

Shaping Europe: The Role of Universities in the Weimar Triangle
Trilateral Conference on European University Alliances
24-25 September 2026 at University of Warsaw

Organisers: University of Warsaw, French Embassy in Poland (FEP), German Embassy in Poland (GEP)
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24th September 2026	
Venue: UW Historical Main Campus, Krakowskie Przedmieście 26/28, Old University Library building	
11:30 – 13:00	Historical Main Campus Tour (optional) The tour starts at the entrance to the Old University Library building
13:00 – 14:30	Registration and welcome light lunch
14:30 – 14:50	Welcome Addresses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Prof. Alojzy Z. Nowak, Rector of the University of Warsaw - Prof. Andrzej Szeptycki, Undersecretary of State, Ministry of Science and Higher Education - Étienne de Poncins, Ambassador of the French Republic to Poland - Miguel Berger, Ambassador of Germany to Poland
14:50 - 15:10	Keynote: The geopolitical dimension of the European University Alliances , Prof. Emmanuelle Garnier, President of the University of Toulouse Jean Jaurès
15:10 – 16:40	Panel I: Quo Vadis, European University Alliances ? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Susanne Conze, Head of Unit for Higher Education, Directorate General for Education, Culture, Youth and Sport, European Commission (TBC) ● David Itier, Head of Unit for European Strategies, French Ministry for Higher Education, Research and Space ● Prof. Andrzej Szeptycki, Undersecretary of State, Ministry of Science and Higher Education ● Lisette Andreae, Head of Unit for European Higher Education Area, Internationalisation, Federal Ministry of Research, Technology and Space Research and Higher Education Ministry ● Prof. Beatrix Busse, FOREU4ALL General Forum Chair, and EUniWell Alliance
16:40 - 17:00	Coffee break
17:00 – 18:30	Panel II: Fostering cooperation within the Academic Weimar Triangle <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Dr. Wojciech Karczewski, Director General, NAWA ● Dr. Klaus Birk, Director of the Projects Department, DAAD ● Katarzyna Aleksy, Director for Higher Education Programmes Department, FRSE ● Carle Bonafous-Murat, Permanent Delegate of France Universités in Brussels ● Prof. Zygmunt Lalak, Vice-Rector for Research and IDUB Programme Manager, University of Warsaw
18:30 – 20:30	Reception Venue: Kazimierzowski Palace

25th September 2026	
Venue: Faculties of Applied Linguistics and Modern Languages, Dobra 55 Street	
8:45 – 9:00	Welcome and organisational information for the day
9:00 – 11:00	<p>Parallel Session I: Mobility programmes and degrees shaped for the Weimar Triangle</p> <p>Moderator: Prof. Maciej Raś, Vice-Rector for Student Affairs and Quality of Teaching and Learning, University of Warsaw</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Input 1: FORTHEM Alliance: Bernhard Altheim, Head of the European Affairs Office, Université Bourgogne Europe and Dr. Barbara Curyło, Coordinator of the FORTHEM Alliance, University of Opole • Input 2: UNA Europa Alliance: Maria Niewiara, Jagiellonian University, Joint Programmes Coordinator • Input 3: UNIVERSEH Alliance: Prof. Andrea von Hülsen-Esch, Vice-President French-German University / HHU Düsseldorf
9:00 – 11:00	<p>Parallel Session II: Fostering Synergy: Collaborative Research Models in European University Alliances</p> <p>Moderator: Dr. Elena Del Giorgio, Secretary General, 4EU+ Alliance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Input 1: UNITE! Alliance: Dr. Andreas Winkler, Secretary General, TU Darmstadt • Input 2 : ARQUS Alliance: Prof. Patrycja Matusz, Vice-Rector for Internationalisation, University of Wrocław • Input 3: Isabelle Schöninger, Conference of the Director of French Economic Schools (CDEFI), Executive Director
9:00 – 11:00	<p>Parallel Session III: Fostering Excellence: Early-Career Researchers in European University Alliances</p> <p>Moderator: Prof. Sabine Bottin-Rousseau, Vice-President, Sorbonne University, 4EU+ Alliance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Input 1: EPICUR Alliance: Michael Zacherle, EPICUR Project Coordinator, Karlsruher Institut für Technologie (KIT) • Input 2: CIVICA Alliance: Aurélien Krejbich, CIVICA Executive Director, Sciences Po • Input 3: EUNICE4U Alliance: Prof. Mariusz Głąbowski, Vice-Rector for International Cooperation, Project Manager of EUNICE4U, Poznan University of Technology
9:00 – 11:00	<p>Parallel Session IV: Virtual Bridges - Digital Campuses</p> <p>Moderator: Dr. Robert Dąbrowski, Vice-Chancellor for IT, University of Warsaw</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Input 1: ERUA Alliance: Prof. Eduard Mühle, Rector Europa-Universität Viadrina • Input 2: EUonAIR Alliance: Prof. Mariola Ciszewska-Mlinarič, Vice-Rector for International Cooperation, Kozminski University • Input 3: YUFE Alliance, Maria-Valerie Schegk, Secretary General
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee Break
11:30 – 13:00	Parallel Sessions Conclusions
13:00 – 14:30	Farewell Lunch