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2019 EUA Annual Conference

Driving innovation in Europe's universities
10-12 April 2019, hosted by Sorbonne University

Technological, medical, social, cultural and educational innovation is changing the world, and those driving it decide on the direction. As creators and providers of knowledge and places of societal reflection, universities have a central role in shaping the future and in nurturing the next generation of leaders, innovators, entrepreneurs and researchers.

Europe's universities are integral parts of local, national and international innovation ecosystems, working with partners in the private and public sectors to educate future innovators and jointly develop solutions to societal, economic and environmental challenges. In this context, universities provide a unique environment, ensuring critical mass and the diversity needed to address these challenges. They also create institutional cultures geared towards innovation, whether it is in high-quality learning and teaching or ground-breaking research.

EUA's 2019 Annual Conference will focus on investigate university strategies in shaping today's innovation and that of the future. Through plenary and breakout sessions of various formats, including audience participation, the conference will provide insight into the policies and practices that enable innovation and entrepreneurship to thrive at universities.

Draft programme (as of 30 November 2018)

Wednesday, 10 April (pre-conference meetings)
The pre-conference meetings are by invitation only to EUA Board and Council members and the secretaries general of national rectors' conferences. The Leadership Roundtable is for rectors only.

09.00-13.00	**EUA Board Meeting**
09:00-13:00	**EUA Secretaries General Meeting**
13:00-14:00	Lunch for EUA Board and Secretaries General
14:00-16:00	**EUA Council Meeting**
16:00-16:30	Coffee break
16:30-18:30	**Leadership Roundtable: Facilitating innovation – the role of leadership**
18:30-19:30	**Leadership Meet & Greet Reception**

Thursday, 11 April

08:00-10:00	Welcome coffee
08:00-09:30	Registration for EUA General Assembly
08:00-18:00	Registration for Annual Conference
10:00-13:00	**EUA General Assembly**
12:30-14:00	Lunch
14:00-15:30	**Official Opening and Plenary Session I: Universities as key players in innovation**
	European policies are increasingly focussing on innovation strategies. Universities play a pivotal role in these strategies by generating solutions to current and future challenges. This session explores how universities drive innovation in partnership with public and private stakeholders by fostering multi-, inter- and transdisciplinarity, as well as by attracting an ever more socially and culturally diverse crowd of students and staff. It also examines the synergies between teaching, research and innovation.

Opening by Rolf Tarrach, EUA President and Jean Chambaz, President, Sorbonne University, France
Themis Christophidou, Director-General Education, Youth, Sport and Culture
Jean-Eric Paquet, Director-General Research and Innovation

15:30-16:00   Coffee break

16:00-16:45   **Breakout Sessions, Round I**

16:45-17:00   Break to move back to the plenary session

17:00-18:00   **Plenary Session II: Fostering new generations of innovators**
This session will focus on the role of universities in facilitating and enabling an entrepreneurial and proactive approach to innovation among students and staff through new ways of learning and teaching.

19:30-22:30   Networking Reception and Gala Dinner

Friday, 12 April

09.30-11.00   **Breakout Sessions, Round II**

11.00-11.30   Coffee break

11.30-12.45   **Plenary Session III: Building partnerships**
This session will discuss how different forms of partnerships can support universities' efforts in fostering innovation and ensuring the societal relevance of their work.

12.45-13.00   **Conference closing and invitation to the EUA Annual Conference 2020**

13.00-14.00   Lunch

14:00-15:30   **EUA Hot Topic Session: Artificial intelligence – the new Open Science challenge**
Artificial intelligence could potentially revolutionise society; it will influence business, labour markets, cities, and education. At this time, countries all over the world, as well as the European Union, are making strategies to use the positive aspects and avoid the risks of the new technologies. What can and should universities do as centres of research and as institutions educating the generations that will live in a world with artificial intelligence everywhere?