

Final Conference

SHAPING THE FUTURE OF INSTITUTIONAL CHANGE IN HEIS

CATALISI Pathways and Policy Insights

aUPaEU

Key outcomes and synergies

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A pan-European initiative accelerating institutional transformation in HEIs through digital collaboration via the Agora platform.

aUPaEU Project Overview

Project: aUPaEU - A University Partnership for Acceleration of European Universities

Grant Agreement: 101095314

Topic: HORIZON-WIDERA-2022-ERA-01-51 - Acceleration Services in support of the institutional transformation of Higher Education Institutions

Duration: 01/01/2023 - 31/12/2027

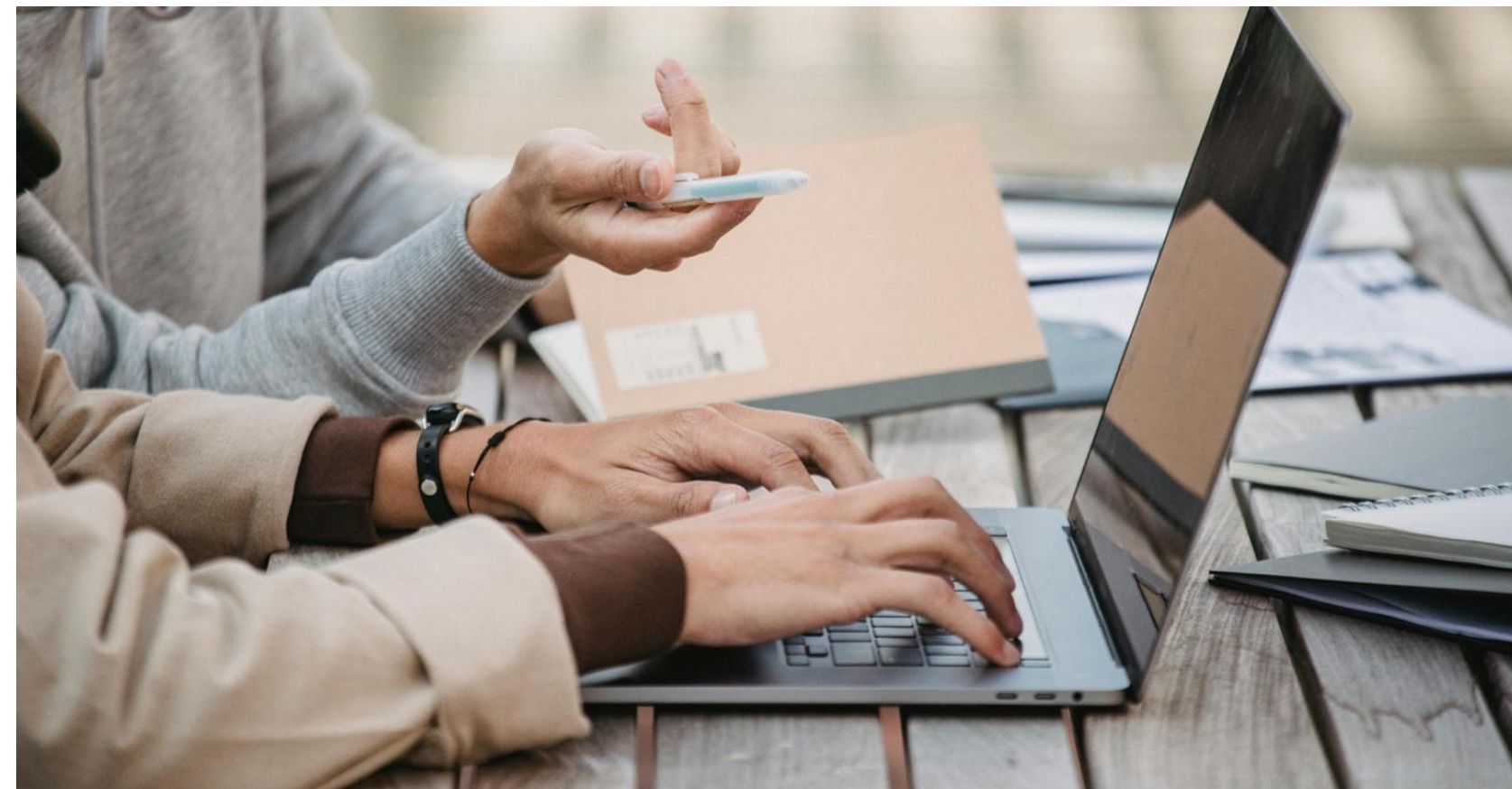


Context for this event:
Collaboration between CATALISI, aUPaEU, and
Accelerate Future HEI in supporting systemic
transformation in Higher Education Institutions.

