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Campus of European Universities

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Welcome by Sylvie Retailleau,
French Minister for Higher Education and Research

In the field of higher education, research and innovation, the French Presidency has set three objectives:

. To promote European knowledge policies in order to support recovery and transitions in Europe, by strengthening synergies between higher education, research, innovation and services to society,

. To affirm the international dimension of these policies in order to contribute to the deployment of European power in the world and to strengthen the attractiveness of Europe for teachers, researchers and students,

. To deepen the sense of European belonging, by supporting European universities in their action to transmit the European way of life and by removing obstacles to transnational cooperation between institutions in Europe.

At the start of the Presidency, in January, we brought together ministers, the Commission, higher education stakeholders and their partners in a Forum of Universities for the Future of Europe.

The rich and valuable discussions at this Forum contributed to the work of the Council, which resulted in two important initiatives in April 2022: Council conclusions on a European strategy empowering higher education institutions for the future of Europe and a Council Recommendation on building bridges for effective European higher education cooperation. They set a course for the development of the European higher education sector in the coming years by strengthening alliances between institutions and propose the creation of new tools to bring European cooperation to an unprecedented level of ambition: degrees with a European dimension, statutes dedicated to alliances, international projection and more sustainable funding.

Together, Member States, the Commission and stakeholders in the sector, we have defined the milestones, the objectives and the instruments: what remains to be done is to commit ourselves to making European universities a concrete and tangible reality for our students, our partners throughout the world and our citizens.

On behalf of the French Presidency of the Council of the European Union, I am proud to welcome the key players in higher education and research in Europe and the representatives of the 41 European university alliances to Versailles, at the Palais des Congrès. I am also proud to close the Presidency with this major conference of European universities, which the President of the Republic called for on last December. This gathering will allow us to take stock of this initiative and to reflect on the challenges that the alliances still have to face in order to build this European network for the creation and sharing of knowledge at the service of students and society as a whole.

Program

8:30-9:30 Welcome of participants

9:30-10:00 Opening of the Campus of European Universities

Master of Ceremonies: Merryl Moneghetti, journalist

Speeches:

- Sylvie Retailleau, French Minister for Higher Education and Research
- Mariya Gabriel, European Commissioner (remotely)
- Laurence Farreng, Member of the European Parliament
- Michael Murphy, President of the European University Association (EUA) (remotely)

10:00-11:15 Round Table: Deepening the European sense of belonging based on common values

Moderator: Patrick Nédellec, Delegate for European and International Affairs, Ministry for Higher Education and Research

Speakers:
- Sophia Ericksson-Watershoot, Director for Youth, Education and Erasmus+, DGEAC, European Commission
- Jakub Grodecki, Vice-President of the European Students' Union (ESU)
- Laurence Farreng, Member of the European Parliament
- Michał Zasada, Vice-President of the Conference of Rectors of Academic Schools in Poland (CRASP) (remotely)
- Jean-Marc Planeix, Vice-President for Academic Partnerships and Governance, University of Strasbourg/Eucor and Epicur Alliances
- Christina Moberg, President of the European Academies Science Advisory Council (EASAC) (remotely)
- Renaud Dehousse, President of the European University Institute in Florence
- Olha Porkuian, Rector of the Ukrainian National University "Volodymyr Dahl" (remotely)

11:15-11:30 Break

11:45-12:30 Press conference

11:30-13:00 Thematic workshops: Strengthening the European dimension in higher education, research and innovation

- Workshop A: Diverse models of European universities, but common challenges
- Workshop B: Building partnerships with socio-economic stakeholders
- Workshop C: Role models for the transformation of the European higher education
- Workshop D: Showcasing European higher education worldwide
- Workshop E: European universities with students' eyes

13:00-14:00 Break

14:00-15:30 Thematic workshops: Strengthening the European dimension in higher education, research and innovation - continued

- Workshop A: Diverse models of European universities, but common challenges
- Workshop B: Building partnerships with socio-economic stakeholders
- Workshop C: Role models for the transformation of the European higher education
- Workshop D: Showcasing European higher education worldwide
- Workshop E: European universities with students' eyes

15:30-16:00 Break

16:00-17:30 Round Table: Driving Europe's global role and leadership

Moderator: Matthieu Peyraud, Director of Culture, Education, Research and Network of cooperation, Directorate General for Globalisation, French Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs

Interventions:

