

European university alliances, assets for the European research and higher education areas



The European university alliances are at the crossroads of higher education, research excellence and European cooperation. Laureats of the call for projects in 2019, EU-CONEXUS¹ and EPICUR² will be used as examples to demonstrate the contribution of European university alliances to:

- **the convergence of the European Research Area and the European Higher Education Area**
- **the strengthening of collaboration and mobility between different areas of the Union.**

This event will also address the positive impact of European university alliances at the local level.

The seminar is organised by the University of Strasbourg, in partnership with the European Science Foundation and EuroScience.

Date and place

12 April 2022 | 15:00 – 19:00

Amphitheatre Carré de Malberg, Faculté de droit, 1 place d'Athènes, 67 000 Strasbourg

¹ European University for Smart Urban Coastal Sustainability - <https://www.eu-conexus.eu/en/>

² European Partnership for an Innovative Campus Unifying Regions - <https://epicur.education>

15:00 – 15:10 **Opening**

Prof. Dr. Michel DENEKEN | President of the University of Strasbourg, Chair of the EPICUR Alliance

15:10 – 15:30 **Keynote**

Role of research, mobility and networking: key challenges for European university alliances

Prof. Dr. Alain BERETZ | President of the European Cooperation in Science and Technology (COST)

15:30 – 16:40 **Round-table (1/2)**

European university alliances: challenges of associating both higher education and research

What is the added value of the European university alliances to European research?

How can European university alliances develop collaborative responses in education and research?

Moderation Prof. Dr. Michael MATLOSZ | President of EuroScience

Speakers Prof. Dr. Michel DENEKEN | President of the University of Strasbourg, Chair of the EPICUR Alliance

Prof. Dr. Karen MAEX | Rector of the University of Amsterdam, President of the League of European Research Universities (LERU), member of the Steering Committee of the EPICUR Alliance

Mr Jean-Eric PAQUET | Director General for Research and Innovation of the European Commission (DG RTD)

Prof. Dr. Marc SCHILTZ | President of Science Europe, Secretary General of the National Research Fund of Luxembourg

Ms Barbara WEITGRUBER | Director general for scientific research and international relations at the Austrian Ministry of Education, Science and Research, co-chair of the European Research Area and Innovation Committee (ERAC)

16:40 – 17:10 Coffee break ☕ ☕ ☕

17:10 – 18:20 **Round table (2/2)**

European university alliances: new vectors for mobility and networking

How do European university alliances offer new opportunities for mobility of students, researchers, and staff?

How do European university alliances contribute to networking of scientific communities and geographical regions in education, research and innovation?

Moderation Prof. Dr. Véronique HALLOIN | President of the European Science Foundation

Speakers Ms Vanessa DEBIAIS-SAINTON | Head of the Higher Education Unit at the European Commission (DG EAC), member of the Bologna Follow-Up Group (BFUG)

Ms Astrid HANNES | project manager at the European Regions Research and Innovation Network

Ms Nina HOL | Member of the student board of the EPICUR Alliance, student at the University of Amsterdam

Prof. Dr. Bogumiła KANIEWSKA | rector of the Adam-Mickiewicz University in Poznań, member of the Steering Committee of the EPICUR Alliance

Prof. Dr. Jean-Marc OGIER | President of the La Rochelle Université and Chair of the European University EU-CONEXUS

Ms Mateja ROBIČ | member of Higher Education Division of the Slovenian Ministry of Education, Science and Sport

18:20 – 19:00 **Take-home messages and final exchanges**

Intervenants Prof. Dr. Alain BERETZ | President of the European Cooperation in Science and Technology (COST)

Ms Claire GIRY | Director General for Research and Innovation of the French Ministry of Higher Education, Research and Innovation

Prof. Dr. Véronique HALLOIN | President of the European Science Foundation

Prof. Dr. Michael MATLOSZ, President of EuroScience

Prof. Dr. Jean-Marc PLANEIX, Vice-President for Academic partnerships and governance of the University of Strasbourg, strategic coordinator of the EPICUR Alliance

Participants

The event is open by invitation and will bring together:

- European officials and experts from the Bologna Follow-up Group (BFUG), the Council Working Party on Research (GRC/RWG) and the European Research and Innovation Area Committee (CEER/ERAC) of the European Council,
- Representatives of the University of Strasbourg, the European Science Foundation and EuroScience,
- Representatives of the EPICUR alliance and other European university alliances,
- Representatives of local and cross-border bodies.

Translation

The official language of the event is **English**. The contributions will be made in **French** and **English** with simultaneous interpretation.



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