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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 light lunch
- 1:00 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)  
Roland Philippi, Secretary of State, Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF)  
Joanna Drake, Deputy Director-General, Research & Innovation, European Commission
- 1:35 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  
Joanna Drake, Deputy Director-General, Research & Innovation, European Commission  
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

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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

Moderation: N. N.

Introduction: Evelyn Korn, Deputy President, Vice President for University Culture and Quality, Philipps-Universität Marburg

- Workshop 3: Promoting Social Innovation with EU funding?

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

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, 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 Welcome and introduction to the second day  
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

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

Michel Deneken, President of UDICE (French Research Universities), President of the University of Strasbourg, France

Manuel Aleixo, Head of Unit for ERA, Spreading Excellence and Research Careers

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

Tine Delva, Deputy Head of Unit Higher Education, Directorate General for Education and Culture, European Commission

Angelika Epple, Rector of Bielefeld University

Bogumiła Kaniewska, Rector of Adam Mickiewicz University, Poznan, President of CRASP, Poland

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

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)