- Vanessa Debiais Sainton, Head of Unit Higher Education, DGEAC, European Commission
- Alberto Barbieri, Rector of the University of Buenos Aires (remote)
- Professor Tawana Kupe, Vice-Chancellor and Principal of the University of Pretoria, African Research Universities Alliance (ARUA)
- Professor Dr. Romyen Kosaikanont, Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organization (SEAMEO-RIHED) (remote)
- Professor David Leebron, President of Rice University, USA
- Professor Azzeddine El Midaoui, President of the Conference of University Presidents of Morocco (remote)
- Laurent Bordes, President of the University of Pau and Adour, UNITA Alliance
- Gregor Majdič, Rector of the University of Ljubljana, EUTOPIA Alliance

17:30-18:00 Closing of the Campus of European Universities

Master of Ceremonies: Merryl Moneghetti, journalist

Speeches:

- Clément Beaune, French Minister Delegate to the Minister of Europe and Foreign Affairs, in charge of Europe
- Radka Wildová, Czech Deputy Minister for Education
- Sylvie Retailleau, French Minister for Higher Education and Research

N.B.: the Village of European Universities, with booths run by the alliances will be organised in parallel.

Organisers

Organising ministry:

Ministère de l'Enseignement supérieur et de la Recherche

For more information: https://www.enseignementsup-recherche.gouv.fr/fr

Co-organisers of the sessions:

Ministère de l'Europe et des Affaires étrangères

For more information: https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/fr/

France Universités

For more information: https://franceuniversites.fr/

Conférence des directeurs des Ecoles Françaises d'Ingénieurs

For more information: http://www.cdefi.fr/en/

Le Haut Conseil de l'évaluation de la recherche et de l'enseignement supérieur

For more information: https://www.hceres.fr/en

Commission des titres d'ingénieur

For more information: https://www.cti-commission.fr/

Campus France

For more information: https://www.campusfrance.org/en

Agence Erasmus+

For more information: https://agence.erasmusplus.fr/en/

Presentation of the event

The Campus of European Universities is the final French Presidency conference gathering all European universities. Announced by the President of the French Republic, Emmanuel Macron, the event is co-organized by the French ministry for higher education and research (MESR) with the French conference of University rectors (France Universités), in partnership with the ministry for Europe and Foreign affairs, the French Erasmus+ Agency as well as Campus France, the French Agency for the promotion of higher education.
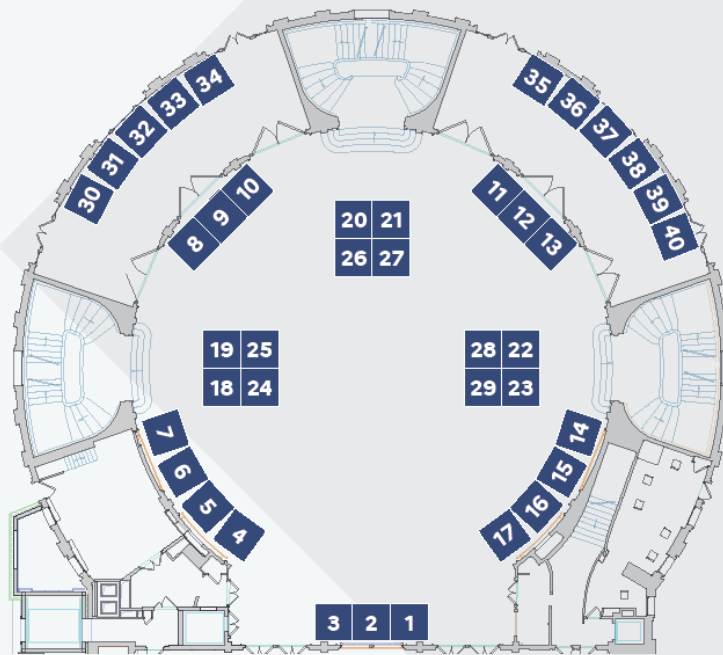
The [Council conclusions on a European strategy empowering higher education institutions for the future of Europe](#), approved on the 5th of April, identify four key objectives to foster the contribution of higher education institutions to the future of Europe: (1) strengthen the European dimension in higher education, research and innovation as well as the synergies between them; (2) drive Europe's global role and leadership; (3) bolster Europe's recovery and response to the digital and green transitions and (4) deepen the European sense of belonging based on common values. Together with the [Council Recommendation on building bridges for effective European higher education cooperation](#), they invite Member States and the European Commission to set up measures aiming at boosting and sustaining alliances such as "European universities", through inter allia an European label for joint degrees, institutionalised cooperation instruments, such as a possible legal status, and new approaches for a comprehensive and integrated funding.

