

Brand Guidelines June 2023

Welcome to SEA·EU brand guidelines

These guidelines will instruct you on how to use our brand identity effectively, to make all brand communications look and sound their best.

This document will take you through 9 sections: logo, color, typography, complementary graphics, art direction grid system, tone of voice, and product which come together to make the SEA·EU brand.

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Positioning

Brand Positioning

The outlook and intent captured here should help inform all creative and communication outputs. Creative work should be aligned to the brand positioning, which can also serve as a means to evaluate the suitability of creative treatments and concepts.

SEA·EU Purpose

At SEA·EU we are on a mission to **rethink knowledge** through international multicultural research-based education, cooperation, specialisation, creativity, and resilience in order to be catalysts for change. **Plant the seeds for a better society and a sustainable future**.

We serve a diverse group of learners, staff, allied Universities, communities and organisations around Europe.

Brand Personality

Brand personality is a set of attributes that characterise the brand in the minds of our audience. If the brand was a person, what would their temperament be, and how might they act? Brand personality traits guide tonality and style, and are a useful to sense-check the tone of communication and creative work –what the brand is known for.

Straightforward Sociable Open Friendy

	Dull
Sage	Slow
Sage	Unintelligent

Idealist	
Different	Dreamer
Creative	Dicallici

Pragmatist
Ordinary
Conventional

SEA·EU is not:

Cold

Distant

Unfriendly

Engaged Interdependent Connected

Trustworthy

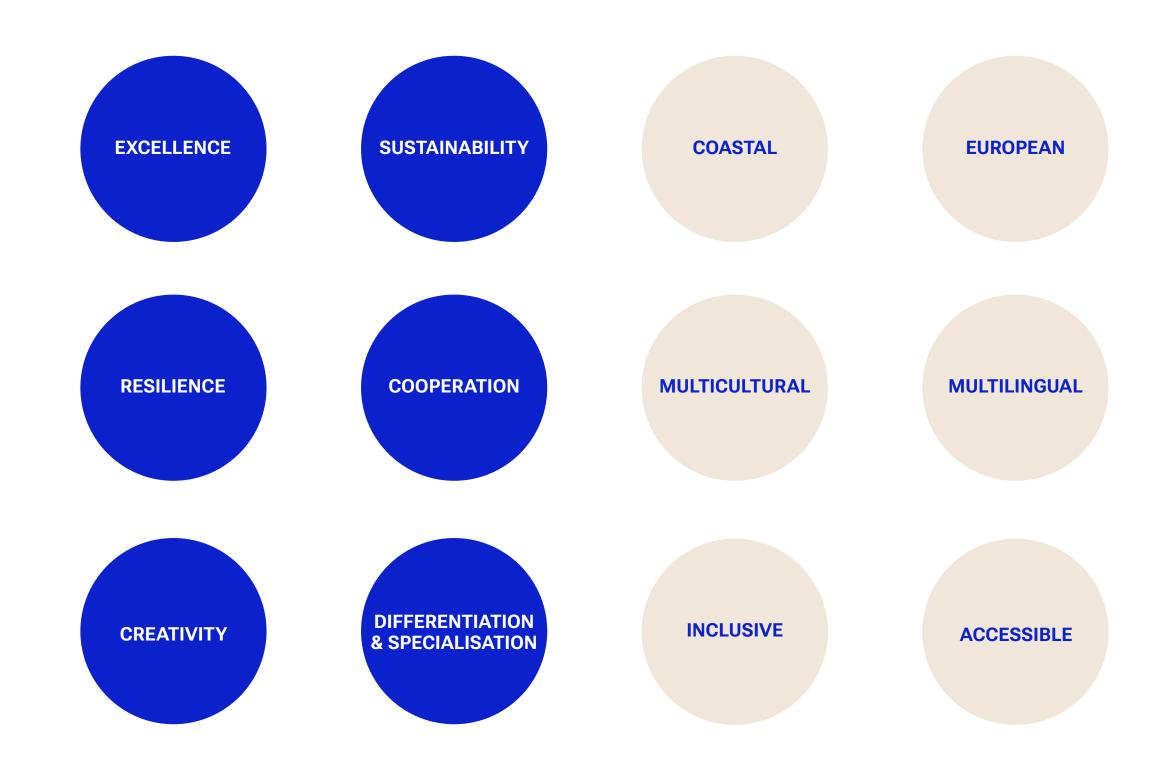
Always learning

Intelligent

Collaborative

Exclusive
Demanding
Inaccessible

Brand Values



Brand Values

SEA·EU thrives on values of excellence, sustainability, resilience, cooperation, creativity, differentiation, and specialization. By fostering a vibrant and innovative education community, we prepare students to navigate a changing world and make a positive impact on society.

Excellence

Sustainability

Resilience

Cooperation

Creativity

Differentiation & Specialisation

Mission

- A **true** University Alliance.
- Lead international quality education.
- Rethink knowledge from the periphery.
- Creativity and engagement.
- **Discover, develop, share** knowledge.
- Multidisciplinary knowledge.
- Climate action.
- Research-based education.

Vision

- To be a true university Alliance.
- Become a reference point in knowledge.
- A standard for integration education as a catalyst for change.
- To rethink education.
- Leading **sustainable** developmen.
- Green and digital transformation.
- Marine and maritime connectivity.

