

Joint Conference of the EU Directors-General for Higher Education and the ERA Committee

Draft Programme

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

Arrival of participants.
Accommodation Scandic Park

18.30-19.30

Pre-registration, Scandic Park

19.30-21.00

Get-together, Winter Garden, Crowne Plaza

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1

10:00

Registration starts at Finlandia Hall

Optional pre-conference session (requires preregistration through the accreditation system)

11.15-12.45

**Possibility to visit the European Days of Sustainable Economy
“Innovators of the Future” session of the EIT Week at Finlandia Hall**

12.00 -13.30

Lunch

Education, research and innovation in the next decade – Joint Conference of the EU Directors-General for Higher Education and the ERA Committee

13.30

Welcome

13.45

US and European experiences and views on cooperation and partnership between higher education, research and innovation

Cooperation between higher education, research and innovation is not only European, but a global issue. We can benefit from an exchange of views and sharing of experiences with other big ecosystems when defining Europe’s role in a global context.

14.30

Plenary 1: Co-creation of knowledge through Openness

Openness in its all aspects, whether in science, innovation, education, data, or contents, should be seen as an approach based on cooperative work and on diffusing knowledge by using digital technologies and new collaborative tools. This approach carries remarkable potential for the society and the economy. To harness the enormous potential of openness in making science and education better and creating new opportunities for business, we need new capabilities for interaction, co-creation and innovation.

15.15

Coffee

- 15.45** **Plenary 2: Digitalisation and Artificial Intelligence as accelerators for Better Learning and Research**
Digitalisation is opening new avenues for education, research, innovation and business. Together with other game changers such as artificial intelligence and robotics it has and will continue to have continuous, unprecedented and unpredictable impacts on learning, research, and on how companies and organisations operate. New actions are required at national and European level to keep pace with emerging new technologies to reap the benefits.
- 16.30** **Plenary 3: Digitally facilitated panel discussion on Education, Research and Innovation in the Next Decade**
The voice of the young generation is crucial in defining the future of Europe. The successful transformation of work, future development of knowledge-based economy and continued wellbeing of citizens are dependent on the decisions made today. The education, research and innovation sectors are central in ensuring and providing the necessary skills, tools and measures to achieve these goals.
- 17.15** **Conclusions**
- 17.30** **Closing Words**
- 18.30** **Bus transfer to the Reception from the Scandic Park hotel**
- 19.00** **City of Helsinki Reception, Helsinki City Hall**
- 20.00** **Conference Dinner, Restaurant Pörssi, Helsinki**