

2021 European Learning & Teaching Forum

Embedding and facilitating sustainability

18-19 February 2021, hosted by the University of Deusto, Bilbao, Spain

The path towards a sustainable future does not only require revolutionary technologies, but also and foremost adequate education. The 2021 European Learning & Teaching Forum will explore how learning and teaching ensures access to the knowledge and skills needed to reach the UN Sustainable Development Goals and accomplish the transformations that our societies and economies require. It will also invite participants to reflect on whether the organisation of learning and teaching at their own institutions is delivered in an economically, environmentally and socially sustainable manner.

Through a mix of plenary and parallel sessions, the Forum provides a platform for discussion on how universities enhance learning and teaching, while also presenting the work of the 2020 EUA Learning & Teaching Thematic Peer Groups. The Forum is an ideal event for vice-rectors for academic affairs, deans, and management involved in learning and teaching. It also welcomes students, policy-makers and other stakeholders in higher education.

Draft programme (as of 8 July)

Pre-Forum meetings (by invitation only)

- 09.00-13.00 Steering Committee meeting
- 13.00-14.00 Lunch and registration for Steering Committee and 2020 EUA Learning & Teaching Thematic Peer Group members
- 14.00-17.45 Final workshop for members of the Thematic Peer Groups
- 17.45-18.30 Registration desk open
- 18.00-18.30 Key player briefing
- 18.00-19.30 Reception for key players and Thematic Peer Group members

Thursday, 18 February

- 08.30-17.30 Registration desk open
- 09.30-10.45 **Official Opening and Plenary Session I: Equipped to thrive – How can higher education best provide the skills needed in sustainable societies?**
- 10.45-11.15 Coffee break
- 11.15-12.45 **Breakout Sessions A**
These parallel sessions are based on the work of the Thematic Peer Groups and the call for contributions.

- 12.45-14.15 **Networking lunch**
From 13.30 onwards, during the lunch break, participants have the option of attending an update on the work programme of the Bologna Follow-Up Group.
- 14.15-15.45 **Breakout Sessions B**
These parallel sessions are based on the work of the Thematic Peer Groups and the call for contributions.
- 15.45-16.15 Coffee break
- 16.15-17.00 **Plenary Session II: Moving towards flexible education paths**
- 17.00-18.00 **Discussion groups**
The participants have the option of joining a discussion group. These groups will be based on the bottom-up initiative of the Forum participants themselves, who will be invited to suggest discussion topics a few days before the Forum through an event app. The final topics and locations of the discussion groups will be announced through the app and at the end of the second plenary session. The discussions are open to all participants and will be facilitated by EUA Learning & Teaching Steering Committee members.
- 19.30 Dinner

Friday, 19 February

- 09.30-11.00 **Breakout Sessions C**
These parallel sessions are based on the work of the Thematic Peer Groups and the call for contributions.
- 11.00-11.30 Coffee break
- 11.30-12.45 **Plenary Session III: Blending education: how to future-proof learning and teaching**
- 12.45-13.00 **Closing Remarks**
- 13.00-14.00 Lunch and departure of participants