Concept

Concept

Our logo embodies the dynamic essence of waves, where fluidity and wisdom intertwine. Like a pebble's vibrant ripple, our alliance creates a powerful wave of transformation, shaping the future of our coastal cities. Inspired by the resilience of port ropes, we tie together minds and ideas, fostering a continuous network of growth and discovery.



Fluid Ripple

At SEA·EU, we believe in the boundless potential of unity and knowledge exchange. Our logo, an organic and sinuous representation, mirrors the graceful movement of waves. Just as a small pebble creates ripples that dance across the water's surface, our Alliance creates a vibrant network that expands and shares knowledge.

Our continuous shape, reminiscent of a rope, symbolizes the strength and interconnectedness of coastal cities. Just like the ropes used daily at bustling ports, we bring together universities across Europe to foster collaboration, innovation, and growth.

Join us as we ride the waves of discovery, unlocking new horizons and creating a harmonious future. Together, we shape the tides of knowledge and propel Europe's coastal communities towards a brighter, sustainable tomorrow.

Logo

Our logo

Our logo sits at the core of our brand. It is organic and unique capturing the essence of SEA·EU brand and should be used on all of our communications.

The following guidance will instruct you on how to most effectively use SEA·EU brand.

Our logo. Familiar Version. Positive

To be applied where context provides clarity, when space is limited, and in less formal and institutional settings.



Reversed-out familiar logo



Our logo.
Familiar Version.
One color

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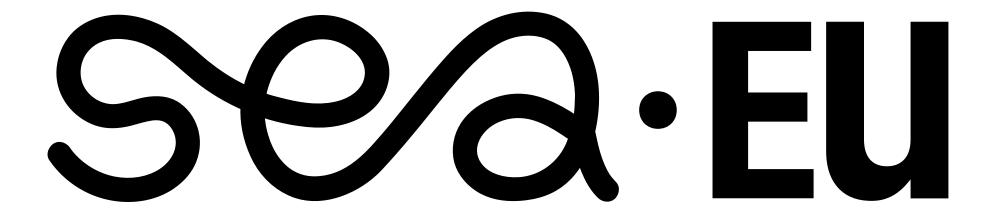


Reversed-out One color



Our logo.
Familiar Version.
Black & white

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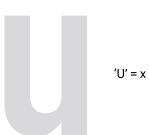
Reversed-out Black & white



Clear space. Familiar Version

To look its best, our logo needs space to stand out and breathe.

We have defined parameters to make sure no other elements encroach on this clear space.





Our logo. Full Name

This version of the logo –with European University of the Seas subtitle appended– is to be used in formal-facing, corporate or institutional.



EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY OF THE SEAS

Reversed-out Full logo



Our logo.
Full Name
One color

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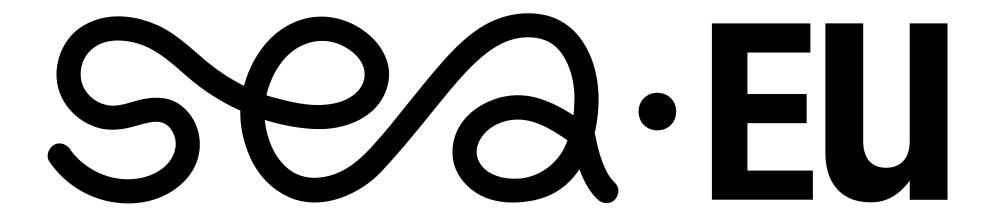
EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY OF THE SEAS

Reversed-out One color



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Full Name
Black & white

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'U' = x



Minimum size

For clarity across digital and print applications our logo should never be reproduced at any size below the adjacent guidance.

Please do not reproduce the logo at smaller dimensions than stated to avoid readability or printing issues.

When using the familiar version of SEA·EU logo, its width must not be smaller than 1,5 cm.

If full name logo is in use, make sure it is not reproduced at smaller widths tan 3 cm. Otherwise European University of the Seas will not be readable.

Sea·EU

1,5 cm

Print

SOA-EU

EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY OF THE SEAS

3 cm

Se⁄a·EU

1cm

Digital



3 cm

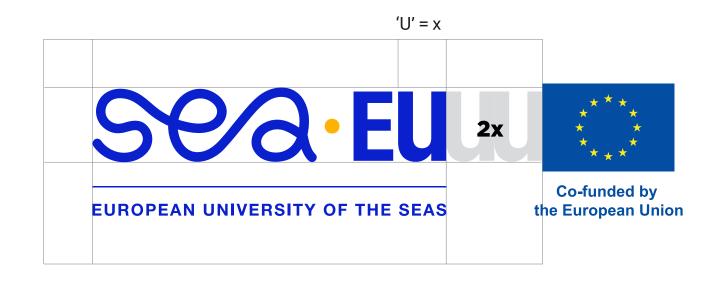
Around SEA·EU

Sometimes, we may need to lockup our logo with another partner.

Below are guides to creating lockups for different SEA·EU programs, universities, entities, etc.

