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# Press kit

## Campus of European Universities

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Versailles

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# **Context and priorities of the event**

In December 2021, in his speech presenting the priorities of the French Presidency of the Council of the European Union, French President Emmanuel Macron called for a major meeting of the European Universities to be organised in June.

This meeting, the Campus of European Universities, is taking place on 30 June 2022 at the Palais des Congrès in Versailles. It is organised by the French Ministry for Higher Education and Research together with the Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs, France Universités, the Conference of Deans of French Schools of Engineering (CDEFI), the High Council for Evaluation of Research and Higher Education (HCERES), the Commission des Titres d'Ingénieur (CTI), Campus France and the Agence Erasmus+ France.

Opened by European Commissioner Mariya Gabriel and the French Minister of Higher Education and Research, Sylvie Retailleau, this event will emphasise the importance of universities in Europe, at the heart of ensuring well-informed citizens.

The event will bring together the presidents of the 300 establishments involved in the 41 alliances of European Universities, in order to make an initial assessment of their achievements and the work undertaken to strengthen them. It will also be attended by representatives of the 27 Member States and the European Commission, as well as partners from the social and economic spheres (businesses, regions, cities, research organisations, etc.), both in and outside the EU, with the particular goal of strengthening the international dimension of the European Universities initiative.

## **An event to fuel the next steps for European Universities**

The aim of the conference is to promote the European Universities alliances and transnational cooperation in the fields of higher education, research and innovation. It fits into the European strategy for empowering higher education establishments for the future of Europe, and is inspired by the Council Recommendation on “building bridges for effective European higher education cooperation”.

Envisioned as a campus open to European and global stakeholders in the sector, the event will be an opportunity for the alliances to showcase their achievements and ambitions not only for students but society as well. During thematic workshops and round tables, the alliances and stakeholders will thus discuss how European Universities contribute to the implementation of the European strategy.

## **Strengthening the alliances between European higher education establishments: a project supported by the French Presidency**

In its recommendation adopted during the French Presidency, the Council called for the implementation of ambitious measures to strengthen alliances such as the European Universities. This includes the trial of a European label for joint programmes, which, as soon as 2022, will allow for the recognition of the added value of study programmes involving multiple European establishments, thus paving the way for a future European degree.

Soon, the European Universities will also be able to explore legal means to enhance their institutional cooperation, allowing them to jointly recruit, for example. The recommendation also calls for more sustainable and integrated funding for European Universities, seeking to promote synergies between the various European sources and national funds.

The Campus workshops will explore these possibilities, giving the alliances the opportunity to present their recommendations.

## **Creating dialogue between the institutional world and civil society**

The Campus will include plenary sessions and workshops, on one hand, and on the other an exhibition space, the “Village of Alliances”, where each of the 41 European University alliances will be represented.

The day will open with a plenary round table on the role of European Universities in promoting the Union’s values and a European sense of belonging.

Five workshops will then examine various facets of the European Universities Initiative and its challenges for the future: the diversity of the models, partnerships with social and economic stakeholders, the transformation of national higher education systems, international attractiveness and student engagement.

At the end of the afternoon, a closing round table will address the international dimension of the alliances.

# Organisers:

## Organising ministry



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<https://www.enseignementsup-recherche.gouv.fr/en>

## Co-organisers of the sessions



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For more information:

<https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/en/>



**France Universités**

For more information:

