

# The YERUN Network Grows: Welcome, University of Bath!

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YERUN – Young European Research Universities Network – is thrilled to announce that the University of Bath (United Kingdom) is now officially a YERUN member. A leading young, comprehensive university, Bath shares YERUN's commitment to excellence in research and education, alongside a strong focus on societal impact. Its interdisciplinary research strengths, particularly in Sustainability, Health & Wellbeing, and Digital Research with Impact, reflect a shared ambition to address complex global challenges. The university's close engagement with its local and regional environment mirrors YERUN's emphasis on the civic mission of young research universities in strengthening regional and European innovation ecosystems. By joining YERUN, the University of Bath builds on existing collaborations within the network and contributes to YERUN's collective efforts in research, education, and innovation.



"Welcoming the University of Bath to YERUN is a significant and very positive step for our network. The University of Bath embodies the core characteristics of a young research university: excellence in research and education, and a clear commitment to societal impact. Bath's focus on sustainability, health, and digital innovation, combined with deep local and regional engagement, strongly resonates with YERUN's mission to contribute to the development of Europe's research and education landscape."

**Prof. Dag Rune Olsen, YERUN President**



"Becoming a member of YERUN, in our 60th anniversary year, will boost the strong international community we have built at the University of Bath, allied to our research impact, global alumni network and excellent graduate outcomes. I look forward to meeting with other YERUN universities in the coming months."

**Prof. Phil Taylor, Vice-Chancellor of University of Bath**



"YERUN will provide us with many fantastic opportunities for collaboration across Europe including facilitating joint research projects, student exchanges and shared funding opportunities. I am excited to begin working with the network in supporting one another to thrive and deliver impact."

**Prof. Manuel Barcia, Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Global Engagement) at the University of Bath**



"We closed the year with the UK's return to Erasmus+ and began 2026 by welcoming the University of Bath to YERUN, further strengthening our representation in the UK. Bath brings a strong and highly complementary profile to the network, with recognised strengths in research excellence, education, and civic engagement. Its existing links with several YERUN members provide a solid foundation for collaboration, and we look forward to the perspectives and expertise that Bath will contribute to YERUN's activities and shared priorities."

**Silvia Gomez Recio, YERUN Secretary General**



## About the University of Bath



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The University of Bath is one of the UK's leading universities, recognised for high-impact research, excellence in education, an outstanding student experience and strong graduate prospects. Founded in 1966, Bath has shaped its identity around contemporary needs, industry partnerships, and a commitment to research in sustainability, health and digital technologies that addresses real-world challenges. The University's long-standing emphasis on placements and its close ties to industry have become one of its defining features.

Located in the historic city of Bath, the University combines the charm of a UNESCO World Heritage setting with the energy of a campus designed for innovation, collaboration, and student life, offering a safe and welcoming environment, which embraces students and academics from around the world.



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