Synergies

1. Shared Dissemination Strategy
2. Formal Collaboration Agreement
3. Cross-Use of Results
CATALISI Agora
4. Joint Policy Briefs:
 - Co-created two policy briefs (2024 & 2025) addressing:
 - *Institutional transformation and governance models*
 - *Research culture and systemic change in HEIs*





Key Outcomes So Far

(Agora platform in action across HEIs)

 12 Agoras developed for diverse university alliances

 Minimum Viable Solution (MVS) of Agora platform

 First version of Acceleration Services Portfolio (Golden Image)

 ~20 signed Agora User Agreements with HEIs

 Agora testing strategy

 Dissemination across major HE conferences and alliances

 Technical infrastructure and sustainability roadmap

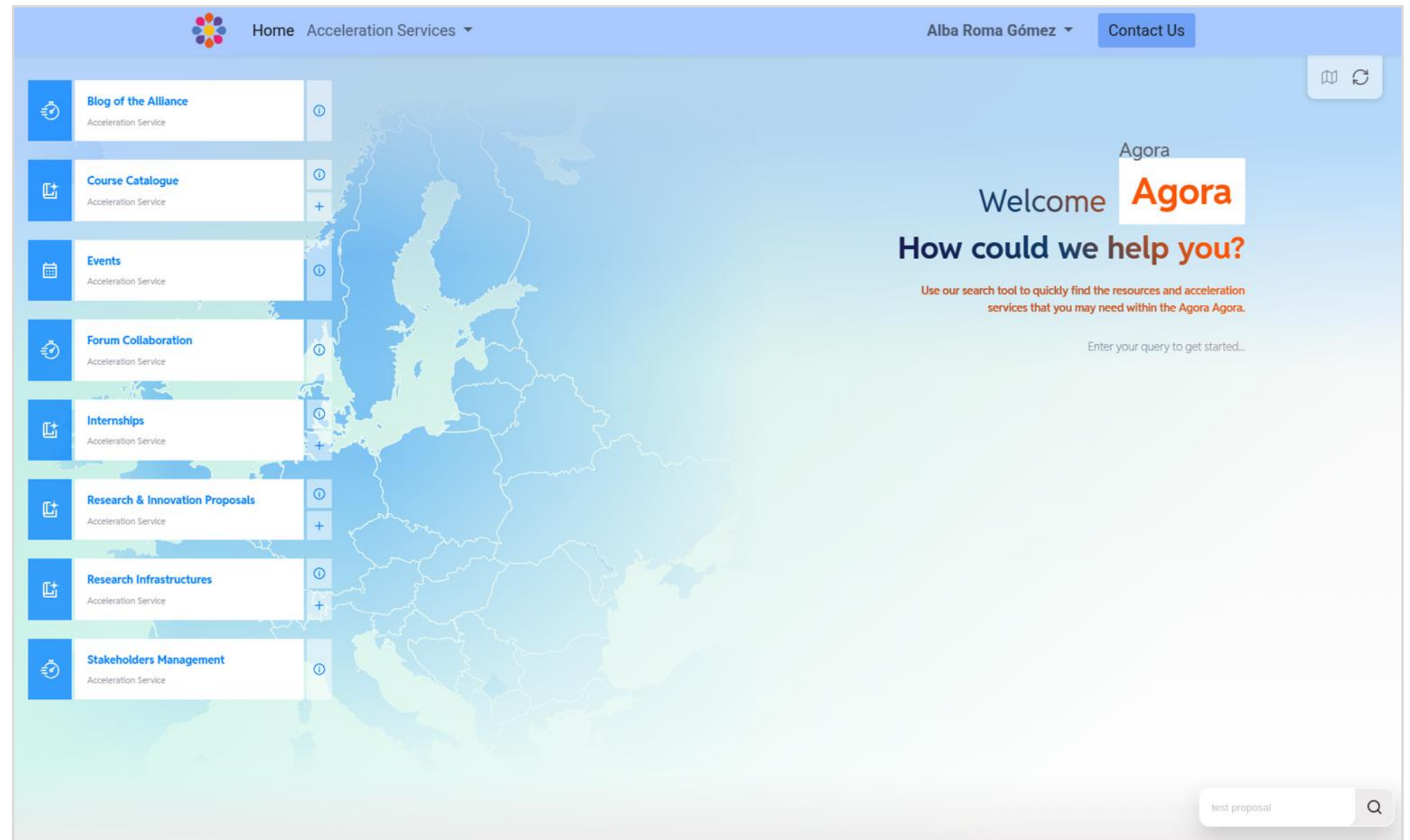
 Conceptualisation of the open agora: Metagora