<https://franceuniversites.fr/>



Conférence des Directeurs  
des Écoles Françaises  
d'Ingénieurs

**Conference of the Directors of French  
Engineering Schools (CDEFI)**

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



## High Council for Evaluation of Research and Higher Education

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



## Commission des Titres d'Ingénieur (CTI)

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



## Campus France

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



## Agence Erasmus+ France

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

# Agenda

- 8:30–9:30 a.m.** Welcome of participants
- 9:30–10 a.m.** Opening of the Campus of European Universities
- 10–11:15 a.m.** *Round table:* Deepening the European sense of belonging based on shared values
- 11:15–11:30 a.m.** Break
- 11:30 a.m.–1 p.m.** *Thematic workshops:* Strengthening the European dimension of higher education, research and innovation
- *Workshop A:* The diverse models of alliances and the challenges they have in common
  - *Workshop B:* Developing partnerships in the social and economic sphere
  - *Workshop C:* Sharing the alliances' best practices to contribute to the transformation of national systems
  - *Workshop D:* Attracting students and talent from outside of Europe
  - *Workshop E:* The European Universities through the eyes of students
- 11:45 a.m.–12:30 p.m.** Press conference
- 1–2 p.m.** Break
- 2–3:30 p.m.** *Thematic workshops:* Strengthening the European dimension of higher education, research and innovation
- *Workshop A:* The diverse models of alliances and the challenges they have in common
  - *Workshop B:* Developing partnerships in the social and economic sphere
  - *Workshop C:* Sharing the alliances' best practices to contribute to the transformation of national systems
  - *Workshop D:* Attracting students and talent from outside of Europe



- *Workshop E: The European Universities through the eyes of students*

**3:30–4 p.m.**

Break

**4–5:30 p.m.**

*Round table: Advancing Europe’s role and leadership in the world*

**5:30–6 p.m.**

Closing of the Campus of European Universities

*N.B.: the Village of European Universities, made up of stands of the alliances, will be held concurrently.*

# List of participants

## Event Opening

**Mistress of ceremonies:** Merryl Moneghetti, journalist

Speeches:

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

## Round Table No.1 - Deepening the European sense of belonging based on shared values

**Moderators:** Patrick Nédellec, Delegate for European and International Affaires at the French Ministry of Higher Education and Research

Speeches:

- Sophia Eriksson Waterschoot, Director, DG EAC, 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) (*attending remotely*)
- Jean-Marc Planeix, Vice-President of Academic Partnerships and Governance of the University of Strasbourg / Eucor and EPICUR Alliances
- Christina Moberg, President of the European Academies Science Advisory Council (EASAC) (*attending remotely*)
- Renaud Dehousse, President of the European University Institute in Florence
- Olha Porkuian, President of Volodymyr Dahl East Ukrainian National University (*attending remotely*)

## Round Table No.2 - Advancing Europe's role and leadership in the world

**Moderators:** Matthieu Peyraud, Director of Culture, Education, Research and Network Coordination, Directorate-General for Global Affairs, French Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs

### Speeches:

- Vanessa Debiais-Sainton: Head of Unit, Higher Education DG EAC, European Commission
- Alberto Barbieri, Rector of the University of Buenos Aires (*attending remotely*)
- Professor Tawana Kupe, Vice-Chancellor and Principal of the University of Pretoria, African Research Universities Alliance (ARUA)
- Dr. Romyen Kosaikanont, Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organization (SEAMEO RIHED) (*attending remotely*)
- Professor David Leebron, President of Rice University, United States
- Professor Azzeddine El Midaoui, Chairperson of the Conference of Moroccan University Presidents (*attending remotely*)
- Laurent Bordes, President of the University of Pau and Pays de l'Adour, UNITA Alliance
- Gregor Majdič, Rector of the University of Ljubljana, EUTOPIA Alliance

## Closing of event

**Mistress of ceremonies:** Merryl Moneghetti, journalist

### Speeches:

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

# List of the 41 European Universities alliances

## European Universities Alliances (2020 call)

### ATHENA



<https://ec.europa.eu/education/sites/default/files/document-library-docs/european-universities-factsheet-athena.pdf>

### Aurora



<https://ec.europa.eu/education/sites/default/files/document-library-docs/european-universities-factsheet-aurora.pdf>

### Circle U.



<https://ec.europa.eu/education/sites/default/files/document-library-docs/european-universities-factsheet-circle-u.pdf>

## **E<sup>3</sup>UDRES<sup>2</sup>**

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<https://ec.europa.eu/education/sites/default/files/document-library-docs/european-universities-factsheet-e3udres2.pdf>

## **EC2U**



<https://ec.europa.eu/education/sites/default/files/document-library-docs/european-universities-factsheet-ec2u.pdf>

## **EELISA**

EELISA

European University

<https://ec.europa.eu/education/sites/default/files/document-library-docs/european-universities-factsheet-eelisa.pdf>