To launch this new phase, it is important to take stock of the overall progress and impact of the European Universities Initiative and the diversity of models of alliances of higher education institutions. Accordingly, the Campus is made up of two parallel components, which are intended to complement each other:

- Plenaries and workshops allowing for a dialogue between alliances of European universities, Member States, European Commission, and different stakeholders representing the higher education sector and their partners, in order to:
    1) Highlight the contribution of European universities as hallmarks of the European model;
    2) Strengthen exchanges between alliances to contribute to the European strategy;
    3) Support the global dimension of European universities.
- The "Village of the Alliances", which is a space dedicated to the presentation of the alliances of European universities (41 Alliances selected under the Erasmus+ programme, as well as the University of the Greater Region and EUCOR). This will allow Alliances to showcase their activities and results, via **exhibition booths**. The task of mobilizing all the Alliances to participate in this "Village of the Alliances" has been entrusted by the MESR to the two Forums of Alliances (FOREU1 and FOREU2), in collaboration with France Universités. Beyond the participants of the Campus, the Village is also open to other guests, such as HEIs from third countries, students' organisations or regional and economic partners.

Map of the Village of the Alliances

Campus des Universités européennes
#EuroCampus
Village des Alliances

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List of Alliances

Alliances of European Universities (2020 call)

ATHENA aims to shape the digital transformation of societies. It will support the development of an equitable, sustainable and safe digital economy.

For more information: **https://ec.europa.eu/education/sites/default/files/document-library-docs/european-universities-factsheet-athena.pdf**

The Aurora European University aims to equip a diverse student population with the skills and mindset to contribute to addressing societal challenges as social entrepreneurs and innovators.

For more information: **https://ec.europa.eu/education/sites/default/files/document-library-docs/european-universities-factsheet-aurora.pdf**

Circle U. will form an ethically principled circle of knowledge, connecting education, research and innovation in service to society.

For more information: **https://ec.europa.eu/education/sites/default/files/document-library-docs/european-universities-factsheet-circle-u.pdf**

E³UDRES², the Engaged and Entrepreneurial European University as Driver for European Smart and Sustainable Regions, promotes the development of small and medium-sized cities and their rural environments into smart and sustainable regions and shapes a prosperous future with the best possible quality of life for self-determined people in a progressive European society.

For more information: **https://ec.europa.eu/education/sites/default/files/document-library-docs/european-universities-factsheet-e3udres2.pdf**

EC2U is a multi-cultural multi-lingual European Universities Alliance consisting of seven long-standing, education- and research-led, locally and globally engaged universities from all four European regions.

For more information: **https://ec.europa.eu/education/sites/default/files/document-library-docs/european-universities-factsheet-ec2u.pdf**

EELISA envisions a future in which society thrives and masters global challenges with smart and sustainable solutions empowered by European engineering.

For more information: **https://ec.europa.eu/education/sites/default/files/document-library-docs/european-universities-factsheet-eelisa.pdf**

ENGAGE.EU is an alliance of leading European universities in business, economics, and social sciences with rich experience in analysing societal change.

For more information: **https://ec.europa.eu/education/sites/default/files/document-library-docs/european-universities-factsheet-engage.eu_.pdf**

The European values referred to in the Treaty of the European Union form the basis for all activities within the ENHANCE alliance to create common European education and research: respect for human dignity, freedom, democracy, equality and human rights, the rule of law.

For more information: **https://ec.europa.eu/education/sites/default/files/document-library-docs/european-universities-factsheet-enhance.pdf**

ENLIGHT aims to undertake a fundamental transformation of European higher education in which all barriers to learning, performing research and cooperation are removed.

For more information: **https://ec.europa.eu/education/sites/default/files/document-library-docs/european-universities-factsheet-enlight.pdf**

ERUA is built on a common ambition to develop a new kind of cooperation, which not only connects universities within Europe but also reimagines the role of European universities in a global context.

For more information: **https://ec.europa.eu/education/sites/default/files/document-library-docs/european-universities-factsheet-erua.pdf**

EUNICE is a new, creative European University that aims to bring about a paradigm shift from traditional to customised education through inter-university "blended" mobility.

