

# Programme

## Launch conference of the European Higher Education Sector Scoreboard

What can we learn from its first edition?

What is the future of the Observatory and the Scoreboard?

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# PROGRAMME

**Date** 30 January 2025

**Venue** European Education and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA)  
North Light building, 13<sup>th</sup> floor  
Bd Simon Bolivar 34, Brussels, Belgium

**09:00-09:30** Registration and welcome coffee

## PART 1

### Introducing the European Higher Education Sector Observatory (EHESO) and Scoreboard (EHESB)

Hybrid format, online participation available

**09:30-09:50** Welcome and presentation of the policy objectives and expectations for EHESO and EHESB

Frédéric FIMEYER | *Head of Department – Erasmus+, EU Solidarity Corps | EACEA*  
Michael TEUTSCH | *Acting Director – Youth, Education and Erasmus+ | DG EAC*

**09:50-10:05** Presentation of the European Higher Education Sector Observatory  
Benedetto LEPORI | *EHESO Scientific Director*

**10:05-10:20** Presentation of the European Higher Education Sector Scoreboard  
Mantas PUPINIS | *EHESO Deputy Project Manager*

## PART 2

### What can we learn from the first edition of the Scoreboard?

Hybrid format, online participation available

**10:20-10:55** **Panel 1: Future-proof skills and cooperation with industrial ecosystems**  
Moderated by Jan VARCHOLA | *Team Leader – VET policy and stakeholder relations | DG EMPL*  
Kai MÜHLECK | *Senior Researcher | German Centre for Higher Education Research and Science Studies, DZHW*  
John EDWARDS | *Secretary-General | European Association for the Applied Sciences in Higher Education, EURASHE*

**10:55-11:15** Coffee break

**11:15-11:50** **Panel 2: Transnational cooperation in Europe**  
Moderated by Ferenc GALIK | *Team Leader – Education Administrative Data | Eurostat*  
Omar ABOZEID | *Senior Researcher | PPMI*  
Emily PALMER | *Secretary-General | Una Europa*

11:50-12:25

### Panel 3: International cooperation

Moderated by Filip VAN DEPOELE | *Head of Unit – International Cooperation | DG EAC*

Athina KARVOUNARAKI | *Senior Statistical Officer | DG RTD*

Veronika KUPRIYANOVA | *Deputy Director | Academic Cooperation Association, ACA*

12:25-13:00

### Panel 4: EU values: institutional autonomy, academic freedom, and inclusiveness

Moderated by Cezar HĂJ | *Co-Chair – Fundamental Values Working Group | Bologna Follow-Up Group*

Angelo PANARO | *Postdoctoral Researcher | Institute of Political Science, FAU Erlangen-Nuremberg*

Inga POPOVAITĚ | *Senior Researcher | PPMI*

13:00-14:00

*Lunch break*

## PART 3

### What do the main target audiences expect from EHESO and EHES?

Only available for in-person participants

14:00-15:00

### Parallel breakout sessions

**Students** – Room 13-007

Moderated by Wim GABRIELS | *Director | Erasmus Student Network, ESN*

**Universities** – Room 13-206

Moderated by Anna-Lena CLAEYS-KULIK | *Independent Expert*

**Policymakers** – Room 13-018

Moderated by Florian PECENKA | *Head of Unit – Department for Education, Science and Research | Permanent Representation of Austria to the EU*

## PART 4

### What did we learn? What is next for the Observatory and the Scoreboard?

Hybrid format, online participation available

15:10-16:00

### Panel discussion about the future of the Scoreboard and the Observatory

Moderated by David CROSIER | *Studies and Analysis Manager – Platforms, Studies and Analysis Unit | EACEA*

Susanne CONZE | *Head of Unit – Higher Education | DG EAC*

Benedetto LEPORI | *EHESO Scientific Director*

Thomas ESTERMANN | *Director for Governance, Funding and Public Policy Development | European University Association, EUA*

Iris KIMIZOGLU | *President | European Students' Union, ESU*

Florian PECENKA | *Head of Unit – Department for Education, Science and Research | Permanent Representation of Austria to the EU*

16:00

End of the conference