



# Open Session on the European Universities Alliances

Coimbra Group Webinar

**10 June 2020 - 14.00-16.15 (CEST)**

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# OBJECTIVES



The aim of this webinar is to **bring together the experiences and learning of Coimbra Group member universities involved in developing European Universities Alliances** whether already selected or under evaluation by the European Commission.

Thematic discussions will allow to go deeper into the **different Alliances' processes of construction and their strategic approaches**, while discussing the various **difficulties** that universities are facing throughout this process, reflecting on **innovative tools and approaches** and providing **input into the work of the European Institutions and Member States** in this area.

The webinar, which will be given in English, is **opened to everyone interested in the rolling out of the European Universities Alliances Initiative** and the progress it is expected to make towards the achievements of the European Higher Education Area.



# PROGRAMME



**14.00 - 14.05**

## **Welcoming words**

Prof Ludovic Thilly, Chair of the Executive Board of the Coimbra Group

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**14.05 - 14.20**

## **Introductory speech - Latest developments of the European Universities Initiative**

Ms Sophia Eriksson Waterschoot, Director, Youth, Education and Erasmus+ (EAC.B), DG EAC, European Commission

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**14.20 - 14.30**

## **Q&A**

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**14.30 - 14.50**

## **First Session - Ensuring sustainability of the European Universities Initiative at European level after 2023: What are the perspectives? What are the potential implications of the COVID-19 crisis?**

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- **Prof Peter Mathieson, Principal and Vice Chancellor, University of Edinburgh, UNA Europa**

"The post-Corona crisis: A momentum for constructing the UNA Europa virtual campus on the sides of education, research and societal engagement?"

- **Prof Patrick Prendergast, President & Provost, Trinity College Dublin, the University of Dublin, CHARM-EU**

"The future of the European Universities Initiative at European level after 2023: the differing perspectives on sustainability"

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**14.50 - 15.00**

## **Q&A**

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**15.00 - 15.30**

## **First Session (Continued)**

- **Prof Vincent Blondel, Rector, UCLouvain, Circle U.**

"European Universities: challenges for creating sustainable cross-border collaborations in the european landscape"

- **Prof Antonella Forlino, Vice-Rector for Internationalisation, University of Pavia, EC2U**

"For a sustainable EC2U Alliance: the role of a central interconnectivity platform, the EC2U Connect Centre"

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- **Prof Lenka Rovníá, Vice Rector for European Affairs, Charles University Prague, 4EU+**

" Synergy between research and education: the story of 4EU+ "

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**15.30 - 15.40**

**Q&A**

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**15.40 - 16.00**

**Second Session - The European degree:** Opportunities and challenges

- **Prof. Dorothy Kelly, Vice-Rector for Internationalization, University of Granada, ARQUS**

"The European degree as an instrument to further inter-university cooperation within and beyond Alliances"

- **Ms Gohar Hovhannisyan, Vice-President, European Students' Union**

"Why do students need a European Degree?"

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**16.00 - 16.10**

**Q&A**

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**16.10 - 16.15**

**Closing words**

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