For more information: **https://ec.europa.eu/education/sites/default/files/document-library-docs/european-universities-factsheet-eunice.pdf**

The core mission of the European University for Well-Being – EUniWell – is to understand, improve, measure and rebalance the well-being of individuals, our own community, our environment and society as a whole on a regional, European and global level. Based on our joint values: we are democratic, inclusive, diverse, research and challenge-based, inter- and transdisciplinary, entrepreneurial and co-creational.

For more information: **https://ec.europa.eu/education/sites/default/files/document-library-docs/european-universities-factsheet-euniwell.pdf**

EURECA-PRO

Through its novel approach, the EURECA-PRO European Universities alliance holistically contributes to the highly topical issues of Sustainable Consumption and Production and on the other hand, it effectively contributes to the transformation of the European Higher Education Area, linked to Sustainable Development Goal 12 (responsible consumption and production) and 4 (quality education).

For more information: **https://ec.europa.eu/education/sites/default/files/document-library-docs/european-universities-factsheet-eureca-pro.pdf**

European engineering education of the future! The EuroTeQ Engineering University builds on the belief that societal developments of recent years call for strong university alliances to make the Knowledge Square of Education, Research, Innovation and Service to Society a reality and its impact a benefit to Europe and beyond.

For more information: **https://ec.europa.eu/education/sites/default/files/document-library-docs/european-universities-factsheet-euroteq.pdf**

The mission of the European University of Technology, Eut+, is first and foremost to serve the betterment of society.

For more information: **https://ec.europa.eu/education/sites/default/files/document-library-docs/european-universities-factsheet-eut.pdf**

FILMEU brings together four higher education institutions. Together, we collaborate around the common objective of jointly promoting high-level education, innovation and research activities in the multidisciplinary field of Film and Media Arts and consolidate the central role of Europe as a world leader in the creative fields.

For more information: **https://ec.europa.eu/education/sites/default/files/document-library-docs/european-universities-factsheet-filmeu.pdf**

Lead by the need to strengthen the link between teaching, research, innovation and knowledge transfer, encouraging mobility and enhancing high quality and excellence in education and research, 5 universities have united their efforts based on their previous cooperation to establish the INnoVations of REgional Sustainability: European UniversiTy Alliance (INVEST).

For more information: **https://ec.europa.eu/education/sites/default/files/document-library-docs/european-universities-factsheet-invest.pdf**

Neuroscience shows great promise to become an applied science, to provide brain-centred or brain-inspired solutions that could benefit society and kindle a new economy in Europe.

For more information: **https://ec.europa.eu/education/sites/default/files/document-library-docs/european-universities-factsheet-neurotech-eu.pdf**

The Regional University Network – European University will secure the sustainable economic, social, cultural and environmental progress of its regions and stakeholders.

For more information: **https://ec.europa.eu/education/sites/default/files/document-library-docs/european-universities-factsheet-run-eu.pdf**

The T4E partners have joined forces to transform themselves and their collaboration in order to drive the transformation of Europe.

Pour plus d'information: **https://ec.europa.eu/education/sites/default/files/document-library-docs/european-universities-factsheet-t4e.pdf**

Ulysseus alliance's vision for 2030 is to develop an excellence-recognised and internationally attractive, open to the world, persons-centred and entrepreneurial European University for the citizens of the future.

For more information: **https://ec.europa.eu/education/sites/default/files/document-library-docs/european-universities-factsheet-ulysseus.pdf**

Ten years from now, our students, teachers, researchers and administrative staff shall enjoy a truly European learning, teaching and working experience.

For more information: **https://ec.europa.eu/education/sites/default/files/document-library-docs/european-universities-factsheet-unic.pdf**

The UNITA Alliance intends to build a fully-fledged European inter-university campus based on excellence in teaching and learning, research and innovation, and on civic engagement. Its goal is to drive excellence in the European Higher Education area and become attractive also for students from other continents, especially Africa and the Americas, with whom we share common languages.

For more information: **https://ec.europa.eu/education/sites/default/files/document-library-docs/european-universities-factsheet-unita.pdf**

UNIVERSEH aims to be recognised as a comprehensive European Space University for Earth and Humanity.

For more information: **https://ec.europa.eu/education/sites/default/files/document-library-docs/european-universities-factsheet-universeh.pdf**

Alliances of European Universities (2019 call)

The Arqus European University brings together seven longstanding comprehensive research universities who share extensive experience in joint projects in many fields and a common profile as internationalised institutions with deep regional engagement in medium-sized cities.