Minimum Viable Solution

Golden Image

- Research Infrastructures
- Course Catalogue
- Research & Innovation Proposals
- Internships
- Events
- Forum Collaboration
- Blog of the Alliance
- Stakeholders Management



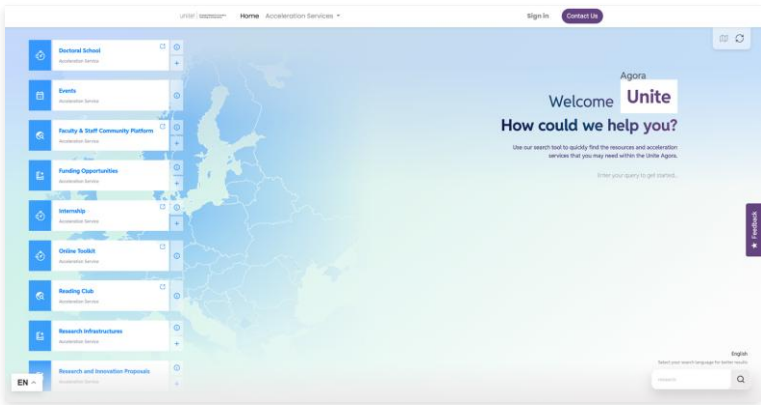
Agora overview video



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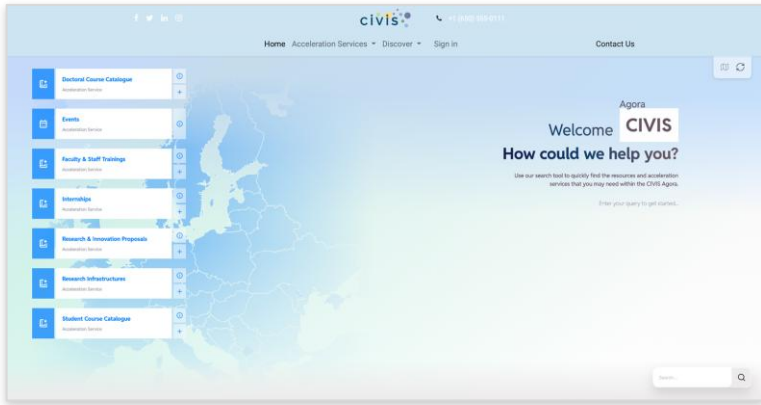
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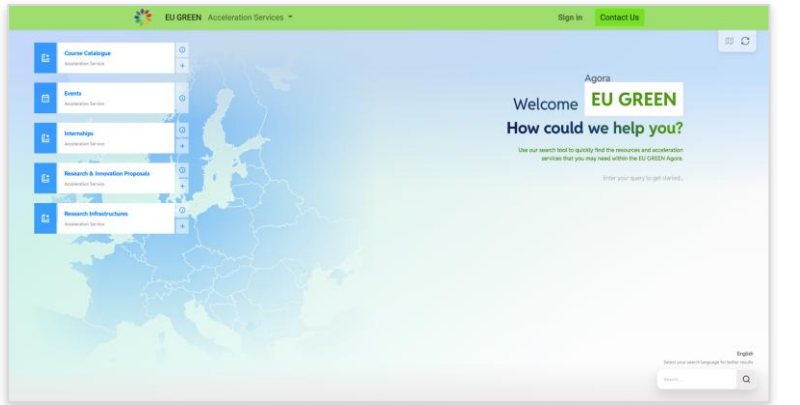
Unite! Agora