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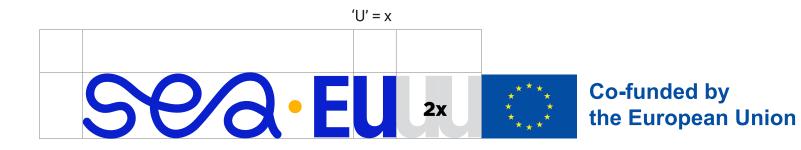
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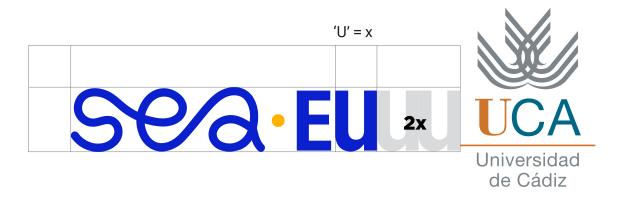
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Typography

Roboto Flex is a powerful typeface system.

A font designed by Christian Robertson and developed and commissioned by Google in 2011 with a special emphasis on large-screen capabilities.

ROBOTO FLEX

From Thin to ExtraBlack. Regular and Italc.

A font family than includes 10 prefixed font thicknesses -Regular and Italic- to help users.

As a variable font, Roboto Flex helps designers to finesse and fine-tune their designs with parametric axes.

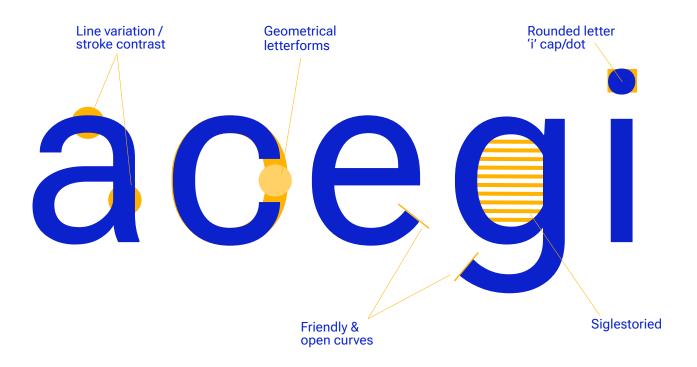
Flexibility allows design teams to customize: font weight, width, slant, ascender height, couner width, descender depth, grade, lowercase height, thin stroke, and uppercase height. RODOTO SUNGLASSES Self-driving robot icecream truck **Fudgesicles only 2.5€** ICE CREAM Coastal swims salty dives #98765432190 Waving seas and tides Sustainable optimistic friendly breeze

Specimen

Anatomical features:

- Line variation / Stroke contrast: none/little
- Letterforms: largely geometrical
- Friendly and open curves
- Singlestorie
- Letter 'i' with a dot since 2014, replacing the previous square

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Due to it's flexible nature, it covers an extreme range of weights, grades, widths and optical sizes.

Roboto Flex is **multilingual**, it will perfectly work in all SEA·EU Alliances' languages. It includes accents and special punctuation symbols.

ROBOTO FLEX

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ROBOTO FLEX

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Roboto Flex ExtraLight

Roboto Flex Light

Roboto Flex Regular

Roboto Flex Medium

Roboto Flex SemiBold

Roboto Flex Bold

Roboto Flex ExtraBold

Roboto Flex Black

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Roboto Flex Thin Italic

Roboto Flex ExtraLight Italic

Roboto Flex Light Italic

Roboto Flex Italic

Roboto Flex Medium Italic

Roboto Flex SemiBold Italic

Roboto Flex Bold Italic

Roboto Flex ExtraBold Italic

Roboto Flex Black Italic

Roboto Flex ExtraBlack Italic

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A flexible font family to help you communicate clear, hierarchied, easy to read and understand messages.

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This is an Extra-Bold headline

This is a Regular subheadline

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Color

Color

Color is an essential component of our brand and is what makes a communication immediately recognizable as SEA·EU. Our palette is optimistic, vibrant, bold and bright.

Our lead color is **Oceanic Blue**. It is iconic, vibrant, bold. Modern, fresh, easygoing. A color that reflects SEA·EU's spirt.

Midday Sun Yellow works as a color accent. It stands for EU stars, represented by the dot in our logo.

Oceanic Blue

Midday Sun

Primary colors

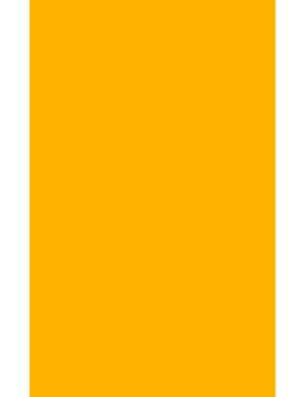
Our two primary colours are the foundation of SEA·EU visual identity. They combine an optimistic outlook for the future with a vibrant nod to the sea.

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Oceanic Blue Hex: #0A20CD RGB: 10.32.205 CMYK: 92.83.0.0

Pantone: Blue 072 C



Midday Sun

Hex: #FFB600 RGB: 255.182.0 CMYK: 0.32.100.0 Pantone: Yellow 012 C

100% **Primary Color percentage** Different color percentages can be applied to applications in orther to confer contrast, depth and enrich design elements. 90% 70% 50% 25%

Secondary colors

A set of colors to support branding the assets.



