

Programme

EU Strategy Talks for German university leaders (and international guests)

Date: 12th July

12:30 Informal Get-Together

13:00 **Short Term Recovery versus Long Term Quality: What are the new priorities for Erasmus+ and Horizon Europe?**

Prof. Dr. Peter-André Alt, President of the German Rectors' Conference (HRK)

Mariya Gabriel, Commissioner for Innovation, Research, Culture, Education and Youth, European Commission

13:15 **High-Level Dialogues**

The "High-Level" Dialogues are organised as break-out sessions for virtual discussion groups for a high-level speaker and ten rectors. The aim of the dialogue is to exchange views between the political and practitioner levels.

- **To be continued: The European University Initiative in the next EU programme period**
Mariya Gabriel, Commissioner for Innovation, Research, Culture, Education and Youth, European Commission
moderated by **Dr. Simone Schwanitz**, Director, Ministry for Science, Research and Art
Baden-Württemberg
- **The role of universities for the priority areas of the European Research Area**
Anna Panagopoulou, Director for ERA & Innovation, European Commission
moderated by **Prof. Dr. Josep M. Garrell**, Board Member of the European University Association (EUA); President of Ramon Llull University Barcelona
- **The ERC in the new Framework Programme Horizon Europe**

Prof. Dr. Jean-Pierre Bourguignon, President of the European Research Council (ERC)
moderated by **Prof. Dr. Kerstin Krieglstein**, HRK-Vice-President for Research, Early Career Researchers, University Medicine and Health Sciences; Rector of the University of Freiburg

- **Societal challenges vs. curiosity-driven research - A contradiction?**

Prof. Dr. Katja Becker, President of the German Research Foundation (DFG)
moderated by **Prof. Dr. Peter-André Alt**, HRK President

13:45 **Summary of High-Level Dialogues**

13:55 Coffee break

14:05 **The Usefulness of Useless Knowledge: how frontier research provides resilience and drives innovation**
Panel Discussion

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Jean Eric Paquet, Director General for Research and Innovation, European Commission

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14:45 Q&A with the audience

15:05 **Closing remarks** of HRK President **Prof. Dr. Peter-André Alt**

15:10 End of the event