one of the alliance universities, and are willing and motivated for reaching out to partners/colleagues working on similar topics in the other universities of the EUTOPIA alliance.

During a so-called incubation period the lead and partners will gradually move from sharing resources to implementation of connected cross-campus knowledge activities, thereby supported by the EUTOPIA central team.

A Connected Community can result in a wide range of impacts such as: international exposure, mutual access to specialised data and infrastructure, synergy and complementarity for teaching, joint participation to calls for (inter) national funding schemes, potential for publication etc.