Twilight Blue

Hex: #001e60 RGB: 0.30.96 CMYK: 100.90.36.29

Pantone: 2757 C



Early morning

Hex: #FFEDA7 RGB: 255.237.167 CMYK: 1.5.44.0

Pantone: Yellow 0131 C



Aquamarine

Hex: #06B7DB RGB: 6.183.219 CMYK: 72.1.12.0 Pantone: 3115 C



Sand shells

Hex: #F0E6DA RGB: 240.230.218 CMYK: 7.10.16.0 Pantone: 482 C



Mediterranean Sky

Hex: #004DE7 RGB: 0.77.231 CMYK: 90.68.0.0 Pantone: 2728 C



Wooden Pier

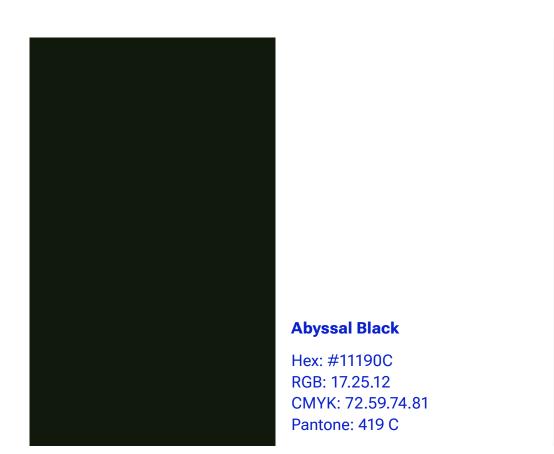
Hex: #403C35 RGB: 64.60.53 CMYK: 62.55.61.62 Pantone: Pantone 412 C

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10%

Neutral colors

Two neutral colours to support primary colors when needed.



Light Gray

Hex: #F3F1EE RGB: 243.241.238 CMYK: 03.03.04.00 Pantone: Cool Gray 1C

Color combinations

Apply color combinations when needed. You can use the following color guide to help you combine color.

1.

2.

5. 10. 11. 12.

3.

4.

Always keep contrast in mind. As you see on the right (fig.9), you should not pair Oceanic Blue with TwilightBlue as they do not offer enough contrast. You can match Mediterranean Sky and TwilightBlue instead (fig.3) as they offer good color contrast.

Correct & Incorrect use







Correct & incorrect use

Transformation:

Always mantain our logo proportions. If you need to apply the logo bigger or smaller, do not estretch, expand or distort it.









Rotation & Disposition:

Do not rotate the logo. Do not move elements of the logo from its position.







Typography:

Do not change the font characters of our logo







Color

Do not used other colors than provided when using the logo. Do not recolor any of its parts, including the middle dot.













Color:

Use only colors provided for the logo. As a rule, use the primary color of SEA·EU, OceanicBlue.

Exceptionally, you may use a secondary specific color for certain communications with differente stakeholders (staff, students, Administration, Society).

Use only secondary colors, look at the examples provided in the center column.























Se/a·EU

















Correct & incorrect use

White/light backgrounds

With white and light backgrounds SEA·EU logo must show in its positive version.

One ink

It can appear as a single color (blue) when printing specifications require just one ink.

Black and white

If needed, our logo can be printed in black and white. Be sure to respect the safe space required and that it is applied on white or light backgrounds.

Photography

Should our logo appear with photography, it must show in its Reversed-out version.

Positive Version







Reversed-out Version







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Positive Version















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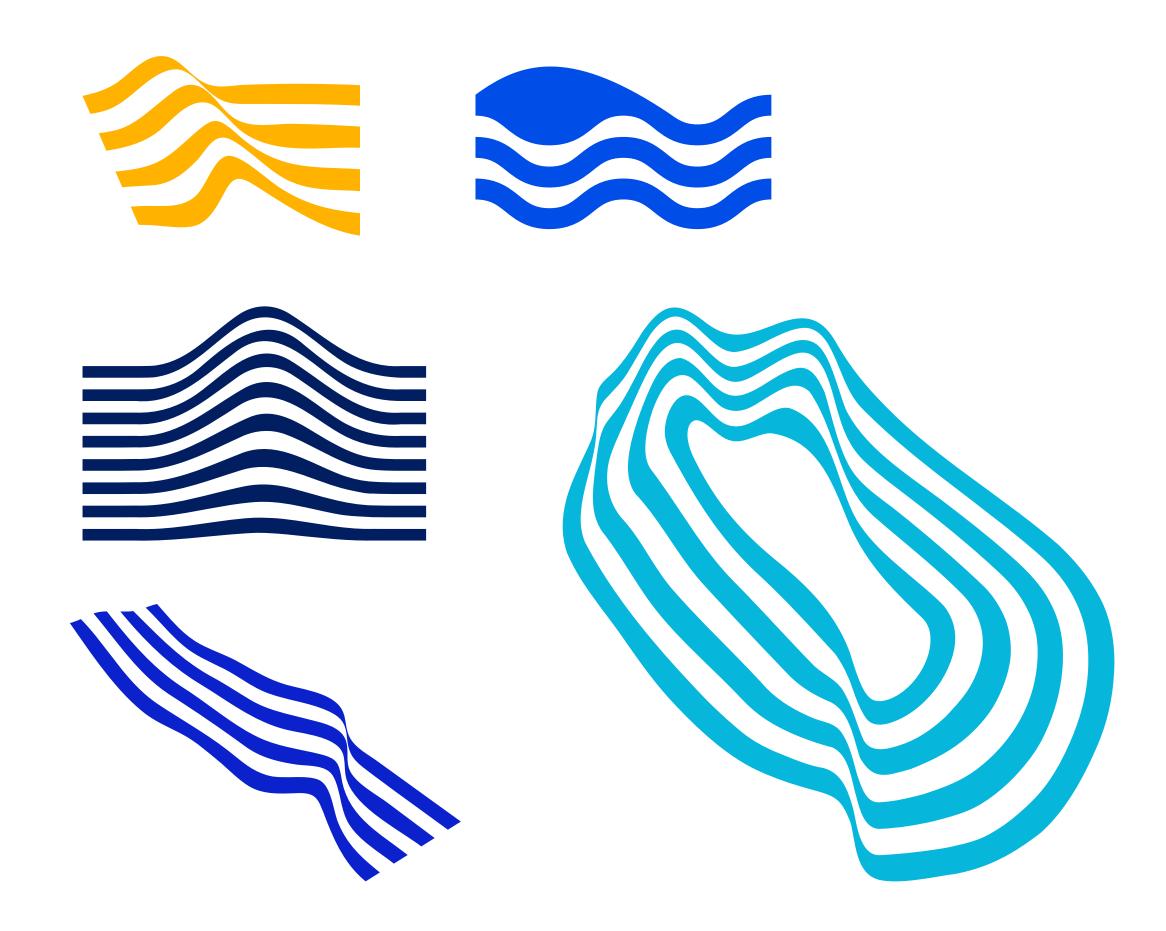






