

Gaining the CeQuInt stamp of approval

Maastricht University has successfully completed the Certificate for Quality in Internationalisation (CeQuInt) audit, awarded by the European Consortium for Accreditation.

UM is the only Dutch university holding the prestigious European accreditation at the institutional level.

CeQuInt recognises universities for excellence in integrating international and intercultural dimensions into their education and institutional strategy.

An independent external panel praised Maastricht University's broad support for Problem-Based Learning, interdisciplinary collaboration, and its deeply embedded quality culture.

Maastricht University was rated positively on all five CeQuInt standards, scoring 'excellent' in Intended internationalisation and Enhancement.

The accreditation remains valid for five years. Recommendations from the audit will be developed into an action plan together with internal and external stakeholders.

[More about CeQuInt](#)



Dutch universities sound the alarm in Brussels: invest in education and research

As the European Commission prepares the next Multi-annual Financial Framework (2028–2034), the Association of Universities of the Netherlands (UNL) is calling for strong, sustained investment in research and innovation (R&I).

In a letter to Commission President Ursula von der Leyen, UNL warns that without a dedicated tenth Framework Programme (FP10), Europe risks falling behind global competitors.

UNL urges the Commission to:

- Establish a standalone FP10 with a €220 billion budget
- Ensure all Member States invest at least 3% of GDP in R&I
- Support academic freedom, collaboration, and both fundamental and applied research
- Simplify administrative processes for researchers

The letter also underlines the Dutch universities' commitment to European collaboration and to shaping a strong future for EU research and education.

[Read more on the UNL website](#)



Ongoing protest against government education policies

Maastricht University has joined other Dutch institutions in staggered strike action against planned cuts in government funding for higher education and research.

At the same time, Maastricht University is lobbying to maintain its special position as an international university and a driver for social and economic development in the Limburg region.

The university is one of the signatories of an urgent letter to the Education Minister and parliament, in which coalition of local governments, businesses, and educational institutions call for sustained education funding, legislative support for international talent and improved public transport infrastructure. The letter warns of severe economic import from a potential decline in international student numbers.

[Read the press release](#)



Embracing international learning at Maastricht Summer School

Every year, students from around the globe are invited to join the Maastricht Summer School, where academic excellence meets cultural enrichment in the heart of Europe.

The programme offers a diverse range of courses designed to enhance cross-cultural understanding and foster an international academic community.

Now is the time to register. We look forward to welcoming students from our esteemed international partners to explore and engage at Maastricht University.

Learn additional skills, discover new academic fields and earn additional ECTS credits at this year's Maastricht Summer School.

[Check out the courses](#)



Expand your skills in responsible robotics

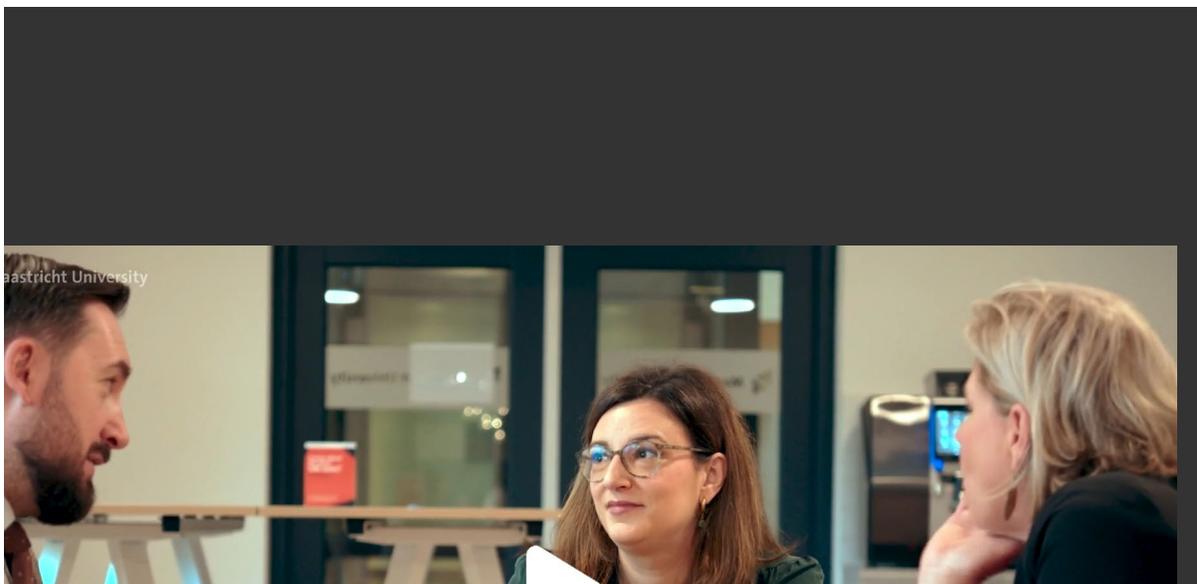
The University of York and Maastricht University are teaming up to host a Robotics Doctoral Summer School from 18–22 August 2025 in York, UK.

Led by experienced academics from both universities, participants will tackle real-world case studies, deepen their understanding of the ethical and safety challenges in robotics, and strengthen their research impact.

This is a unique opportunity for WUN doctoral researchers in robotics to sharpen skills, broaden expertise, and connect with the forefront of responsible robotics innovation.

Apply before 11pm (GMT) on Sunday 25 May 2025!

[Read more on the Worldwide Universities Network \(WUN\) website](#)





YERUN celebrates!

“Over the past decade, the Young European Research Universities Network (YERUN) has significantly fostered European collaboration in education, research, and innovation,” says Rianne Letschert, President of Maastricht University, one of the founders of the network.

To commemorate its 10th anniversary, YERUN will host a conference in Brussels on 5 June 2025. This gathering will feature voices from within the network and influential EU policymakers, alongside partners and stakeholders from the higher education and research communities.

Discussions will focus on how Europe can better allocate resources and the evolving role of universities in shaping the future amidst changing political and financial landscapes.

[More on YERUN's 10th Anniversary Conference](#)



YUFE – working on the future of higher education in Europe

The Young Universities for the Future of Europe (YUFE) alliance offers students the opportunity to build a personalised European curriculum while pursuing their degree.

The 10-member alliance, which includes Maastricht University, allows students to tailor their academic paths to align with personal interests, develop essential academic skills and transferable competencies.

A recent EU report highlights YUFE's role in pioneering the European Universities initiative, which aims to reshape higher education in Europe. The report emphasises YUFE's efforts in developing a joint European degree based on shared criteria, facilitated by initiatives like the Erasmus+ pilot projects.

[Read the full EU report](#)



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