The University of Lille, a multidisciplinary institute of excellence at the heart of northwestern Europe, boasts an exceptional cultural and scientific heritage that is an integral part of the history of the Hauts-de-France region. It is composed of two types of members: the components (6 faculties, 2 institutes, 1 UFR and 2 schools) and the component institutions (ENSAIT, ENSAPL, ESJ Lille and Sciences Po Lille). With 78,000 students (9,900 of whom are from overseas), a staff of 7,200, 64 research units and a range of courses that cover all academic disciplines, it is a key stakeholder in the region for education, research and innovation and through its contributions to societal issues.

The University of Lille is also the beneficiary of a far-reaching national plan to finance excellence (I-SITE) allowing it to use special funds to run innovative projects.

**MAIN PROGRAMMES OF STUDY**

The University of Lille's bachelor's, master's and doctoral courses cover nearly all academic fields: Arts literature & languages; Law, economics & management; Healthcare; Humanities & social science; Science & technology; Sports science & techniques. The University also offers 16 courses fully taught in English and 30 run on a bilingual basis. It offers 34 dual diploma courses, 9 Erasmus Mundus master's degrees and 4 graduate programmes, each one associated with societal themes that define the University of Lille's strategy (Precision Health; Science for a Changing Planet; Information and Knowledge Society; and Changing Cultures, Societies, Practices).

**RESEARCH**

Covering all areas of knowledge, the University of Lille has been recognised for the quality of its cutting-edge multidisciplinary research and has been awarded prestigious labels and funding at a national level: 4 laboratories of excellence (Labex), 9 facilities of excellence (Equipe). A diverse range of scientific resources and 50 technological platforms complement its research environment. Within the region, it benefits from several bodies, networks and initiatives that contribute to the effectiveness and multidisciplinarity of its research and promote it from a socio-economic perspective.

It works as part of a network with 5 technology parks and 7 competitiveness clusters where businesses and laboratories collaborate on innovative projects in cutting-edge sectors. Research training is a major focus at the University of Lille. The PhD programmes run in its laboratories and 7 Doctoral Schools enable young researchers to complete their thesis as part of renowned research teams, and the University facilitates international opportunities and operates a robust policy in support of joint supervision initiatives. The Doctoral Schools also monitor the employment of successful doctoral researchers after graduation.

**STRENGTHS**

**International openness:**

The University of Lille is determined to develop a robust policy as a host institute, and it develops and facilitates international cooperation and exchanges through its many partnerships and exchange programmes with the top higher education institutes in the European Union and elsewhere.

It also supports and encourages incoming and outgoing student mobility through its MOBILILEX grant scheme.

A cross-border university network:

At the heart of northern Europe, the University of Lille is committed to the 3i network (Interregional Internationalisation Initiative University Network) with its cross-border partners (KU Leuven, Ghent University and University of Kent), to co-construct a strong partnership between research, education, industry and civil society around regional themes.

**Teaching innovation:**

The key to effective learning is ensuring that students get involved. The University offers a pedagogic platform with online classes, videos, interactive applications and innovative, modular classroom spaces that can be adapted to different teaching approaches.

**Societal commitment:**

The University of Lille also endeavours to ensure its students are informed citizens and economic stakeholders capable of adapting to changes in society. Particular efforts are made to run projects linked to the local region that promote campus life, offering campus-based activities with a focus on social responsibility (e.g. solidarity grocery stores, refugee hosting schemes, support for disabled students).

**LOCATION**

The University of Lille is located in the capital city of a region with a population of 6 million: Hauts-de-France, which lies at the heart of northwestern Europe in close proximity to several major European capitals and other cities (Paris, London, Brussels, Amsterdam, Antwerp, Cologne, Dortmund, etc.). With links to many international transport networks (in particular Paris- Roissy, Brussels and London airports), it can expand its circle of influence worldwide, as is clear from its international collaboration at the highest level with more than 50 countries.

Its campuses are situated at 8 locations across the metropolitan area. Staff and students benefit from a very dense public transport network, with all campuses and research sites located less than 5 minutes from a metro station and less than 30 minutes from one another.