

# HIGHLIGHTS OF 2020

alliance TU/e, WUR, UU, UMC Utrecht

- Eindhoven University of Technology, Wageningen University & Research, Utrecht University and University Medical Centre Utrecht are complementary in knowledge and talent and work together to contribute to societal transitions

## INTRODUCTION

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In 2020 the strategic alliance between Eindhoven University of Technology, Wageningen University & Research, Utrecht University and University Medical Centre Utrecht was officially launched. After a period of making plans and getting to know one another, researchers and teachers started turning plans into action, realising the ambitions of the alliance in education and research.

Due to the corona crisis the launch event of 11 March 2020 was cancelled and a few plans were delayed. However, the activities of the alliance were restarted in the late spring of 2020.

This highlight report gives an overview of the main activities of the alliance in 2020.



## LAUNCH ALLIANCE

The festive launch of the alliance took place on December 2nd in the presence of Minister Van Engelshoven. The online event had 550 guests and 15 well attended workshops.

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## SEED FUND

A Seed Fund was set up which offers all staff members the opportunity to explore new interdisciplinary connections between the four partner institutions. Each year there are three rounds for application.

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## FOOD FOR HEALTH & SAFETY CHALLENGE

In the Food for Health and Safety Challenge students are challenged by the Ministry of Defence to develop a new, sustainable food concept for forces on a mission. Despite the successful kick-off, the challenge had to be postponed due to covid.

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## FIRST CALL CENTRE FOR UNUSUAL COLLABORATIONS

The Centre for Unusual Collaborations launched its first call for the Unusual Collaborations Grant in December. The grants are meant for research that is unusual in composition of the teams, methodologies, process or output.

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## MAGAZINE

In March a magazine on the occasion of the start of the alliance is published, containing interviews with researchers, teachers and board members.

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## WORKING VISITS

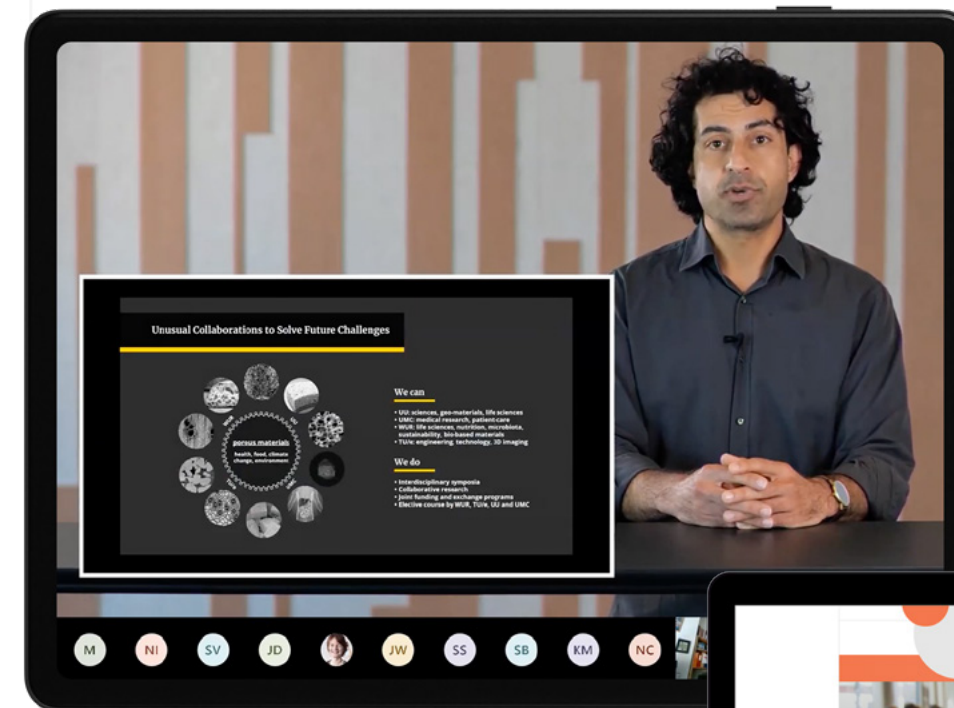
**Visit Minister Van Engelshoven**  
6 July and 26 October

Minister of Education, Culture and Science, Ingrid van Engelshoven, visited the alliance in July and October and met with researchers, teachers and students to discuss their ambitions in research and education.

## WEBSITE

The new website ewuu.nl is launched in December and contains information on research, education, the organisation, news and activities.

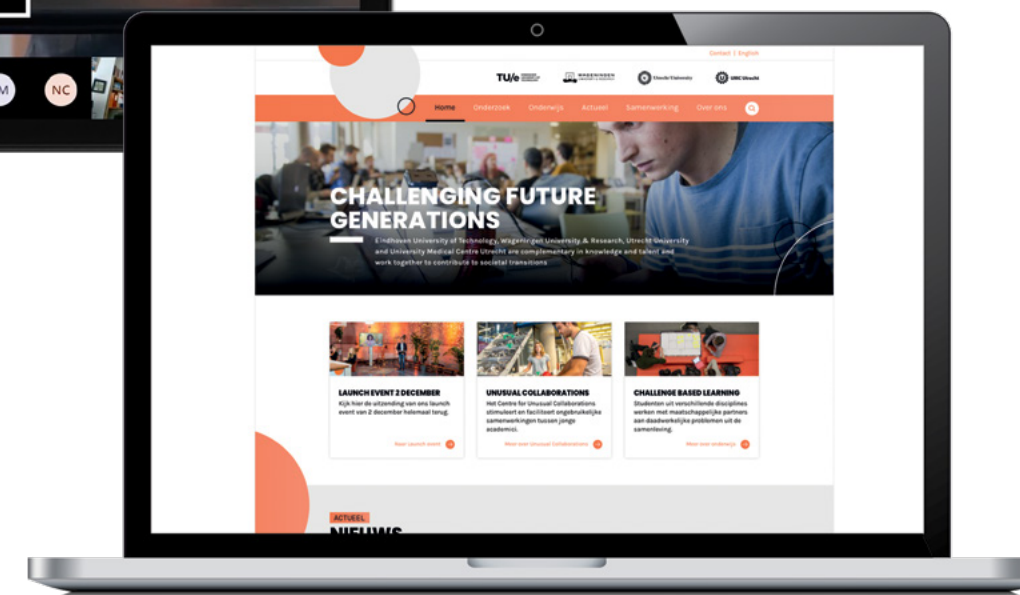
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## WEBINARS

In June and July the working groups of the alliance presented their plans for the future in four well attended webinars.

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## SURF AWARD

In December Ulrike Wild, project leader student mobility, won the Surf Education Award 2020 for her efforts to enhance student mobility within the alliance.

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## IN THE MEDIA

Collaboration between **universities Utrecht, Wageningen and Eindhoven**: those are the benefits – Volkskrant, 2 December

From health to food: **this dreamteam of researchers** is in search of answers to significant questions – AD, 2 December

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# ORGANISATION

## BOARD

The Board of the alliance consists of the portfolio holders for education and research on the boards of the institutions.

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Eindhoven University of Technology
- **Prof. dr. ir. Arthur Mol**,  
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## CHALLENGING FUTURE GENERATIONS

The motto of the strategic alliance between Eindhoven University of Technology, Wageningen University & Research, Utrecht University and University Medical Centre Utrecht is Challenging Future Generations. We strive to do that by putting young researchers, lecturers and students at

the helm and by collaborating across the borders of the scientific disciplines. In the alliance, the four institutions combine their expertise in order to contribute to social transitions in the fields of health, food, energy and sustainability.

