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FOREU4ALL Policy Learning Lab Series on Internationalisation:

European University Alliances as Instruments for Resilience and Accession Integration: Ukraine Deep Dive

November 04, 10.00-12.00 CET

PLLs are open spaces for dialogue between policymakers and Higher Education stakeholders in order to identify and respond to the strategic needs of alliances, and to share different perspectives on the long-term institutional transformation via alliances, in line with geopolitical changes and evolution of the EU priorities. The Deep Dive on Ukraine will aim at combining the most up-to-date policy views and evidence from alliances about the current intentions, achievements and ongoing challenges (barriers and enablers). There will also be time for each of the participants to actively engage in the discussions about what can be learned from existing practices via breakout sessions followed by a general discussion with a representative from DG EAC.

The main questions to be addressed are the following: **How can European University Alliances become effective instruments for the cooperation with Ukrainian higher education institutions in building resilience, aligning with, and integrating into, the E(H)EA?**

- What alliance practices already support cooperation and integration?
- What are the facilitators? What barriers remain?
- Which mechanisms are scalable and how?
- What policy support is needed at EU level?

This deep dive webinar is part of a year-long thematic series exploring the international dimensions of European Universities Alliances. It is complemented by an additional four thematic deep dive sessions, focusing on the UK, Switzerland, Western Balkans, and cooperation with partners outside of the European continent through the Choose Europe, Global Gateway and the Mediterranean University Initiative. The series will be concluded with an on-site workshop in 2027.

Draft Agenda: Policy Learn Lab Ukraine Deep Dive

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- **Date & Time:** 04 November 2026, 10:00 – 12:00 CET
- **Format:** Online via Microsoft Teams

10:00 – 10:10 | Welcome and Introduction

Introductory words by the FOREU4ALL topical group "Cooperation with Ukraine" co-Chairs Sabine Menu and Rafał Witkowski, and Head Erasmus+ office, Ukraine, Svitlana Shytikova

10:10 – 10:30 | Policy priorities from Ukraine and from the European Commission
Recorded video message by Deputy Minister of Education and Science of Ukraine Mykola Trofymenko
Yann-Maël Bideau (policy officer, coordination team “European University Alliances” DG EAC)

Short Q&A session

10:30 – 11:00 | Best practices from the Alliances: what have we done and learned?

Michael Hall, co-Chair of the topical group

11:00 – 11:30 | Breakout sessions (2 rounds)

11:30 – 11:50 | Report from the breakout sessions and general discussion with DG EAC

Adrien Olszak-Olszewski, policy officer Ukraine and Moldova

Moderated by Rafał Witkowski and Svitlana Shytikova

11:50 – 12:00 | Concluding Remarks