

## **AGENDA**

## High-level meeting on the European Universities initiative 27 February 2025, The Square, Mont des Arts, Brussels

08.30 - 09.30	Registration and welcome coffee
09.30 - 09.50	Opening ceremony
	Keynote speech
09.50 – 10.20	<ul> <li>Testimonials of European Universities representatives and students</li> <li>✓ Enrico Alexander Green, student of the EU CONEXUS University alliance Joint Master programme in Marine Biotechnology</li> <li>✓ Beatrix Busse, Chair of the Board FOREU4ALL European Universities Alliances' Community of practice, EUniWell University Alliance</li> </ul>
10.20 – 10.30	Video messages
10.30 – 11.15	<ul> <li>High-level panel on the role of European Universities alliances in transforming the higher education landscape and boosting future-proof skills for enhancing Europe's competitiveness, strategic autonomy and preparedness: what have been the outcomes so far? how to further leverage the impact of alliances?</li> <li>Panellists:         <ul> <li>Marcos Ros Sempere, Member of the European Parliament, Spain</li> <li>Luminita Georgeta Popescu, Rector Constantin Brancusi University of Targu Jiu, Romania, ACE2EU European University</li> <li>Iris Kimizoglu, President of the European Student's Union</li> <li>Joseph M. Garrell, President of the European University Association</li> <li>Michel Mariton, Vice-President for Economic Development of the Université Paris-Saclay, France, EUGLOH European University, Member of the European Institute of Innovation &amp; Technology Governing Board</li> <li>Moderator: Stefan Olsson, European Commission, Deputy Director-General for Jobs, Skills and Social Policies</li> <li>High Proposition Propositi</li></ul></li></ul>
11.15 – 11.45	Coffee break
11.45 – 12.00	Keynote speech Enrico Letta, President of the Jacques Delors Institute, former Prime Minister of Italy
12.00 – 12.15	• Susato Trio, performance by students of the IN.TUNE European University alliance of innovative universities in music and arts in Europe

12:15 – 13:00	<ul> <li>High-level panel on the transformation of the alliances across all their missions (education, research and innovation at the service of society): role of European Universities to strengthen cooperation with and between innovation ecosystems, boosting Europe's regions</li> <li>Video message of Manuela Ripa, Member of the European Parliament, Germany Panellists:</li> <li>✓ Martina Klärle, President Baden-Wuerttemberg Cooperative State University, Germany, EU4DUAL European University</li> <li>✓ Raul Ramos, Vice-Rector Universitat de Barcelona, Spain, CHARM-EU European University</li> <li>✓ Rita Dias, President of the Erasmus Student Network</li> <li>✓ Jan-Ingvar Jönsson, President Linkoping University, Sweden, ECIU European University</li> <li>✓ Janis Grevins, Member of the European Institute of Innovation &amp; Technology Governing Board, former Director of Riga Business School at Riga Technical University, Latvia, CEO of The Higher Education and Science Information</li> </ul>
	Technology Shared Service Centre
	<b>Moderator: Normunds Popens</b> , European Commission, Deputy Director-General for Education, Youth, Sport and Culture
13:00 – 14.15	Lunch break
14.15 – 17.00	<ul> <li>Parallel break-out sessions</li> <li>✓ 14.15 – 15.15 break-out sessions part I</li> <li>✓ 15.15 – 15.45 coffee break</li> <li>✓ 15.45 – 16.45 break-out session part II</li> <li>✓ 16.45 – 17.00 moving back to plenary</li> </ul>
	Part I: parallel break-out sessions:
	<ol> <li>European Universities as power houses for developing the skills for the future: how can the alliances fully play their role in the creation and delivery of the Union of Skills and attract and retain best talents and enhancing the attractiveness of educational offerings in strategic sectors (AI, clean technologies, STEM, defence, etc).</li> <li>Embarking academic communities at large on the alliance journey: effective strategies for raising awareness and boost engagement across institutions' faculties to enable more students and staff to benefit from alliances' activities.</li> </ol>
	<ol> <li>Towards a European degree: how can the alliances support the progress towards a European Degree: case studies from the Erasmus+ pilot projects</li> <li>Looking beyond the EU: the role of the alliances in attracting global talent and strengthening sustainable partnerships in the Western Balkans, EU</li> </ol>
	Neighbourhood and across the world  5. Fostering innovation in European Universities: the impact of collaborative ecosystems and the benefit of Europe's regions.
	Part II: parallel break-out sessions: possible topics:
	<ul> <li>6. Student perspective: enhancing inclusiveness, student engagement, democratic representation, inclusiveness and mobility in the European interuniversity campus</li> <li>7. Outlook of the future investment pathway for European Universities:</li> </ul>

	enhancing synergies and efficiently mobilising European and national/regional level funding, including reinforcing the research and innovation dimension of the alliances, in synergy with MSCA and EIT  8. The monitoring framework for the European Universities initiative  9. Community of practice for alliances: FOREU4ALL amplifying alliances' impact and success  10. Session with alliances' coordinators: Alliances in action: progress and key elements for successful implementation
17.00 – 17.30	Key-take aways of the day
17.30 – 17.45	Closing words
17.45 – 19.30	Networking cocktail