For more information: **https://ec.europa.eu/education/sites/default/files/document-library-docs/european-universities-factsheet-arqus.pdf**

4EU+ consists of large, comprehensive, public European research universities that are strongly embedded in their local territories and share European values and a global outlook.

For more information: **https://ec.europa.eu/education/sites/default/files/document-library-docs/european-universities-factsheet-4euplus.pdf**

The mission of CHARM-EU is to promote the common European values emphasising the richness and diversity of the European tradition. CHARM-EU will offer a transformative, truly European educational experience to citizens of the world.

For more information: **https://ec.europa.eu/education/sites/default/files/document-library-docs/european-universities-factsheet-charmeu.pdf**

European world-leading institutions in the social sciences unite to create CIVICA – The European University of Social Sciences.

For more information: **https://education.ec.europa.eu/fr/node/1380**

CIVIS – a European Civic University – is a far-reaching vision whose goal is to have a significant impact on the development of societies, both locally and globally.

For more information: **https://ec.europa.eu/education/sites/default/files/document-library-docs/european-universities-factsheet-civis.pdf**

ECIU University is a new pan-European university with an innovative challenge-based approach and a true European inter-university campus.

For more information: **https://ec.europa.eu/education/sites/default/files/document-library-docs/european-universities-factsheet-eciu-updated.pdf**

EDUC (European Digital UniverCity) will strengthen the European identification process by enhancing knowledge creation and by putting forward European skills acquisition through digitally supported cross-campus and cross-disciplinary teaching activities as well as various learning opportunities.

For more information: **https://ec.europa.eu/education/sites/default/files/document-library-docs/european-universities-factsheet-educ.pdf**

EPICUR, a European University for the future, is a place where all boundlessly mobile students, doctoral candidates and staff can acquire a broad, interdisciplinary, academic perspective strongly rooted in European traditions, irrespective of their nationality, mother tongue, cultural or socio-economic background.

For more information: **https://ec.europa.eu/education/sites/default/files/document-library-docs/european-universities-factsheet-epicur.pdf**

The EU4ART European University, created by four higher education institutions devoted to fine arts, aims to develop common flexible curricula in the field of painting, sculpture and graphic art.

For more information: **https://ec.europa.eu/education/sites/default/files/document-library-docs/european-universities-factsheet-eu4art.pdf**

The European University for Smart Urban Coastal Sustainability, EU-CONEXUS, has chosen to focus on urban and semi-urban coastlines because these areas are increasingly densely populated and very important for trade, aquaculture and fisheries, energy, tourism and more.

For more information: https://ec.europa.eu/education/sites/default/files/document-library-docs/european-universities-factsheet-euconexus.pdf

EUGLOH will combine its members' expertise and resources in Global Health to offer the most competitive and attractive education and training to their students in one multicultural, integrated and inclusive campus.

For more information: https://ec.europa.eu/education/sites/default/files/document-library-docs/european-universities-factsheet-eugloh.pdf

EUTOPIA is a challenge-led, student-centred, place-based, inclusive alliance of entrepreneurial, change-focused universities.

For more information: https://ec.europa.eu/education/sites/default/files/document-library-docs/european-universities-factsheet-eutopia.pdf

FORTHEM consists of multidisciplinary public research universities that are situated (all but one) outside capital regions.

For more information: https://ec.europa.eu/education/sites/default/files/document-library-docs/european-universities-factsheet-forthem.pdf

The vision of the European University of the Seas (SEA-EU) is to establish a distinctly international, pluri-ethnic, multilingual and interdisciplinary European University.

For more information: https://ec.europa.eu/education/sites/default/files/document-library-docs/european-universities-factsheet-sea-eu.pdf

UNA Europa will create a truly European inter- university environment, linking outstanding research to transnational learning and innovative, critical thinking.

For more information: https://ec.europa.eu/education/sites/default/files/document-library-docs/european-universities-factsheet-una-europa-updated.pdf

UNITE! (University Network for Innovation, Technology and Engineering) will educate a new generation of European students in science, technology and engineering, transcending the traditional engineering educa tion, with an entrepreneurial mind-set.

For more information: https://ec.europa.eu/education/sites/default/files/document-library-docs/european-universities-factsheet-unite.pdf

The Young Universities for the Future of Europe (YUFE) aims to bring radical change by becoming the leading model of a young, student-centred, non-elitist, open and inclusive European University based on cooperation between higher education institutions, public and private sector, and citizens.

