

Open and Shared European Research Infrastructures: The Accelerator Role of Alliances of European

28-29 October 2026

University of Poitiers, EC2U Alliance

PROGRAMME

Tuesday, 27 October		
Arrival of participants. 16h00 Speakers, facilitators and rapporteurs briefing at Conference Venue (location) (tbc.)		
Wednesday, 28 October		
8h30	Registration	
9h00-9h30	Introductory speeches Virginie LAVAL, Rector of the University of Poitiers Ludovic THILLY, Vice-Rector of the University of Poitiers and EC2U Alliance Coordinator General Meritxell VINYAS-CLOS, Universitat Oberta de Catalunya and OpenEU Alliance Jesus ALCOBER, Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya and Unite! Alliance Sophie FORCADELL, Sciences Po Paris and CIVICA Alliance Anne HERBIK, Otto von Guericke University Magdeburg and EU GREEN Alliance	Plenary Hybrid
9h30 - 10h30	KEYNOTE PANEL Chair: Ludovic THILLY, Vice-Rector of the University of Poitiers and EC2U Alliance Coordinator General Panellists: Caroline Censier-Calmus, French Ministry of Higher Education, Research and Innovation. Manuel Aleixo, Member of cabinet of Commissioner ZAHARIEVA	Plenary Hybrid
10h30-11h00	COFFEE BREAK.	
11h00-11h30	Presentation of the main mapping results Ludovic THILLY, Vice-Rector of the University of Poitiers and EC2U Alliance Coordinator General Meritxell VINYAS-CLOS, Universitat Oberta de Catalunya and OpenEU Alliance	Plenary Hybrid

11h30-12h30	Panel of experts to comment the main mapping results • Maria MECENERO, DG RTD • Florian PECENKA, Department for Education, Science and Research at Permanent Representation of Austria to the EU • Olga WESSELS, FOREU4ALL and ECIU Alliance	Plenary Hybrid
12h30-14h15	LUNCH	
14h15-16h00	Breakout sessions Identification of the different models and best practices Breakout 1: "Alliance & institutional political and financial orchestration" (includes management, legal and financial frameworks, intra- and extra-Alliance cooperation schemes) 14h15- 15h15 – Expert Speeches • David BESSIERES, University of Pau and UNITA Alliance • Janina FENGEL, Hochschule Darmstadt and Eut+ Alliance 15h15-16h00: short presentations from Alliances • Aude PERROT, Université de Lorraine and EURECA-PRO Alliance • Alix MEARY, University of Reims Champagne-Ardenne and INVEST Alliance • Martina MULLANEY, Dublin Institute of Art Design and Technology and FimEU Alliance Breakout 2: "digital orchestration" (includes processes and tools, automated workflows, metadata harvesting, data management) 14h15- 15h15 – Expert Speeches • Jesus ALCOBER, Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya and Unite!, Alliance • Santiago PEREZ, Université de Technologie de Troyes and Eut+ Alliance 15h15-16h00: short presentations from Alliances • Zoé HARDY, University d'Angers and EU GREEN Alliance • Vittorio SCARANO, University of Salerno and NEOLAiA Alliance • Tatiana KOVACIKOVA, UNIZA and PIONEER Alliance Breakout 3: "opening orchestration" (includes content and usage, Open Access, digital resources, OpenAIRE collections, access to industry and external partners) 14h15- 15h15 – Expert Speeches • Alexander HASGALL, Executive Director, LIBER Association of European Research Libraries • Natalia MANOLA, CEO of OpenAIRE MAKE 15h15-16h00: short presentations from Alliances • Raquel BRITO, Universidade Politècnica de Viseu and EUNICE Alliance • Katri RINTAMAKI, University of Eastern Finland and YUFE Alliance	Breakout sessions rooms Hybrid

16h00-16h30	COFFEE BREAK		
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18h00	END of FIRST DAY		
19h00	CONFERENCE DINNER at Salons de Blossac (location)		

THURSDAY, 29 OCTOBER		
9h00-10h45	Breakout sessions Identification of needs and remaining challenges	Breakout sessions rooms Hybrid
	Breakout 1: "Alliance & institutional political and financial orchestration" (includes management, legal and financial frameworks, intra- and extra-Alliance cooperation schemes) 9h00- 10h00 – Expert speeches • Pauline BORDIEC, University of Poitiers and EC2U Alliance • Maëlle GIBBONS-PATOUREL, EUTOPIA Alliance 10h00- 10h45 – Short presentations from Alliances • Mario RAVERA, Politecnico di Torino and Unite! Alliance • Karine LAN, EUt+ Alliance • Pasqualantonio PINGUE, Scuola Normale Superiore and EELISA Alliance	
	Breakout 2: "digital orchestration" (includes processes and tools, automated workflows, metadata harvesting, data management)	

	9h00- 10h00 – Expert speeches • Natalia MANOLA, CEO of OpenAIRE AMKE • Stefan WEIDNER, Infrastructure Manager at EU GREEN 10h00- 10h45 – Short presentations from Alliances • Maris GAILIS, Riga Technical University and EUT+ Alliance • George PRADEEP, Karolinska Institutet and NeurotechEU Alliance • Miloš BOROZAN, Le Mans University and COLOURS Alliance	
	Breakout 3: "opening orchestration" (includes content and usage, Open Access, digital resources, OpenAIRE collections, access to industry and external partners) 9h00- 10h00 – Expert speeches • Pierre MOUNER, co-coordinator of the EDCH (European Diamond Capacity Hub) • Delphine CRUBELLIER, International development and promotion officer Episciences 10h00- 10h45 – Short presentations from Alliances • Lorena ÁVILA-GARCIA, Universidad de Almería and UNIgreen Alliance	
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14h30-15h30	Reports from breakout sessions Moderator: Meritxell VINYAS-CLOS, Universitat Oberta de Catalunya and OpenEU Alliance	Plenary Hybrid

15h30-16h00	COFFEE BREAK	
15h50-16h30	Panel of experts to reflect on the identified needs and remaining challenges Moderator: Ludovic THILLY, Vice-Rector of the University of Poitiers and EC2U Alliance Coordinator General • Caroline Censier-Calmus, French Ministry of Higher Education, Research and Innovation. • Maria MECENERO, DG RTD • Yann-Maël BIDEAU, DG EAC • Emily HELMEID, Paris Saclay University and EUGLOH Alliance, FOREU4ALL Forum Board Vice-Chair	Plenary Hybrid
17h00-17h30	Closing speeches • Meritxell VINYAS-CLOS, Universitat Oberta de Catalunya and OpenEU Alliance • Jesus ALCOBER, Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya and Unite! Alliance • Sophie FORCADELL, Sciences Po Paris and CIVICA Alliance • Anne HERBIK, Otto von Guericke University Magdeburg and EU GREEN Alliance • Ludovic THILLY, Vice-Rector of the University of Poitiers and EC2U Alliance Coordinator General	Plenary Hybrid
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