

**USTREAM Project Final Event**  
**Efficiency, effectiveness and value for money in higher education and research:**  
**Linking European, national, sector and institutional strategies**  
**19 June 2019**  
**Brussels, Permanent Representation of Ireland to the EU**  
**Draft programme**

**Rationale**

In times of budget cuts, policy makers' demands for greater accountability, efficiency, effectiveness and value for money of higher education institutions are getting stronger. The USTREAM findings point that such demands can only be met with a collaborative effort across all levels. Coherent strategies and actions connecting European, national, sector and institutional levels are key for making European higher education and research more efficient and effective in the long run.

Carried out by the European University Association (EUA), the Irish Universities Association (IUA), Universities UK (UUK) and the Central European University (CEU), the [USTREAM](#) project shows that efficiency is an important topic for most higher education systems in Europe, with many actions pursued at various levels and in different settings. Further progress can be achieved by integrating these efforts and fostering mutually beneficial partnerships pursuing common teaching, research and other goals. This requires a wide policy dialogue between all relevant stakeholders.

**Objective**

The aim of the event is to present the final USTREAM project findings and considerations for policy makers and institutional leaders and to discuss possible ways to streamline the efficiency agenda to increase synergies at European, national, sector and institutional levels.

**Target audience**

European and national policy makers, university networks and university leaders

**Draft programme**

11.45-12.30	<b>Registration and lunch</b>
12.30-12.45	<b>Welcome &amp; opening remarks</b>
12.45-13.30	<p><b>Presentation of USTREAM findings and considerations for policy makers and institutional leaders</b></p> <p><i>Creating enabling conditions for efficiency and effectiveness of higher education and research</i></p> <p>Thomas Estermann, Director Governance, Funding and Public Policy Development, EUA</p>
13.30-14.45	<p><b>Panel discussion</b></p> <p><i>Setting priorities for a common efficiency agenda in higher education and research</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Thomas Estermann, Director Governance, Funding and Public Policy Development, EUA</li> <li>- Liviu Matei, Provost, Central European University</li> <li>- Philip Nolan, President, Maynooth University</li> <li>- Elmar Pichl, Director General for Higher Education, The Austrian Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research</li> <li>- European Commission [tbc]</li> </ul> <p>Q&amp;A</p>
14.45-15.00	Closing