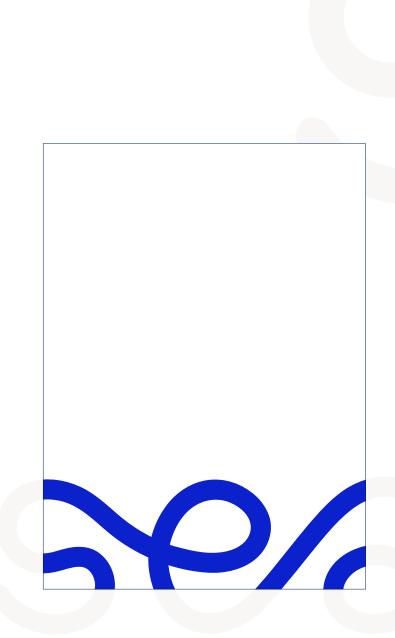


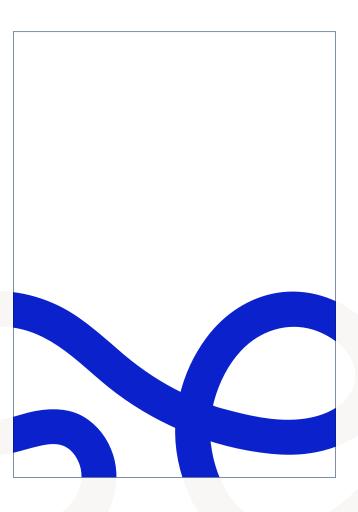
A set of graphics and elements that help composing new designs products, such as brochures, presentations, print ads, banners, and all kind of merchandise items.

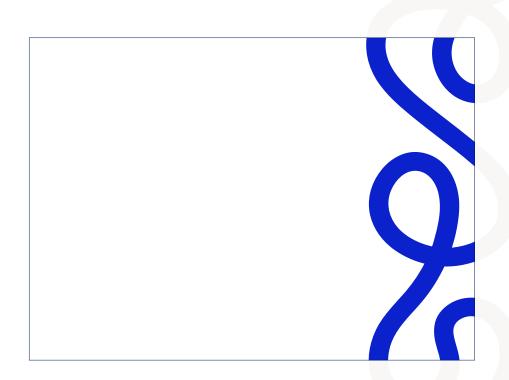


Wave I.
The fluid shape that creates 'SEA' in our logo, can be applied as an auxiliary graphic to illustrate backgrounds and compose images.

The word 'SEA' must be blown-up and cropped in three sides.

