

## 2025 European Learning & Teaching Forum

27-28 February 2025, hosted by University College Cork, Ireland

### 2030 and beyond: towards responsive and adaptable higher education

It has become an accepted fact, if not a truism, that we are undergoing a period of change and disruption that poses numerous challenges to higher education, as well as for society at large. Building agility for unknown challenges that may emerge is thus a key issue for higher education learning and teaching. How can we prepare our students, teachers and institutions for the path ahead? Participants in this future-gazing edition of the European Learning & Teaching Forum will jointly discuss strategies to develop future-readiness in and through learning and teaching. Key questions include how higher education can safeguard its relevance through capacity for adaptation and how graduates can be equipped with responsive and adaptable mindsets.

Through a mix of plenary and parallel sessions, the Forum provides a platform for discussion and exchange of practice on how universities enhance learning and teaching. The Forum also presents the work of the [2024 Learning & Teaching Thematic Peer Groups](#). It aims to gather higher education professionals working at different levels on matters of learning and teaching to exchange and discuss institutional practice and policy developments. The Forum is an ideal event for vice-rectors for academic affairs, deans, heads of learning and teaching centres, and management involved in learning and teaching. It also welcomes students, policy makers and other stakeholders in higher education.

### Draft programme (as of 27 September 2024)

Wednesday, 26 February

#### Pre-Forum meetings (by invitation only)

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| 11.00-13.00 | Steering Committee meeting  |
| 13.00-14.00 | Lunch and registration for Steering Committee and Thematic Peer Group members |
| 14.00-18.00 | Pre-Forum workshop for members of the Thematic Peer Groups                    |
| 17.30-18.30 | Registration for the Forum  |
| 18.00-19.30 | Reception for Key Players and Thematic Peer Group members                     |

Thursday, 27 February

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| 08.30-17.30 | Registration   |
| 09.00-09.30 | <b>EUA in a Nutshell</b><br>This is an interactive introductory session for “EUA newcomers” and everybody else with an interest in what the association does and how it works. |
| 09.45-10.00 | <b>Official Forum Opening</b>  |

- John O'Halloran, President, University College Cork, Ireland
- Paul McSweeney, Vice-President for Learning and Teaching, University College Cork, Ireland
- Anne Lequy, Chair, EUA Learning & Teaching Steering Committee

10.00-10.45 **Opening Plenary**

***Beyond resilience: how can higher education foresee and forge the future?***

This opening session of the Forum will provide insights into how learning and teaching can prepare for, and potentially shape, future developments with a profound impact on higher education and society in general. Session speakers will explore how universities can employ attitudes and practices such as agility, foresight and horizon-scanning, and discuss strategies to move from a reactive to a proactive position, thus allowing higher education to remain relevant and at the forefront of progress and innovation.

- Beatrix Busse, Vice Rector for Teaching and Studies, University of Cologne, Germany
- Manel Jiménez Morales, Vice-Rector for Alliances, Community and Culture, Open University of Catalonia, Spain

10.45-11.25 Coffee break

11.25-12.55 **Breakout Sessions A**

These parallel sessions are based on the work of the Thematic Peer Groups and the call for contributions.

12.55-14.00 Lunch

14.00-15.30 **Breakout Sessions B**

These parallel sessions are based on the work of the Thematic Peer Groups and the call for contributions.

15.30-16.10 Coffee break

16.10-17.00 **Policy Updates**

Two parallel sessions on current European-level policies and other developments with an impact on learning and teaching.

18.30 Dinner

Friday, 28 February

09.30-11.00 **Breakout Sessions C**

These parallel sessions are based on the work of the Thematic Peer Groups and the call for contributions.

11.00-11.40 Coffee break

11.40-12.30 **Closing Plenary**

***Walking the walk through EUA's Learning & Teaching Agenda 2030***

This year's Forum marks an important milestone in the development of EUA's Learning & Teaching Agenda 2030, which will outline the key priorities for EUA's L&T activities in the coming years. The session starts with a report from the Agenda workshops during the previous breakout sessions, followed by a panel

discussion among stakeholders representing the higher education policy field, university leadership, teaching staff and students.

- Vanessa Debiais-Sainton, Head of Unit, Higher Education, European Commission
- John O'Halloran, President, University College Cork, Ireland
- Additional speakers will be announced soon.

12.30-12.45 **Forum closing and invitation to the 2026 European Learning & Teaching Forum**

12.45-14.00 Lunch and departure of participants

13.45-14.45 Steering Committee meeting (by invitation only)