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Impact In, On and Beyond the University

Breaking down the walls between education and research, disciplines, academia and society

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Thursday
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9:00 - 9:30

Welcome Session

- **Jacqueline Scherpen**. Rector Magnificus of the University of Groningen. The Netherlands.
- **Dean Lewis**. President of the University of Bordeaux. ENLIGHT Rotating President. France. *(tbc)*
- **Regional Institutional representatives**.

9:30 - 10:30

Keynote Speeches

Impact In, On and Beyond the University

- **Igor Campillo**. ENLIGHT Impact Task Force. Director of Euskampus Foundation. University of the Basque Country. Spain.
- **Marthe Walvoort**. Rector Scholierenacademie. University of Groningen. The Netherlands.
- **Thomas Alslev Christensen**. Senior Vice President Societal Impact. Novo Nordisk Foundation. Denmark.

10:30 - 11:00

Coffee Break

11:00-12:15

Roundtable Discussion #1

Universities Working With and For Society

Moderator:

- **Glória Nunes Rodrigues**. ENLIGHT Impact Task Force. International Manager at Euskampus Foundation. University of the Basque Country. Spain.

Speaker

- **Maria Hägglund**. ENLIGHT Impact Ambassador 2024. Associate Professor in Health Informatics. Participatory eHealth and Health Data research group. Department of Women's and Children's Health. Uppsala University & Uppsala University Hospital. Sweden.
- **Daniela Lud**. ENLIGHT Impact Ambassador Team 2024. Prof. for Environmental Assessment and Remediation. Rhein-Waal University of Applied Sciences. Germany.
- **Frederik Verbeke**. ENLIGHT Teaching and Learning Awardee 2024. Professor at the University of the Basque Country. UPV/EHU. Spain.
- **Nathalie Walsh**. ENLIGHT Teaching and Learning Awardee 2023. Director of Entrepreneurial Development. University of Galway. Ireland.

12:15 - 13:30

Lunch



13:30 - 14:30

14:30 -15:00

15:00 -16:00

16:00 -16:30



CAMPFIRE SESSIONS

BECOMING PART OF AN IMPACT-DRIVEN UNIVERSITY

Fostering Impact Literacy

Nurturing the Knowledge, Competences and Skills for Impact

- **Julie Bayley.** Research Impact Director. Notheastern University London. United Kingdom.
- **Maristela do Nascimento Rocha.** KU Leuven Engage. Belgium.

Coffee Break

Recognising & Rewarding Impact

How to Recognise and Reward Impact?

- **Nele Bracke.** Research Policy Advisor. Ghent University. Belgium.
- **Jacqueline Drost.** Research and Impact Strategy. Radboud University. The Netherlands.

Coffee Break

PARTICIPATORY WORKSHOPS

BECOMING AN IMPACT AGENT

Planning Impact: How To Plan For Impact?

01 / Workshop Exploring the Impact Planning Canvas model

- **Áine Mhic Thaidg.** Research Impact Officer. University of Galway. Ireland.

02 / Workshop Matter of Focus planning approach

- **Sarah Morton.** Director. Matter of Focus. Honorary Fellow. University of Edinburgh. United Kingdom

Describing Impact

01 / Workshop

- **Saskia Walcott.** CEO at Walcott Communications. ARMA Board Director. United Kingdom.

02 / Workshop

- **Giovanna Lima.** Program Manager. Declaration on Research Assessment (DORA).

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16:30 - 17:30

Stakeholder Engagement

How to Support Stakeholder Engagement?

- **Lorenzo Squintani.** Director Energy and Climate School. University of Groningen. The Netherlands
- **Balzhan Orazbayeva.** Manager Strategic Initiatives. UIIN. The Netherlands.

19:00

Dinner

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The Impact Clinic

- **Esther de Smet.** Senior Research Policy Advisor. Ghent University. Belgium.
- **Áine Mhic Thaidhg.** Research Impact Officer. University of Galway. Ireland.
- **Julie Bayley.** Research Impact Director. Notheastern University London. United Kingdom.
- **Annabel Sanchez.** Research Impact Officer. CREA. Spain.
- **Anja Smykowski.** Manager UMCG Grant Support Hub. Coordinator UMCG impact team. University of Groningen. The Netherlands.
- **Zuzana Lisoňová.** Head of Research Project Office. Comenius University Bratislava. Slovakia.



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Conclusions of Campfire & Participatory Workshop Sessions

Campfire Sessions: Becoming part of an Impact-Driven University

- **Louise Hannon.** Head of Research Post Award. University of Galway. Ireland.

Participatory Workshops: Becoming an Impact Agent

- **Shaya Abdolazadeh.** Research Intelligence Specialist, Team lead. University of Groningen. The Netherlands. *(tbc)*

9:30 - 11:00

Bringing Theory into Practice: Impact Elevator Pitch

Chair:

- **Anika Duut van Goor.** Director. AESIS Network for Advancing & Evaluating the Societal Impact of Science. The Netherlands.

Experts panel:

- **Angela Kipf.** Project Manager & Quality Assurance. EU GREEN University Alliance. Germany.
- **Audrey Sullivan-Reilly.** Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning Officer. Circle U. University Alliance. United Kingdom.
- **Hannah Worringer.** Impact and Quality Officer. ENHANCE University Alliance. Germany.
- **Heather Hunt.** Quality and Impact Coordinator. EC2U University Alliance. France.
- **Mara Noblet.** Quality Assurance & Impact Manager. ERUA University Alliance. France

11:00 - 11:30

Coffee Break



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Roundtable Discussion #2

How European University Alliances are bringing about impact and transforming the European Education Area

Moderator:

- **Dana Strauss.** University of Jena. EC2U University Alliance. Germany.

Speakers:

- **Ioana Dewandeler.** Policy Officer Higher Education. European Commission – Directorate General for Education and Culture. Belgium. (online)
- **Manon Colombo.** EC2U University Alliance. France.
- **Nillofar Hashemi.** ENHANCE University Alliance. Germany.
- **Setayesh Karami.** CIRCLE U. University Alliance. Germany.
- **Véronique Clément Comparot.** ERUA University Alliance. France.

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Closing Session & Awards Ceremony

- **Leah Vandever.** ENLIGHT Interim Secretary General. Ghent University. Belgium.
- **Jacqueline Scherpen.** Rector Magnificus of the University of Groningen. The Netherlands.