For more information: https://ec.europa.eu/education/sites/default/files/document-library-docs/european-universities-factsheet-yufe-updated-jan-2021.pdf

Biographies (alphabetic order)

Alberto Barbieri

Dr. Barbieri has a degree in accounting from the University of Buenos Aires. He holds a Master's degree in Business Administration and Management from the European School of Business in Spain and a PhD from the University of Buenos Aires. Dr Barbieri has specialised in the management of health organisations and information systems, as well as in the evaluation, implementation and monitoring of investment projects in the social fields -health, social security and social action- and productive development. He has been rector of Buenos Aires University (UBA) since 2014. At the same university, he was vice-rector, dean of the Faculty of Economics and president of UBATEC, a technology transfer company.

Clément Beaune

Clément Beaune is graduated from the « Institut d'études politiques » (IEP) in Paris, from the « Collège d'Europe » in Bruges ("Montesquieu" class) and a former student of the « École nationale d'administration » ("Willy Brandt" class). In 2011, he became deputy head of the research and higher education department at the National Budget Office of the Finance Ministry. From 2014 to 2016, he was advisor in charge of European, international and budgetary affairs in the office of the Minister for the Economy, Industry and Digital Affairs. From 2017 to 2020, Clément Beaune was special advisor for Europe at the French Presidency. From 2020 to 2022, Clément Beaune was Secretary of State in charge of European Affairs at the ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs. In May 2022, he is appointed Minister Delegate at the ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs, responsible for Europe.

Vanessa Debiais Sainton

Vanessa Debiais Sainton is Head of the Unit *Higher Education*, DGEAC, European Commission. She is responsible for the development of the higher education dimension of the European Education Area, for the implementation of, among others, the European Strategy for Universities, the Common European Diploma and the European Student Card initiative.

Renaud Dehousse

Professor Renaud Dehousse has been President of the European University Institute since 1 September 2016. Prior to this, he was a Professor and holder of the Jean Monnet Chair of European Law and Policy Studies at Sciences Po Paris, where he founded and directed the Centre for European Studies. He chaired Sciences Po's Board from 2013 to 2016. Before joining Sciences Po in 1999, he taught at the European University Institute, then at the University of Pisa. Renaud Dehousse was a scientific advisor to the centre for study and research founded by Jacques Delors, Notre Europe. He was a member of several working parties on the reform of European institutions established by the European institutions and national governments. His research has covered multiple aspects of European law and politics. He is a member of the **Academia Europaea.**

Azzeddine El Midaoui

Since 2014, Professor Azzeddine El Midaoui is the President of the Ibn Tofail University – Kenitra. Since 2015, he is also President of the Conference of University Presidents of Morocco. He has received several scientific awards including the "University-Business Partnership Prize" awarded by the Ministry of Higher Education of Morocco.

Sophia Eriksson-Waterschott

Sophia Eriksson Waterschoot is Director for Youth, Education and Erasmus+ at the European Comission's Directorate-General for Education, Youth, Sport and Culture. She is in charge of the European cooperation on higher education, schools and youth policy, including Europe's flagship programmes Erasmus+ and the European Solidarity Corps. She has previously held various positions within the Commission in the field of strategy and investment in education, labour market policy, the European Semester and the European cohesion funds. She studied Economics, Business and Political Science, and did an Erasmus student exchange in France. She is also an Eisenhower Fellow.

Laurence Farreng

Working initially as publicist for private companies, Laurence Farreng (French political party "MoDem") became director of communications for her city, Pau, from 2015 to 2019 after being deputy mayor. She has been a Member of the European Parliament since 2019, elected on the Renaissance list (presidential majority). She was elected Regional Councillor for New Aquitaine in 2021. Laurence Farreng is a full member and coordinator of the Committee on Culture and Education (CULT). She was a member of the Conference on the Future of Europe. In the European Parliament, Laurence Farreng notably works on the democratisation and adaptation to environmental challenges of the European Union's flagship programmes in the field of education and culture: Erasmus +, the European Solidarity Corps for volunteering and Creative Europe.

