

From Campuses to Communities: enhancing engagement and sense of belonging in European Universities

02-03 June 2026

Strasbourg European Parliament, EPICUR Alliance

PROGRAMME

Monday, 01 June		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrival of participants. • 19H-21 H Welcome cocktail 		
Tuesday, 02 June		
8h00-9h30	Registration	
9h30-10h00	WELCOME SESSION <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FOREU4ALL Giovanni Andriolo and Barbara Guyomarch (Community Engagement TG) and Blanca Burillo Lago (Communication and Dissemination TG) • EPICUR Alliance/ University of Strasbourg Professeure Birte Wassenberg Vice-présidente Europe et relations internationales • European Parliament Representative (vidéo) Madame Laurence Farreng, Députée 	Plenary Hybrid
10h00-11h00	KEYNOTE PANEL (Followed by open discussion) Why Sense of belonging Matters: Lessons from European University Alliances Moderator: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Andrea Zestic, Chief Communications Officer, ENHANCE Alliance</i> Panellists (titles tbc by May 15): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Francesco Girotti, Head of the Una Europa Unit at University of Bologna</i> • <i>Danielle Taylor PhD, Associate Professor, Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne</i> • <i>Lily Bethencourt, Project Oversight Manager, EUt+ Alliance</i> • <i>Eddie Arriaga Flores, Co-Chair of ForEu4All Topical Group Student-led community on Sustainable and Democratic Student Participation</i> 	Plenary Hybrid
11h00-	COFFEE BREAK	

11h15		
11h15-13h15	<p>Parallel breakout sessions Each working group creates a proposal and delivers a concept note.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workshop 1: “How to reinforce the sense of belonging: values, interpersonal relations and Europe.” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Elena Trencheva, FilmEU, National Academy for Theater and Film Arts ○ Zorica Grubor, COLOURS, University of Kristianstad • Workshop 2: “How do we improve awareness? Strengthening local visibility and understanding the strategic value of European University Alliances.” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Bibiana Bonmatí, CHARM-EU, University of Barcelona ○ Blanca Burillo Lago, CHARM-EU, University of Barcelona • Workshop 3: “How can we overcome mobility barriers, fostering inclusion and diversity in European University Alliances?” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Benedetta Genaro, Unite!, Technical University of Darmstadt ○ Cindy Vallée, UNGreen, Haute Ecole de la Province de Liège • Workshop 4: “How to improve motivation through recognition? Celebrating contributions across European University Alliances.” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Yachu Yang, 4EU+, University of Geneva ○ Koen van Damme, U!REKA, HOGENT UAS & Arts • Workshop 5: “What’s in it for you? Understanding the value of European University Alliances”. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Nicolas De Keyser, CHARM-EU, Ruhr West University of Applied Sciences ○ Amandine Fleurier, UNITA, Université Savoie Mont Blanc 	Workshop rooms
13h15–14h30	NETWORKING LUNCH	
14h00 – 14h30	Poster session: showcasing practices from member universities.	Lunch space
14h30-15h15	<p>Plenary session: Cross-Track Synthesis Moderator: Andrew Bennet (Communication and Dissemination TG) Speakers: Leaders from each group will present the idea on a one-minute pitch.</p>	Plenary Hybrid
15h15-15h45	COFFEE BREAK	
15h45-16h45	<p>Roundtable: “Hearing the Students’ Voice” Led by the Student-led Community TG</p> <p>Moderators: Eddie Arriaga Flores, Student-led TG</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anette-Mai Pirk-Birk, CIVIS • Gaida Lefeuvre, EUniWell • Thomas Kowalewski, EC2U • Sarah Fuhrich, EUC Voices • Dominika Guzik, ESN 	Plenary Hybrid

16h45-17h00	Closing remarks and end of first day Speakers: Giovanni Andriolo (Community Engagement TG) And Blanca Burillo Lago (Communication and Dissemination TG)	
17h00 - 18h00	Parliament visit (OPTIONAL) Meeting point: Agora, Visitors entry, blue sign	
19h30	CONFERENCE DINNER	

Wednesday, 03 June		
9h30-10h00	Welcome coffee	
10h00-10h30	Plenary session: wrap-up introduction of day 1 Speakers: Barbara Guyomarch (Community Engagement TG) and Blanca Burillo Lago (Communication and Dissemination TG)	Plenary Hybrid
10h30-12h30	2 parallel breakout sessions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students targeted: proposals related with students Faculty and staff targeted: proposals related with staff and academics 	Workshop rooms
12h30-14h00	LUNCH	
14h00-15h00	2 parallel breakout sessions: finalizing the prototypes + preparing the pitch	Workshop rooms
15h00-15h30	COFFEE BREAK	
16h00-17h00	Plenary: Prototypes presentations <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Intro Giovanni Andriolo and Blanca Burillo Lago 3 minutes pitches: leaders from each group (14 or 15) Paula's input on the website Closing Remarks Alison Garnier-Rivers (5min) Thank yous and Goodbyes Andrea Zestic & Barbara Guyomarch 	Plenary Hybrid
17h30	END - Max Exit time	