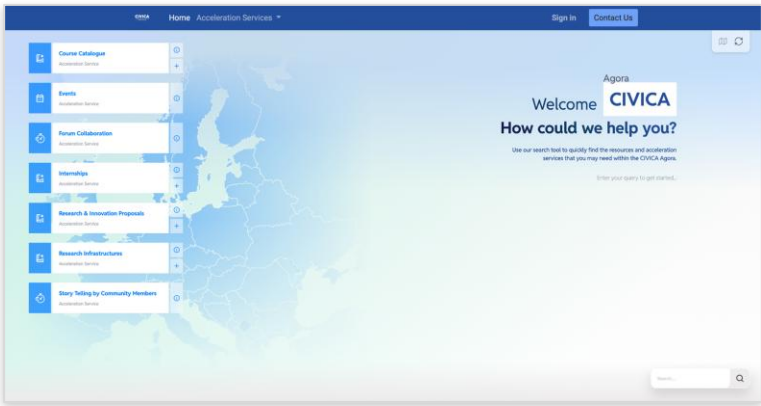
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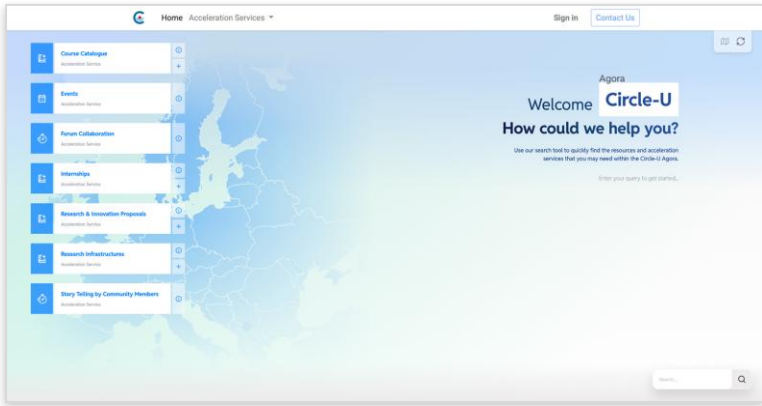
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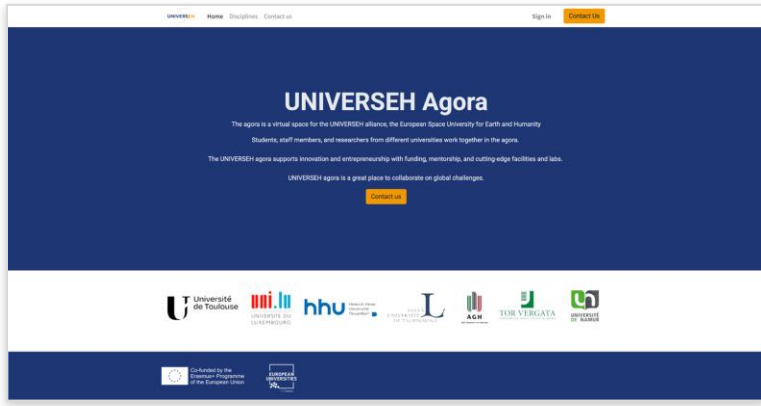
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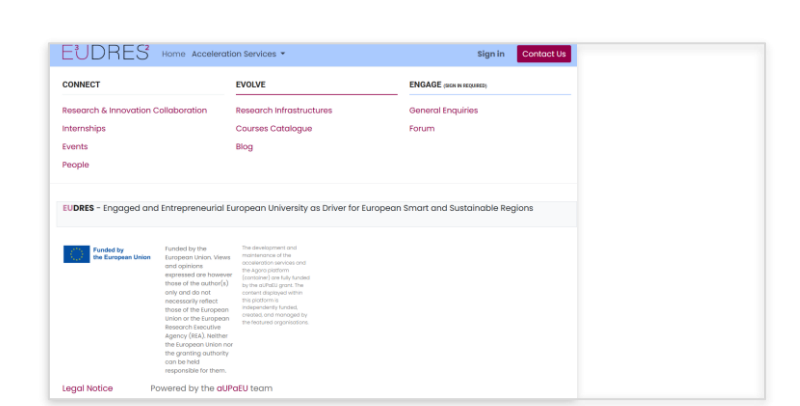
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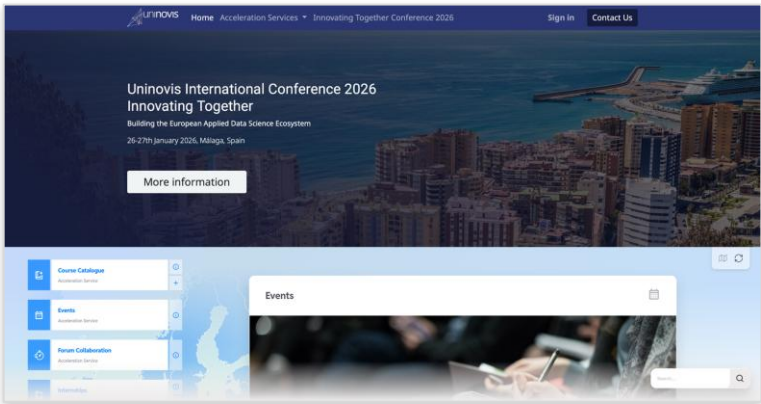
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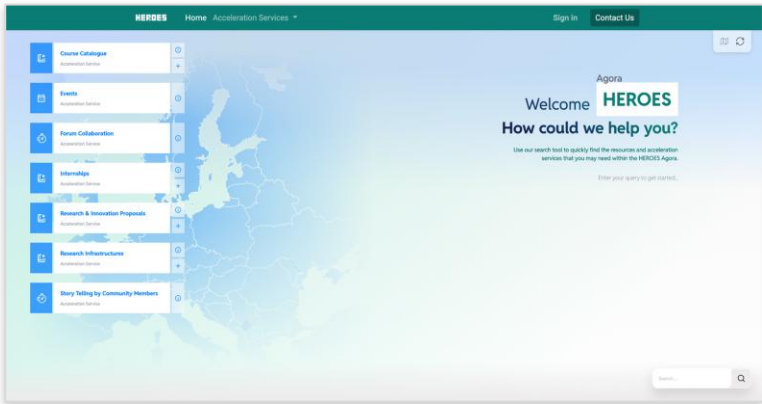
UNIVERSEH Agora



