

## **Mission Statement**

### **Members**

The INUAS Munich-Vienna-Zurich university network was founded in 2011 in Vienna. INUAS stands for the “International Network of Universities of Applied Sciences”. It is an institutional-level collaboration between three universities:

- Munich University of Applied Sciences,
- FH Campus Wien University of Applied Sciences,
- ZHAW Zurich University of Applied Sciences.

Munich, Vienna, and Zurich are German-speaking metropolitan areas closely linked by geography and culture that are all highly ranked for their quality of life in addition to their global economic importance. The member universities are among the largest and most important providers of applied teaching and research in their home countries.

### **Who We Are**

The INUAS universities embrace their role as key actors in their respective metropolitan areas. Shared projects engage centrally with the issue of urban and regional quality of life, with a particular emphasis on sustainability, resource conservation, and environmental, economic and social impact. INUAS members provide important impetus behind initiatives addressing highly topical issues such as environmentally safe technologies, social innovations, health, and the development of urban spaces. They see themselves as a valuable alliance for exceptional practice-oriented teaching and applied research that engages in continual exchange with the important actors and stakeholders of their respective metropolitan area. INUAS Munich-Vienna-Zurich provides a cross-border axis for international university projects.

### **Vision**

INUAS Munich-Vienna-Zurich provides opportunities for relevant, robust, cross-institution cooperation. The constituent universities’ members study, teach, work, and conduct research in collaborative ways. Functioning as a sort of think tank for selected key focus areas, the universities embrace a sense of social responsibility and serve as strategic partners for Munich, Vienna, Zurich and their surrounding regions.

### **Mission**

INUAS Munich-Vienna-Zurich initiates collaborative efforts in the member universities’ key research areas and provides options for creating shared curricula and research focuses. The alliance provides support to members as they continue to develop their formal structures and promotes exchange and transferability among the universities. By shepherding innovative projects to successful completion, it helps solidify the national and international reputations of universities of applied sciences. INUAS Munich-Vienna-Zurich stimulates ideas for the sustainable expansion of quality of life through research and innovative teaching and contributes in an important way to the social and economic development of their metropolitan areas.