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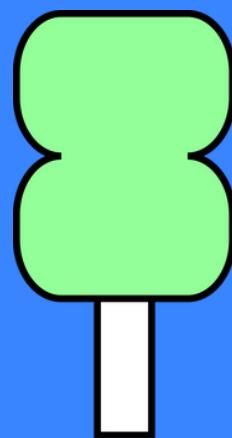
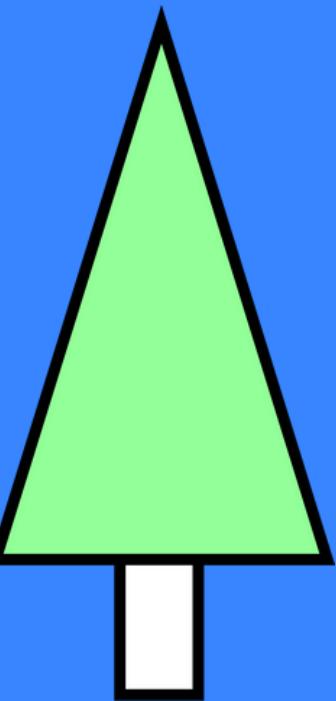
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**OpenEU** is a European University Alliance committed to advancing open, inclusive, and innovative higher education. Its objectives include fostering collaboration among universities, driving digital transformation, and expanding access to quality education for both young students and lifelong learners.

As an associate partner of OpenEU, the **International Association of Universities (IAU)** is pleased to contribute to this mission by organizing four Study Visits at alliance universities. These visits offer IAU Members a unique opportunity to gain first-hand insight into how institutions are pioneering online and remote education.

**OpenEU Study Visits** are designed to foster knowledge exchange, showcase innovative practices, and highlight institutional strategies that support teaching, research, and campus development. By connecting members through immersive, on-site experiences, the visits encourage dialogue, inspire new ideas, and promote the shared mission of enhancing higher education across Europe.

Each visit is tailored to **highlight the host university's strengths**, enabling participants to learn from good practices and bring valuable insights back to their own institutions.

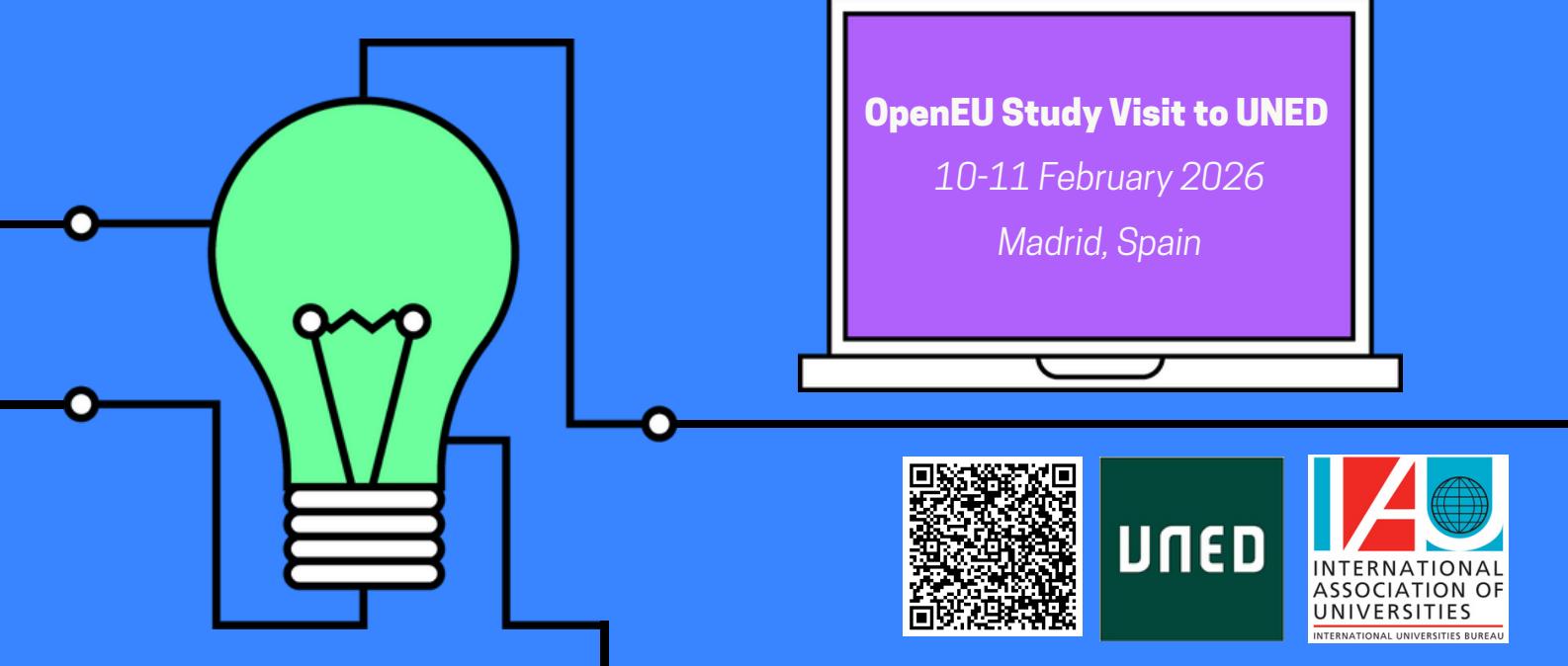


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The first in a series of **four OpenEU Study Visits** will take place at **UNED**, a leading Spanish university for distance education and digital learning. With a long-standing tradition of widening access to higher education, UNED has pioneered innovative approaches to online teaching, flexible learning pathways, and inclusive education for diverse student communities.

This visit will give participants an inside look at:

- **Digital transformation strategies** that have positioned UNED at the forefront of online higher education.
- Pedagogical innovations in **virtual classrooms** and blended learning.
- **Lifelong learning initiatives** designed to meet the needs of adult learners and professionals.
- Institutional policies supporting **access, inclusion, and international collaboration**.



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## Tuesday, 10 February 2026

- 9.00 Welcome and Presentation of the OpenEU Alliance
- 9.30 UNED: Overview of a HE digital distance education model
- 10.00 UNED Framework for quality and educational innovation in digital distance education
- 11.00 UNED Digital Resources I: On-site and digital resources for education and research
- 12.30 UNED Media Visit (UNED Audiovisual Media Center)
- 15.00 UNED Technological infrastructure for on-line and blended learning (CTU and Local Centers technological support)

## Wednesday, 11 February 2026

- 9.30 UNED Digital Resources II: On-site and digital resources for education and research. Open Educational Resources and Open Science in UNED
- 10.00 UNED Library Visit
- 11.30 Life-long learning approach in UNED
- 12.30 Student support for an inclusive education in UNED
- 13.00 UNED Internationalisation strategy