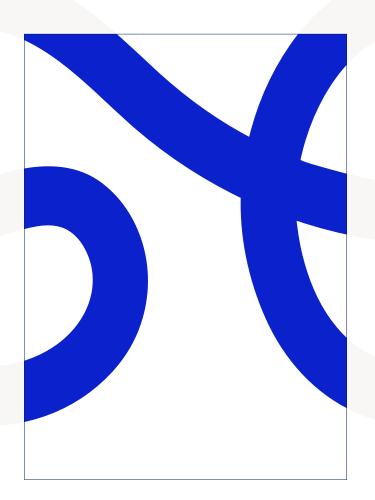


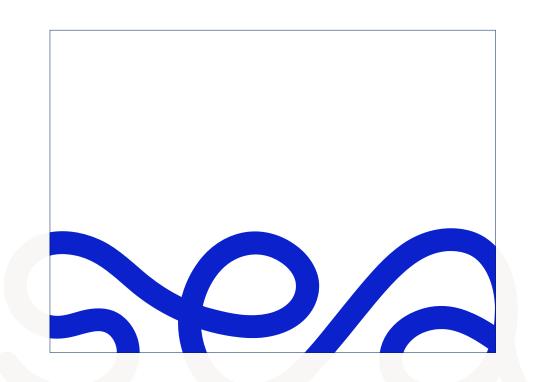


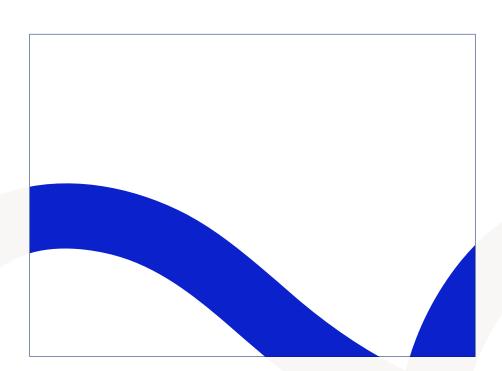


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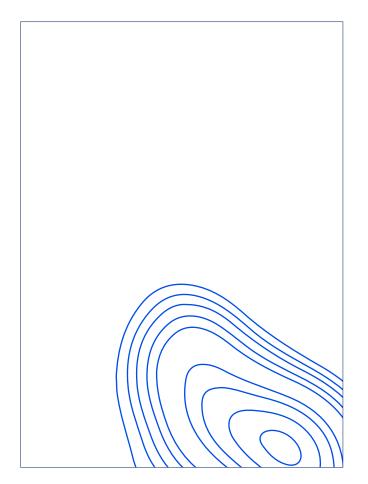


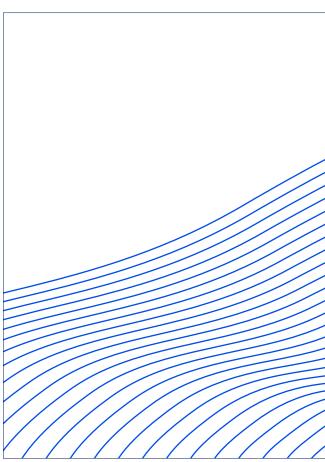


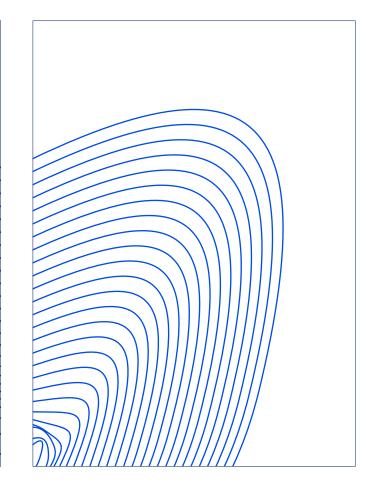


Wave II.
Water vibration.
A fluid shape. The science of navigation.
The power of tides.
Flexibility and growth.
Nature in movement. A water vibration expanding, reaching out, discovering new territories.

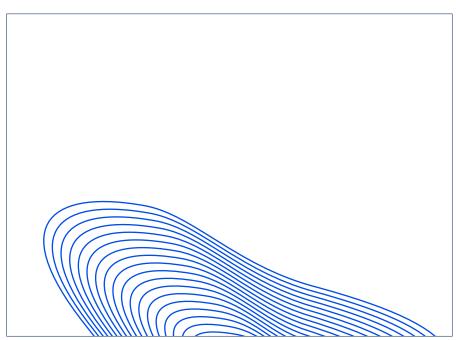
The water waves must be blown-up and cropped in at least one side.



