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**EU Strategy Day for
German University Leaders and
International Guests**

in Brussels
Representation of the State of Hessen to the European Union

**Beyond the Horizon – Exploring future EU programmes for
research, innovation and university cooperation**

21, Rue Montoyer, 1000 Brussels

16 / 17 October 2024

- 12:30 pm Registration and refreshments
- 1:15 pm Opening remarks
- Timon Gremmels**, Minister of Science and Research, Arts and Culture of the State of Hessen
Walter Rosenthal, President of the German Rectors' Conference (HRK)
Marc Lemaitre (tbc), Director-General of the Directorate-General for Research and Innovation, European Commission
- 1:45 pm **The European Research Area and the future EU Framework
Programme for Research and Innovation: What are the objectives of
the EU?**
Panel discussion
- Speakers
Christian Ehler, MEP, Member of the Committee for Industry, Research and Energy (ITRE) in the European Parliament
Timon Gremmels, Minister of Science and Research, Arts and Culture of the State of Hessen
Marc Lemaitre (tbc), Director-General of the Directorate-General for Research and Innovation, European Commission
Walter Rosenthal, President of the German Rectors' Conference (HRK)

Sylvia Schwaag Serger (tbc), Chair of Formas' Research Council; Member of the Swedish AI Commission; Member of the Expert Group for the Mid-term Evaluation of Horizon Europe

Moderator

Lisa Bungeroth, Head of Policy at Imperial College London

3:00 pm Coffee break

3:30 pm Workshops

- **Workshop 1: Networks in cooperation between universities in Europe and Africa**

Moderation: **Angela Ittel**, HRK Vice-President for International Affairs, Equal Opportunities and Diversity; President of Technische Universität Braunschweig

Introduction: **Christian Möllmann**, Global Partnerships Officer, University of Tübingen

- **Workshop 2: Collaboration with and recovery of Ukraine**

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- **Workshop 3: Promoting Social Innovation with EU funding?**

Moderation: **Dorit Schumann**, HRK Vice-President for HRK Vice-President for Transfer and Sustainability; President of University of Applied Sciences Trier

Introduction:

Alina-Stefania Ujupan, Head of the New European Bauhaus Unit, "Fair and Sustainable Economy" Directorate of the Joint Research Centre, European Commission.

Jürgen Howaldt, Director of the Social Research Centre Dortmund, Technische Universität Dortmund

- **Workshop 4: A European Excellence Initiative**

Moderation: **Michael Vorländer (tbc)**, Director European Policy & Human Rights/Humanitarian Aid at CDU/CSU Parliamentary Group in the German Bundestag

Introduction: **Gerhard Duda**, former director Research of the German Rectors Conference, author of the expert paper "Excellence Initiatives" for the ERA Forum

4:30 pm Coffee break

5:00 pm **Monitoring academic freedom: Why, by whom and how?**
Panel discussion

Speakers

Christian Ehler, MEP, Chair of the Panel for the Future of Science and Technology (STOA) in the European Parliament

Elisabeth Fiorioli, Secretary General of Universities Austria

Katrin Kinzelbach, Professor of International Human Rights Policy at University of Erlangen-Nuremberg

Martin Winger, EU-Monitoring, European Research Council, European Liaison Office of the German Research Organisations (KoWi)

Moderator

Jens-Peter Gaul, Secretary General of the German Rectors' Conference (HRK)

6:15 pm End of the first day of the conference

6:30 pm Departure of the buses to the restaurant

7:00 pm **Dinner reception at the Atomium restaurant**

9:30 pm Return to hotels by bus shuttle service

Day 2

09:00 am Introductory Speech to Day 2 of the Conference

Timon Gremmels, Minister for Higher Education, Research, Science and the Arts of the State of Hessen

Presentation of the workshop results
by the moderators of the workshops

09:30 am **Is Horizon Europe still fit for purpose – how should future instruments and funding lines be designed to leverage the full potential of universities?**

Panel discussion

Speakers

Michel Deneken, President of the University of Strasbourg

Amanda Crowfoot, Secretary General of the European University Association (EUA)

Anna Panagopoulou (tbc), Director of ERA and Innovation, Directorate General for Research and Innovation, European Commission

Melanie Rüter (tbc), Head of the Directorate European Cooperation in Education and Research, Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF), ggf. Vertretung aus dem BMBF

Dorit Schumann, HRK Vice-President for Innovation and Sustainability; President of Trier University of Applied Sciences

Moderator

Victoria Reichl, Director office Brussels of the European Liaison Office of the German Research Organisations (KoWi)

10:45 am Coffee break

11:15 am **European University Alliances: What are the next milestones for the initiative?**

Panel discussion

Speakers

Angelika Epple, Rector of Bielefeld University

Bogumiła Kaniewska (tbc), Rector of Adam Mickiewicz University, Poznań, Poland

Jean-Marc Ogier, President of La Rochelle University, France

Ursula M. Staudinger (tbc), Rector of TU Dresden

Sophia Eriksson Waterschoot, Director for Youth, Education and Erasmus+, Directorate General for Education and Culture, European Commission

Moderator

Angela Ittel, HRK Vice-President for International Affairs, Equal Opportunities and Diversity; President of Technische Universität Braunschweig

- 12:30 pm Closing remarks
Walter Rosenthal, President of the German Rectors' Conference (HRK)
- 12:45 pm End of the EU Strategy Day
(lunch boxes will be provided)