Mariya Gabriel

Mariya Gabriel is the European Commissioner for Innovation, Research, Culture, Education, Youth and Sport. Under her leadership, the new Horizon Europe, Erasmus+, and the cultural strand of Creative Europe programmes (2021-2027) were defined and are implemented. Between 2017 and 2019, Mariya Gabriel was European Commissioner for Digital Economy and Society. She proposed the new Digital Europe programme, worked on EU Strategy on AI, disinformation online, cybersecurity and launched the EuroHPC strategy. She has extensively engaged with external EU partners to enhance digital cooperation, in particular with the Western Balkans and Africa. She was elected as Member of the European Parliament (MEP) in 2009, 2014 and 2019. Mariya Gabriel is First Vice-President of the European People's Party (EPP), and, since 2012, Vice-President of EPP Women.

Jakub Grodecki

Jakub Grodecki, currently serving as a Vice President of the European Students' Union. His primary focus within the organization is Quality of Higher Education, Bologna Process implementation and Higher Education digitalisation. He is also a member of the Advisory Council on Youth in Council of Europe.Before his work in ESU, He was an International Officer of the Students' Parliament of the Republic of Poland (PSRP) and as an elected representative of the Students' Union of the University of Science and Technology (AGH) in Kraków. He has an academic background in Mechanical Engineering (B.Eng) and Management and Production Engineering (MSc).

Romyen Kosaikanont

Romyen Kosaikanont is currently Centre Director of the Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organization Regional Centre Specialising in Higher Education and Development (SEAMEO RIHED). Dr Kosaikanont has previously served as Vice President of Mae Fah Luang University, Chiang Rai, Thailand, from 2010-2019. Presently, and under SEAMEO RIHED's new strategic plan, she leads the organisation by facilitating policy dialogue with 11 governments of the region and higher education partners, as well as enhancing futuristic leadership and promoting innovative exchange towards creating a common space for higher education and contributing towards a more sustainable future for the SEAMEO region.

Tawana Kupe

Professor Tawana Kupe has been Vice-Chancellor and Principal of the University of Pretoria since 2019. He holds a DPhil in Media Studies from the University of Oslo, Norway. In December 2019, he received an honorary doctorate from Michigan State University in the US, and another from the University of Montpellier in France, in October 2021. He is an active member of several civil society organisations and is a board member of a number of tertiary education networks, organisations and initiatives around the world.

David Leebron

David Leebron has been President of Rice University in the US since 2004. He is a graduate of Harvard College and Harvard Law School. He has taught at NYU School of Law and Columbia Law School. He served on the boards of the Greater Houston Partnership and Fulbright Canada.

Gregor Majdič

Gregor Majdic is the Rector of the University of Ljubljana and Professor of Physiology at the Veterinary School of the same university. He is also co-founder of the Slovenian biotechnology company Animacel. He is also a representative of the Eutopia Alliance, coordinated by the French University of Cergy.

Merryl Moneghetti

Merryl Moneghetti coordinates and presents « Lectures from the Collège de France » on the French public radio, France Culture. The program is « teaching science in the making ». After a master's degree at Sciences Po Paris, under the direction of Jean-Noël Jeanneney, where she specialized in the history of the evolution of the media and on François Mauriac, «writerjournalist», she joined Radio France, in 2004. She produced «Mauriac et Cie croquent la télé» and she worked from 2013 à 2019, with the French journalist Christine Ockrent, who produces a radio program on foreign affairs every Saturday. She has published "François Mauriac, contre son camp" (Garnier-Le Monde, 2012).

Christina Moberg

Christina Moberg is emeritus professor of organic chemistry at KTH Royal Institute of Technology in Stockholm. She is presently the President of the European Academies' Science Advisory Council, EASAC. She has been vice Rector, with responsibility for the engineering education, and vice Dean at KTH. She is a member of the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences, KVA, and the Royal Swedish Academy of Engineering Sciences, IVA; she was the President of KVA 2016–2018. She is Honorary Doctor at Lund University, Sweden, and Honorary Professor at Tianjing University, China. She has supervised the work of 25 PhD students and published her work in about 200 scientific papers, and received several awards for her research accomplishments. She has been a member of Boards of Research Councils in Sweden and Denmark and of research evaluation panels in Sweden as well as abroad.

Michael Murphy

Michael Murphy is President of the European University Association. A past President of University College Cork, Ireland (2007-17), he has been active in many academic organisations in Europe and the United States and has served as Vice-Chancellor of the National University of Ireland, Chair of the Health Research Board of Ireland, Chair of the Irish Universities Association and Chair of the Permanent Working Group (PWG) of European Hospital Doctors. Currently, he chairs the Steering Committee of the European Learning and Teaching Forum and the Advisory Board of U-Multirank. As an expert on drug therapy for cardiovascular disease, he led several international clinical trials of interventions to reduce cardiovascular mortality.

