

From Campuses to Communities: enhancing engagement and sense of belonging in European Universities

02-03 June 2026

Strasbourg European Parliament, EPICUR Alliance

DRAFT PROGRAMME

Monday, 01 June		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrival of participants. • 19h-21h: Welcome cocktail 		
Tuesday, 02 June		
8h00 – 9h30	Registration	
9h30 – 10h00	<p>WELCOME SESSION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FOREU4ALL, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Giovanni Andriolo and Barbara Guyomarch – Chairs of the Community Engagement TG ○ Blanca Burillo Lago – Chair of Communication and Dissemination TG • University of Strasbourg, Professeure Birte Wasseberg – Vice-president Europe and International Relationships • European Parliament Representative (video), Laurence Farreng - Deputy 	Plenary Hybrid
10h00 – 11h00	<p>KEYNOTE PANEL Why Sense of belonging Matters: Lessons from European University Alliances</p> <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Andrea Zestic - Chief Communications Officer, ENHANCE Alliance <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Francesco Girotti - Head of the Una Europa Unit at University of Bologna • Danielle Taylor - Associate Professor, Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne • Lily Bethencourt - Project Oversight Manager, EU+ Alliance • Eddie Arriaga Flores - Co-Chair of FOREU4All Topical Group Student-led Community on Sustainable and Democratic Student Participation 	Plenary Hybrid
11h00-11h15	COFFEE BREAK	
11h15-13h15	<p>Parallel breakout sessions Each working group creates a proposal and delivers a concept note.</p>	Workshop rooms

	<p>Workshop 1: “How to reinforce the sense of belonging: values, interpersonal relations and Europe.”.</p> <p>Facilitators:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elena Trencheva, FilmEU, National Academy for Theater and Film Arts • Zorica Grubor, COLOURS, University of Kristianstad <p>Workshop 2: “How do we improve awareness? Strengthening local visibility and understanding the strategic value of European University Alliances.”</p> <p>Facilitator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bibiana Bonmatí, CHARM-EU, University of Barcelona <p>Workshop 3: “How can we overcome mobility barriers, inclusion and diversity in European University Alliances?”</p> <p>Facilitators:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Benedetta Genaro, Unite!, Technical University of Darmstadt • Cindy Vallée, UN!green, Haute Ecole de la Province de Liège <p>Workshop 4: “How to improve motivation through recognition? Celebrating contributions across European University Alliances.”</p> <p>Facilitators:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yachu Yang, 4EU+, University of Geneva • Koen van Damme, U!REKA, HOGENT UAS & Arts <p>Workshop 5: “What’s in it for you? Understanding the value of European University Alliances”.</p> <p>Facilitators:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nicolas De Keyser, CHARM-EU, Ruhr West University of Applied Sciences • Amandine Fleurier, UNITA, Université Savoie Mont Blanc 	
<p>13h15 – 14h30</p>	<p>NETWORKING LUNCH</p>	
<p>14h00 – 14h30</p>	<p>Poster session: showcasing practices from member universities</p>	
<p>14h30- 15h15</p>	<p>Plenary session: Cross-Track Synthesis</p> <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Andrew Bennet (Communication and Dissemination TG) <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilitators from each workshop will present the idea on a one-minute pitch. 	

15h15 - 15h45	COFFEE BREAK	
15h45 - 16h45	<p>Roundtable: “Hearing the Students’ Voice”</p> <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eddie Arriaga Flores, Co-chair of the Student-led TG Giulia Rebecca Conte, Co-chair of the Student-led TG <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anette-Mai Pirk-Birk, CIVIS Gaida Lefeuvre, EUniWell Thomas Kowalewski, EC2U Sarah Fuhrich, EUC Voices Dominika Guzik, ESN 	
16h45 - 17h00	Closing remarks	
17h00 - 18h00	European Parliament visit (OPTIONAL)	
19h30	CONFERENCE DINNER	

Wednesday, 03 June		
9h30- 10h00	Welcome coffee	
10h00- 10h30	<p>Plenary session: wrap-up introduction of day 1</p> <p>Moderators:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Barbara Guyomarch – Chair of the Community Engagement TG Blanca Burillo Lago – Chair of the Communication and Dissemination TG 	Plenary Hybrid
10h30- 12h30	<p>2 parallel breakout sessions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students targeted: proposals related with students Faculty and staff targeted: proposals related with staff and academics 	Workshop rooms
12h30- 14h00	LUNCH	
14h00- 15h00	2 parallel break-out sessions: finalizing the prototypes and preparing pitches	Workshop rooms
15h00- 15h30	COFFEE BREAK	
16h00- 17h00	CONCLUSIONS & CLOSING SESSION	Plenary Hybrid

17h30	END (max exit time)
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