

Research Universities, the driving force for a Europe of Science

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Programme

Host: Karl Stoeckel, Head of EU Office, Aix-Marseille University

12h30 – 13h30: Welcome luncheon

13h30 – 13h45: Welcome speech by Eric Berton, President of Aix-Marseille Université

13h45 – 14h30

Opening keynote by Christine Clerici, President of Udice, President of the University of Paris

The role of research universities for European recovery and attractiveness. What international strategy in an instable geopolitical environment?

Followed by a conversation with leaders of research universities groups:

- Jan Wöpking, Director of the German U15
- Prof Dr Kurt Deketelaere Secretary-general of the League of European Research Universities (LERU) (**online**)
- Prof. Jan Palmowski, Secretary-general of the Guild of European Research-Intensive Universities
- Prof. Yves Flückiger, President of Swiss Universities, Rector of the University of Geneva (**online**)

Moderator: Joanne Pagèze, Vice President Internationalization, University of Bordeaux

14h30 – 15h15 Round Table 1: Research universities in the face of new international paradigms: cooperation, security, interference

What role for research universities in relations between States? What impact do geopolitical crises and tensions have on international scientific cooperation?

What balance should be struck between international cooperation and protection against the risks of interference? What form of cooperation between universities and governments to define the modus operandi of international cooperation?

Speaker : Jean-Baptiste Jeangene-Vilmer, Director of the Institut for Strategic Research, Ecole Militaire, French Ministry of Armed Forces. Coauthor of « Chinese Influence Operations. A Machiavellian moment » **(online)**

Participants:

- Alain Fuchs, President of Paris Sciences et Lettres University (PSL)
- Daniel David, Rector of Babes-Bolyai University, Romania **(online)**
- Jacques Frémont, President of the University of Ottawa, Canada **(online)**

Moderator: Karine Samuel, Vice-President International Relations, Grenoble-Alpes University

15h15 – 15h30 BREAK

15h30 – 16h15 Round Table 2: What actions and tools can be used to strengthen European attractiveness and international cooperation?

How to make the European Alliances a vector of attractiveness for Europe? How to support them beyond European funding? What is the specific role of research universities for the attractiveness of Europe and its regions? What is the influence of European research programs and research universities for collaborations between EU member States and third countries?

Speaker: Stijn Delaure Policy Officer, DG R&I, European Commission **(online)**

Participants :

- Giovanna Chimini, Vice President International Relations, Aix-Marseille University
- Hugues Abriel, Vice-Rector Research, University of Bern, Switzerland
- David Farrar, President of McMaster University, Canada **(online)**

Moderator: Sandrine Lacombe, Vice president International Relations, Paris-Saclay University

16h15 – 17h00 Round Table 3: Research universities, actors of a "positive internationalization"

What role should universities play in strengthening European sovereignty and leadership in key scientific and technological fields? How to implement the interdisciplinary and multilateral partnerships necessary to respond to major contemporary challenges?

Speaker: André Loesekrug-Pietri, President of the Joint European Disruptive Initiative (JEDI)

Participants :

- Jeanick Brisswalter, President of Côte d'Azur University
- Monique Scheer Vice-Rector of Tübingen University: the Cyber-Valley case study
- Andreas Fuhrer, Research Staff Member - Quantum Technology Zurich Research Laboratory, Zurich, Switzerland, IBM : the EUCOR / QUESTEC case study **(online)**
- Principal Patrick Deane, Queen's University, Canada **(online)**

Moderator: Diana SEBBAR, 3IA Côte d'Azur Executive Director and Executive Director of IDEX UCA JEDI Côte d'Azur University

17h00- 17h15 BREAK

17h15 - 18h00 – Conclusions session:

Presentation of the main conclusions of the opening dialogue and the three round tables by the moderators.

Closing remarks:

- Christine Clerici, President of Udice, President of the University of Paris
- Santa Ono, President of the Canadian U15, President of the University of British Columbia, Canada, **(online)**