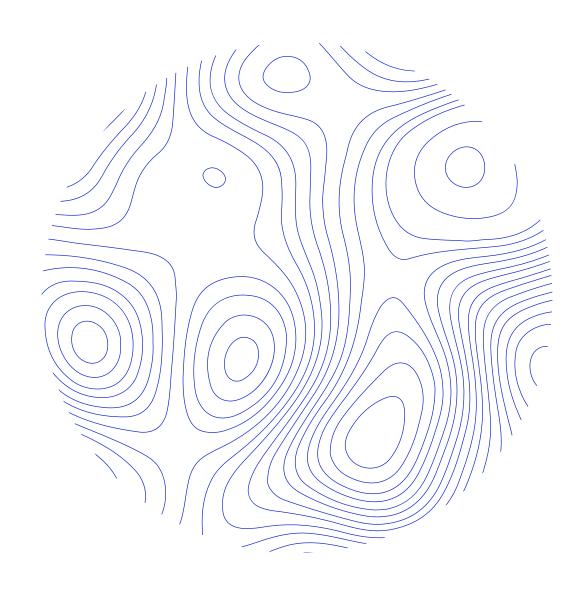








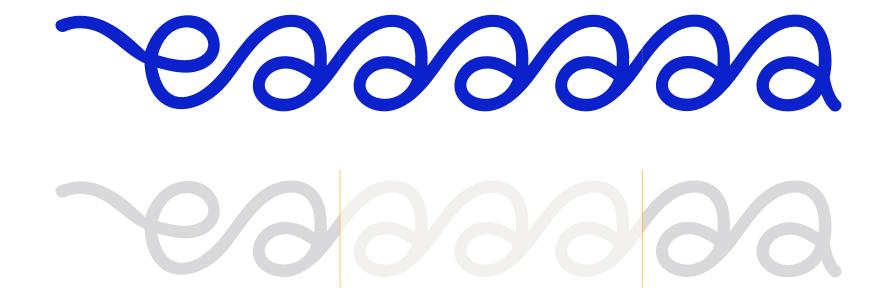
Graphic Patterns



Endless Wave

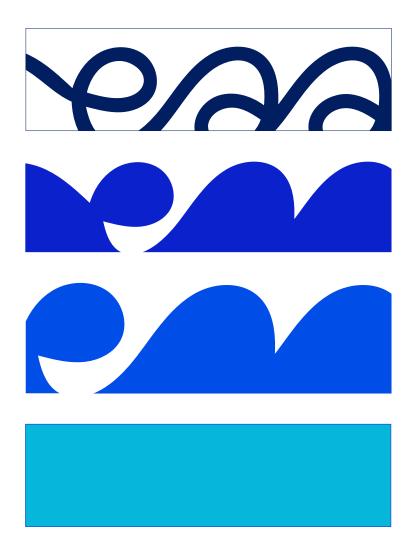
An Endless wave pattern can be applied to compositions and Alliance's deco.

You will need three differentiated parts – initial 'ea', middle 'aaa', end 'aa' – and you design the endless wave as wide as needed.



Endless Wave. Layered application

With different layers of the endless wave –positive & negative– we can create backgrounds that help us communicate.





Language Tone of voice

Language. Tone of voice

Our language facilitates the delivery of compelling, relevant, strategy-aligned messaging across SEA·EU communications.

Tone of voice is the manner and style in which we write and speak, informing how the brand personality comes through in communication.

Our tone of voice guides the level of formality or familiarity in our verbal communication, which informs word choice and structure.

SEA:EU by the sea

Tone of voice

SEA·EU's tone of voice should embody a captivating personality that resonates with its audience. It should be **friendly**, creating a warm and approachable atmosphere that encourages conversation. Witty remarks and **clever wordplay** add an element of playfulness, engaging audiences with a hint of fun. **Bold** statements and direct language to cut through the noise, delivering messages with clarity and impact.

While educated and **knowledgeable**, the tone remains **accessible** and not overly formal, striking a balance between expertise and relatability. **Smart and concise** phrases, providing valuable information in a succinct manner. The overall tone should leave a lasting impression, making the brand memorable and forging a genuine connection with its audience.

Messages. Examples

Our language symbolic references to the sea to educational and scientific contexts.

- SEA·EU by the sea.
- Nice to SEA·EU.
- Sail into your future.
- Knowledge by the sea.
- A tide of salty wisdom.

Messages. Examples

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- Expanding kwnoledge across the seas.
- Dream, risk, and experiment for a better future.
- Research and innovation, by the coast.
- Together we navigate the future.
- A tide of boundless knowledge.

Messages. Examples

Our language symbolic references to the sea to educational and scientific contexts.

- Transforming education, one wave at a time.
- Ride the wave of knowledge.
- Minds and tides brought together.
- Rise to new horizons.
- A sea breeze of knowledge.

Art Direction Photography

People

Aim for professional and high resolution images, with extra space to allow for cropping.

Photography of people should feel natural and unposed. Try to capture moments where staff and students are relaxed in their environments. Consider colour and composition when choosing a photo to create a contemporary and natural feeling. Backgrounds should imply a feeling of depth and space. The lightning of the scene suggests an appealing atmosphere, backlights and out of focus elements.

Portraits should be informal and friendly, and capture the energy and camaraderie of interaction. This approach should be extended to images of groups and events —images should depict natural moments and a lively atmosphere where possible.

Avoid wide angle shots that dramatically scale the spaces.



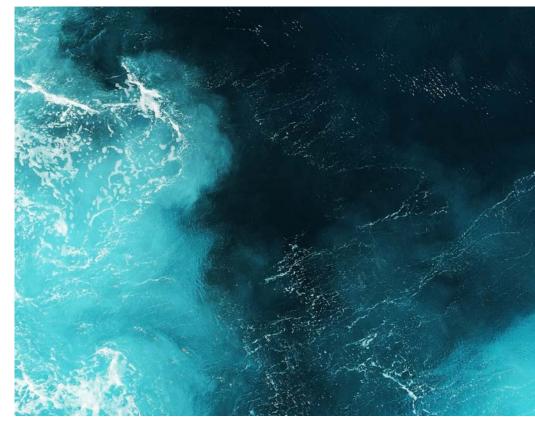


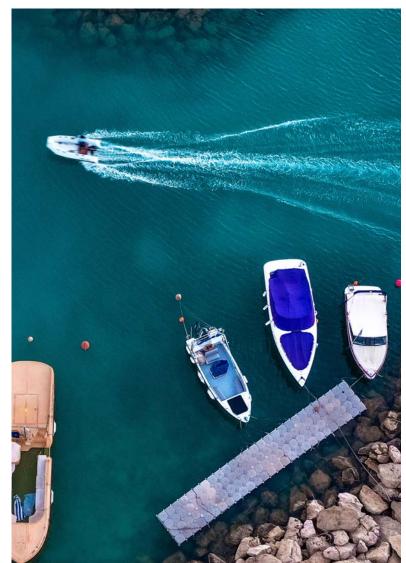


Landscape

Aim for the exceptional natural beauty, of the Allied Universities' cities. The role of landscape is as a framing device. It acts as a background or supporting element. It helps to show the context in layouts.