## **ENGAGE.EU**



<https://ec.europa.eu/education/sites/default/files/document-library-docs/european-universities-factsheet-engage.eu .pdf>

## ENHANCE



<https://ec.europa.eu/education/sites/default/files/document-library-docs/european-universities-factsheet-enhance.pdf>

## ENLIGHT



<https://ec.europa.eu/education/sites/default/files/document-library-docs/european-universities-factsheet-enlight.pdf>

## ERUA



<https://ec.europa.eu/education/sites/default/files/document-library-docs/european-universities-factsheet-erua.pdf>

## EUNICE



<https://ec.europa.eu/education/sites/default/files/document-library-docs/european-universities-factsheet-eunice.pdf>

## EUniWell



<https://ec.europa.eu/education/sites/default/files/document-library-docs/european-universities-factsheet-euniwell.pdf>

## EURECA-PRO



<https://ec.europa.eu/education/sites/default/files/document-library-docs/european-universities-factsheet-eureca-pro.pdf>

## EuroTeQ



<https://ec.europa.eu/education/sites/default/files/document-library-docs/european-universities-factsheet-euroteq.pdf>

**Eut+**



<https://ec.europa.eu/education/sites/default/files/document-library-docs/european-universities-factsheet-eut.pdf>

**FILMEU**



<https://ec.europa.eu/education/sites/default/files/document-library-docs/european-universities-factsheet-filmeu.pdf>

**INVEST**



<https://ec.europa.eu/education/sites/default/files/document-library-docs/european-universities-factsheet-invest.pdf>



## Neurotech EU



<https://ec.europa.eu/education/sites/default/files/document-library-docs/european-universities-factsheet-neurotech-eu.pdf>

## RUN-EU



<https://ec.europa.eu/education/sites/default/files/document-library-docs/european-universities-factsheet-run-eu.pdf>

## T4E



<https://ec.europa.eu/education/sites/default/files/document-library-docs/european-universities-factsheet-t4e.pdf>

## Ulysseus



<https://ec.europa.eu/education/sites/default/files/document-library-docs/european-universities-factsheet-ulyssseus.pdf>

## UNIC



<https://ec.europa.eu/education/sites/default/files/document-library-docs/european-universities-factsheet-unic.pdf>

## UNITA



<https://ec.europa.eu/education/sites/default/files/document-library-docs/european-universities-factsheet-unita.pdf>

## UNIVERSEH



<https://ec.europa.eu/education/sites/default/files/document-library-docs/european-universities-factsheet-universeh.pdf>

## European Universities Alliances (2019 call)

**ARQUS**



<https://ec.europa.eu/education/sites/default/files/document-library-docs/european-universities-factsheet-arqus.pdf>

**4EUPLUS**



<https://ec.europa.eu/education/sites/default/files/document-library-docs/european-universities-factsheet-4euplus.pdf>

**CHARM-EU**



<https://ec.europa.eu/education/sites/default/files/document-library-docs/european-universities-factsheet-charmeu.pdf>

**CIVICA**



<https://education.ec.europa.eu/fr/node/1380>

## CIVIS



<https://ec.europa.eu/education/sites/default/files/document-library-docs/european-universities-factsheet-civis.pdf>

## ECIU



<https://ec.europa.eu/education/sites/default/files/document-library-docs/european-universities-factsheet-eciu-updated.pdf>

## EDUC



<https://ec.europa.eu/education/sites/default/files/document-library-docs/european-universities-factsheet-educ.pdf>

## EPICUR



<https://ec.europa.eu/education/sites/default/files/document-library-docs/european-universities-factsheet-epicur.pdf>

## EU4ART



EU4ART  
ALLIANCE FOR COMMON  
FINE ARTS CURRICULUM

<https://ec.europa.eu/education/sites/default/files/document-library-docs/european-universities-factsheet-eu4art.pdf>

## EU-CONEXUS



EU CONEXUS  
European University for Smart  
Urban Coastal Sustainability

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

## EUGLOH



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

## EUTOPIA



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

## FORTHEM



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

## SEA-EU



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

## Una Europa



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

## UNITE!



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

## YUFE



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

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