EUDRES Agora



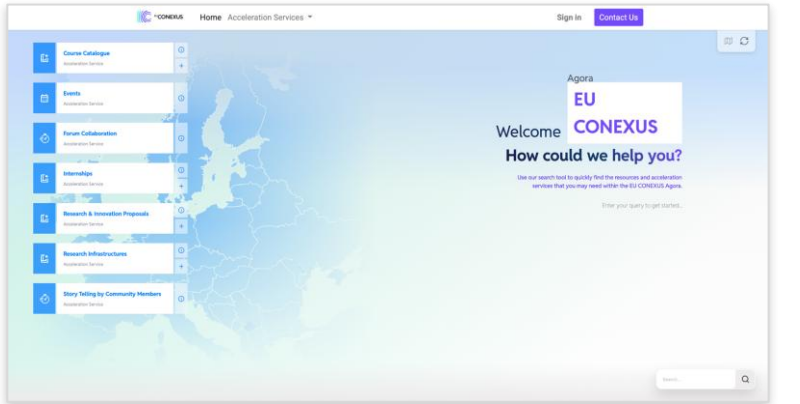
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EUTOPIA Agora



EU CONEXUS Agora



Shared Digital Services as Enablers



- Agora Platform features:
 - ◆ Research portfolio & proposals
 - ◆ Training & course catalogues
 - ◆ Internships & mobility
 - ◆ Events, networking, stakeholder engagement
- Open-source, customisable, multilingual
- Promotes reuse, flexibility, and digital sovereignty



Conclusions

- Digital services must be open, flexible, and co-created

Openness and adaptability ensure that services respond to evolving needs, while co-creation with stakeholders builds ownership and long-term relevance.

- Active user engagement drives visibility and trust

The success of platforms like Agora depends on involving users early and continuously, making them visible and reliable tools for the community.

- Scalability and sustainability require supportive policies

Common digital infrastructures not only boost research capacity but also make regions more attractive for talent and investment, supporting vibrant business communities.

- Shared infrastructures strengthen excellence and attractiveness

Policies aligned with European programmes are essential to sustain initiatives over time, enabling them to scale beyond pilot projects.

- Collaboration and policy alignment unlock transformation

Interregional cooperation, coupled with synergies between Horizon Europe and Interreg, ensures impact at scale. Agora shows how shared services can remove barriers, foster excellence, and accelerate knowledge transfer.

Thank you!

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