
WHO WE ARE

CENTRAL is a vivid partnership between five renowned Central European universities, all located in the capitals of their home countries: **Berlin, Budapest, Prague, Vienna, and Warsaw**. Under the CENTRAL umbrella, **diverse research and outreach activities take place**, in all fields. We provide a platform for scientific discussion and exchange.

Combining our efforts, we make **the academic discourse of the CEE region** more visible, within Europe, and beyond.



Background

The CENTRAL network (Central European Network for Teaching and Research in Academic Liaison) was initiated and founded by [Humboldt University Berlin](#) in 2014, with the financial support from DAAD, taking aboard four renowned partner universities of the Central European region: [Charles University](#) , [Eötvös Loránd University – ELTE \(Budapest\)](#) , the [University of Vienna](#) , and the [University of Warsaw](#) .

Long-established links

United in their position as capital city universities, and through their common history and geographic proximity, there is a traditional sense of shared identity between the CENTRAL partners. Even before the implementation of the network, **the universities had strong bilateral links with each other**.

Thus the idea to form a multilateral network to **strengthen the CEE research region** and make it more visible certainly found fertile soil. The network now provides the formal framework for a long-established regional community.

The CENTRAL Mission

From its beginnings, **the network's first and foremost aims** have been:

- to strengthen cross-border research collaboration by enabling joint projects, publications and events
- thus to establish new research networks as well as develop existing ones
- to promote early-stage researchers and provide a setting for internationally-oriented academic careers
- and to enhance visibility of the Central European academic discourse and output