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Networking Conference Vienna Detailed Programme Description

May 18, Wednesday			
<i>Gregor-Mendel-Straße 33, 1180 Wien (Gregor Mendel House)</i>			
09.30 - 10.00	<p>WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION <i>Room: Festsaal, 3rd floor (ceremonial hall)</i></p>		
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15:30-16:00	<p>WRAP UP AND PLENARY SESSION</p>		
17:45 18:00-21:00	<p>INVITATION TO FRENCH EMBASSY <i>Registration</i> <i>Opening, Discussion, Canapé</i> <i>Location: Technikerstraße 2, 1040 Wien</i></p>		



Workshops on May 18th: (will be updated with more information soon)

EDI:

In order for Higher Education to better contribute to sustainable learning and development, institutions should meet students' multiple needs (academic, personal, social, and emotional), especially the needs of those students who are more vulnerable, and become inclusive and caring communities promoting resilience.

The EDI workshop will discuss ideas along the following axes: (a) The development of competencies required by the twenty-first century citizens to actively participate and contribute to their society, but also to social progress, peace, and sustainability. (b) Raising awareness and promotion of human rights and democratic citizenship, of intercultural dialogue and of peace education. (c) How Universities and especially coalitions as EPICUR can further explore e-learning environments towards a more inclusive and multi-cultural society. (d) Making administration more flexible in terms of procedures but also in terms of attitudes like social understanding, empathy, etc. (e) Empowering counselling and support services to further promote EDI in HE institutions. The above issues will be discussed in a workshop open to students and staff members so that their voices to be heard and discussed using the current theoretical and evidence-based approaches.

Target groups: students and staff

EPIDI:

Presentation of the EPIDI Best Practice Guide to EPICUR colleagues and present external stakeholders, such as the present associated partners. The Best Practice Guide is the first Intellectual Output of the project, addressing the issue of remote and hybrid internships in the context of challenges, solutions, hints and best practices. The guide and the project outcomes in general are supposed to be shared within EPICUR as they should be of assistance in future EPICUR internship programmes.

The project outcomes in general are open to a Europeanwide public.

The regional collaboration will be enhanced through the presentation of the Best Practice Guide as this contributes to the wider acceptance of distance internships, their benefits

Target groups: Students, employers, academic advisors and administrative staff

Communication: tba

Research Infrastructure: tba

Invitation to the French Embassy : discussion round

(questions suggested by french attaché for university cooperation)

- What is the status of the "European Bachelor of liberal arts and sciences" project, a 4-year Bachelor's degree in English, common to the universities of the alliance? How is the issue of multilingualism dealt with within the alliance? Is it easy to agree on a joint degree between

several European partners?

- What has been the impact of the Covid crisis on the mobility of students and staff between universities? What about blended or virtual mobilities?

- What are the main challenges that remain within the alliance?

May 19, Thursday	
10.00	QUEER SIGHTSEEING TOUR (optional) <i>Meeting point: more information will follow soon</i>
09:15-12:15	Meeting with associated partners (15-20 participants) <i>“Creation of a meta-network” - discussion about synergies between all associated partners and EPICUR</i>
12.30	LUNCH (optional) <i>Location: BOKU TÜWI Mensa (Peter Jordan Straße 76)</i>
EPICUR CONFERENCE	
<i>Peter-Jordan-Straße 82, 1180 Wien (Ilse Wallentin House SR 29)</i>	
13.00	REGISTRATION OF PARTICIPANTS <i>Conference hall</i>
14.00	WELCOME SPEECH AND INTRODUCTION Welcoming of Associated Partners
14.45	KEYNOTE on Regional Cooperation by the Assembly of the European Regions
15.30	COFFEE BREAK AND NETWORKING
16.00	KEYNOTE on Equity, Diversity and Inclusion by Shirley Anne Tate
16.45	PRESENTATION OF EDI MEASURES
17.15	COFFEE BREAK AND NETWORKING
17.45	PANEL DISCUSSION
18.30	DINNER AND CULTURAL ENTERTAINMENT <i>Franz Schwackhöfer-Haus (Aula and SR6)</i>

Meeting with associated partners:

- Presentation of EPICUR and its main achievements to date, presentation of all APs,
- Discussion round & informal networking during coffee break
- Overview of EPICUR’s roadmap until 2026 and discussion on stimulating cross-regional networking and collaboration

Main Conference:

Opening by BOKU’s rector Schulev-Steindl and president Michel Deneken or Vice President Jean Marc Planeix

Welcoming of associated partners and summary of morning session



Keynote on regional collaboration by a representative of the Assembly of European Regions – title and content tba

Keynote on EDI with focus on racism by Prof. Shirley Anne Tate – title and content tba

Presentation of EDI measures by EDI expert group

Overview on the reasons for setting up the EDI WG and the work they did present some best practice examples related to EDI from each of the EPICUR universities that were part of the EDI WG (so each university will present one best practice example) and then they will conclude the presentation with a short emphasis on the fact that the next EPICUR project will have a stronger focus on EDI aspects, e.g. by the EDI committee of ombudspersons/policy group as suggested by the EDI WG and approved by the SC.

Panel Discussion:

Suggestions for questions for the panel discussion

- What are the benefits for universities to cooperate with NGOs / civil society?
- As an external stakeholder, what do you gain most from when you work with an academic institution?
- From your perspective as a professor/researcher: How important are regional cooperation among universities?
- What are the benefits for students if universities cooperate with external partners?
- From your perspective as an external institution/partner organisation: What do you think, is important in regard to EDI for a regional cooperation with universities?
- Would you say that regional cooperation is easier to establish than international cooperation (or even overseas) partnerships?
- How can regional collaboration enhance equity and diversity?
- To what extent do regional collaborations between university and external institutions/ civil society contribute to inclusion?
- What hurdles or milestones have you encountered in developing a collaboration?
- Which key stakeholders do they see as important partners for collaborations with HEIs?
- In your view, has the pandemic and the virtual formats that come with it give an advantage to collaboration (regional and international)?

May 20, Friday		
Gregor-Mendel-Straße 33, 1180 Wien		
10.00 - 12.00	WORKSHOP I: Student Involvement (for all staff and students) <i>Seminar Room: IV, 2nd floor</i> Coffee break: 11.00-11.15	WORKSHOP II: Staff Meeting (for all staff and students) <i>Seminar Room: XI, 2nd floor</i> Coffee break: 11.00-11.15



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12.00	WRAP - UP & CLOSING <i>Room: Festsaal, 3rd floor</i>	
12.30	PLANTING OF AN EPICUR TREE <i>Location: More information will follow soon</i>	
13.00	LUNCH (optional)	

Workshops :

Staff meeting:

The staff meeting is planned as a flexible meeting to gather major findings and ideas of the conference so far and create a plan to implement actions towards more regional collaboration throughout the alliance.

Target groups: project staff (especially WP leaders) and students

Student Involvement:

During the Networking Conference the Student Board will host a workshop aimed at networking and exchanging with other EUAs about best practice examples for student involvement and events with great responses by students and their alliance. This workshop is a good opportunity to increase collaboration between EUAs and their student boards.

Target groups: students of EPICUR and other EUAs, project staff and high level representatives.