

Programme

Shaping Europe: The Role of Universities in the Weimar Triangle

Trilateral Conference on European University Alliances

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Organisers: University of Warsaw, French Embassy in Poland (FEP), German Embassy in Poland (GEP)

Partners: German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), French Embassy in Germany / Institut français de Pologne, Polish National Agency for Academic Exchange (NAWA), Campus France

24th SEPTEMBER 2026

Venue: UW's Historical Main Campus, Krakowskie Przedmieście 26/28, Old University Library building

11:30 – 13:00	Historical Main Campus Tour 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 • 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 ? Moderator: Prof. Joanna Osiejewicz, Proxy for the Vice-Rector for International Cooperation and Human Resources, University of Warsaw • Diana Jablonska, Director at Directorate-General EAC B – Erasmus+, Education and Skills • Directorate General for Research and Innovation, European Commission (TBC) • 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 • 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
16:40 – 17:00	Coffee break

17:00 – 18:30	Panel II: Fostering cooperation within the Academic Weimar Triangle Moderator: Katarzyna Aleksy, Director for Higher Education Programmes Department, FRSE • Dr. Klaus Birk, Director of the Projects Department, DAAD • Carle Bonafous-Murat, Permanent Delegate of France Universités in Brussels • Dr. Wojciech Karczewski, Director General, NAWA • Prof. Zygmunt Lalak, Vice-Rector for Research and IDUB Programme Manager, University of Warsaw • Prof. Noureddine Manamanni, Director of External and Institutional Relations, Campus France
18:30 – 20:30	Reception Venue: Kazimierzowski Palace, 1st floor

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	Parallel Session I: Mobility programmes and degrees shaped for the Weimar Triangle Moderator: Prof. Maciej Raś, Vice-Rector for Student Affairs and Quality of Teaching and Learning, University of Warsaw • 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	Parallel Session II: Fostering Synergy: Collaborative Research Models in European University Alliances Moderator: Dr. Elena Del Giorgio, Secretary General, 4EU+ Alliance • 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: Christian Lermينياux, Conference of Deans of French Schools of Engineering (CDEFI), Advisor to the President for Research
9:00 – 11:00	Parallel Session III: Fostering Excellence: Early-Career Researchers in European University Alliances Moderator: Prof. Sabine Bottin-Rousseau, Vice-President, Sorbonne University, 4EU+ Alliance • Input 1: EPICUR Alliance: Dr. Klaus Rümmele, Head International Affairs Unit, 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	Parallel Session IV: Virtual Bridges – Digital Campuses Moderator: Dr. Robert Dąbrowski, Vice-Chancellor for IT, University of Warsaw - 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 – Roel de Beer, Project Lead Digitalisation, YUFE Virtual Campus
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee Break
11:30 – 13:00	Parallel Sessions Conclusions
13:00 – 14:30	Farewell Lunch