Detail, Point of view & Texture

Context is key. Images that tell stories. A walk through the pier, the sound of birds in the morning, a busy port, fish, commerce... Tradition and technology. Geometry. Materic elements: rope, wood, rusted iron, metalic containers, sand, seashells, a splash of water...















Grid System

Grid system

A grid system based on 3 Columns and 18 Grid Fields to apply on different kind of graphic design materials, such as: brochures, posters, catalogs, invitations, etc.

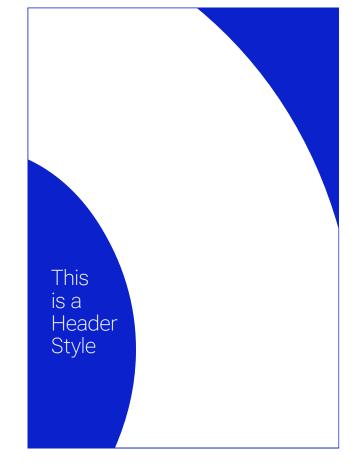
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Header Style A		Our vision is to establish a distinctly international, pluri-ethnic, multilin-
r reader etyre / t		gual and interdisciplinary European University.
		This vision is rooted in the high quality and excellence in education
		and research of the alliance with the intent to strengthen the links between teaching, research, innova-
Header Style B		tion and knowledge transfer. The convergence of media and digitalisation has changed the way we work and live.
		Change, going forward, will continue to be rapid, in a world of perpetual connectivity. Consequently, tradi-
		tional training models are being found wanting. Developing both critical-thinking and creativity with
Header Style C		students is key. This is our vision as a consortium: to create the conditions in which a student will be able to
		freely and confidently move between disciplines, languages, countries, sectors.
		Seamless mobility across borders and academic disciplines will provide
	As an alliance, we share an integrated, long-	a substantial leap in quality, perfor- mance, attractiveness and international competitiveness. We
	term strategy for education, committed to offer outstanding education and research. SEA-EU will engage in concerted efforts towards building an inclusive, sustainable and resilient future for	will work to make our university alliance a universe of possibilities, in which each student will be free but
	people and planet, with the specific vocation of dealing with the sea that unites us. In this long-term vision, we are committed to taking a flag-	guided to seek out and develop their own path.
	ship role in the creation of a European Education Area, strengthening European identity and values and securing the international competitiveness	
	of education and research linked to innovation and knowledge transfer.	
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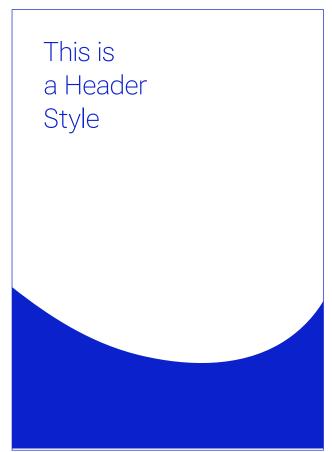
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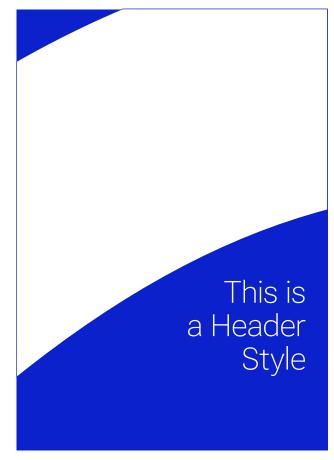
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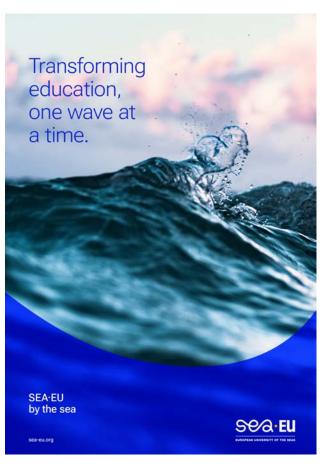
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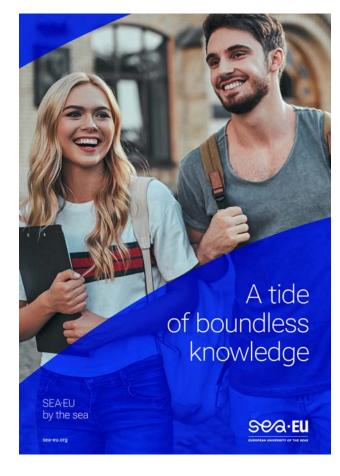
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Application Stationery

Letterhead A4

As a header of all SEA·EU documents. It helps identify our brand.



Envelope



Invitation & Envelope



Seal & Stamp





Business card

85 x 55 mm standard format.



Front



Back



Lanyard



Flag



Advertising banner



Signage





Roll-up



Application Merchandise

Pen





Notebook



Wristband



Canvas bag



Canvas bag







Hoodie & Sweatshirt



Polo shirt

To identify staff in SEA·EU events and gatherings.

Embroided logo. Primary SEA·EU colors with contrast details in trim and neck.



Hand-holding stainless steel bottle



Mug



Embroided Cap



Ennamel Pins



Pin badges



Sunbeds

For events and communications. This sunbeds could be spread out around Alliances' Campus to make an impact among students, serving as a way to connect with them.





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This document will be updated as further applications of the brand are created.

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