Patrick Nédellec

Patrick Nédellec is a PhD graduate from McGill University (Montréal, Canada) and a former Master student at Laval University (Québec, Canada). He started his career as researcher at the National Centre for scientific research (CNRS) Pitié-Salpêtrière Hospital in Paris to perform specific research on human genetics and muscle dystrophy. Since 2013, he was head of the Derci (Directorate for European Research and International Cooperation) of the CNRS. In May 2021, he moved to the Ministry for Higher Education, in Research and Innovation as head of Delegation for European and International Affairs. This department, composed of more than 60 persons, is in charge of implementing the European and international policies for research and Higher Education (European policy, French participation in European programs and International collaboration).

Matthieu Peyraud

Matthieu Peyraud is a senior foreign affairs advisor. Since October 2020, he has been Director of Culture, Education, Research and Cooperation network at the Directorate General for Globalisation of the Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs, in charge of defining and implementing France's policy of influence and attractiveness abroad. In the course of his career, he became diplomatic advisor to the President François Hollande between 2012 and 2014. From 2017 to 2020, he continued his career as inspector and secretary general of the French Foreign Affairs Inspectorate.

Jean-Marc Planeix

Jean-Marc Planeix is a professor at the University of Strasbourg. He is a former student of the École normale supérieure de Saint-Cloud and holds a master's degree in physical sciences and a DEA in organic chemistry from the University of Paris-Orsay. He holds a doctorate in chemistry from the University of Montpellier. Throughout his career, he has also been involved in the coordination and representation of science faculties at national and European level and has held the responsibilities of vice-president and, since 2019, president of the "Conférence des directeurs d'UFR Sciences" (CDUS). Since November 2020, he is "strategic coordinator" of the European university alliance "Epicur" on behalf of the President of the University of Strasbourg. He is an officer in the order of the "Palmes académiques".

Olha Porkuian

She graduated from the Dnepropetrovsk State University (Ukraine) at the Faculty of Physics and Technology in 1984 - diploma with honours in the specialty "Production of aircraft", qualification "mechanical engineer". In 2009, she defended her thesis for the degree of Doctor of Technical Sciences in the specialty "Automation of control processes" at the Kryvyi Rih Technical University. In 2015, she was elected as a Rector of the Volodymyr Dahl East Ukrainian National University. Due to the war, the university was displaced to Dnipro from Sievierodonetsk (earlier – from Luhansk).

Sylvie Retailleau

Sylvie Retailleau, former President of Paris-Saclay University, University Professor and Professor of Physics, was appointed Minister for Higher Education and Research on 20 May 2022. A former student of ENS Cachan, Sylvie Retailleau passed the « agrégation » in applied physics in 1988 and obtained a PhD in science from the University of Paris-Sud in 1992. Her research topics developed at the « Institut d'Electronique Fondamentale » (IEF, Université Paris-Sud/CNRS) are centred on the theoretical study of the physics of semiconductor components for advanced electronics. She has been deeply involved in the creation of the Paris Saclay "Idex" (initiative of excellence) project since 2008, in terms of training and structuring of training and research, and she has also participated in the preparatory work for the current research programming law. She was elected President of the « Université Paris-Saclay » on 2 March 2020.

Radka Wildova

Prof. PaedDr. Radka Wildova, CSc, was graduated from the Faculty of Education at Charles University. After teaching practice at several primary schools, she started in 1993 as an academic worker at the Faculty of Education of Charles University, where she was also the dean from 2009 to 2016. From 2016 to the end of January 2022, she held the position of Vice-Rector of Charles University for the conception and quality of education. She is the author or co-author of a number of professional publications and a member of several domestic and foreign expert teams. Since 2022 she has held the position of Deputy Minister for research and Higher Education.

Michal Zasada

Michał Zasada, professor of forest sciences at the Warsaw University of Life Sciences (SGGW), has been the Rector of the SGGW since 3 June 2020. Prof. Michał Zasada is also the Vice-Chair of the Conference of Rectors of Academic Schools in Poland. He is a member of the board of ICA -the Association for European Life Science Universities – and a member of the board of CASEE, the ICA Regional Network for Central and South-Eastern Europe. He is also a member of the Council for Agriculture and Rural Areas to the President of the Republic of Poland. He is a member of the Polish Academy of Sciences Committee on Forest Sciences and Wood Technology and the Polish Forestry Association.

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