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University of Poitiers, EC2U Alliance

PROGRAMME

Tuesday, 27 October		
• ***Arrival of participants.*** • ***16h30 Speakers, facilitators and rapporteurs briefing at Conference Venue*** *(location)*		
Wednesday, 28 October		
8h30	**Registration**	
9h00-9h30	**Introductory speeches** • **Virginie LAVAL**, Rector of the University of Poitiers • **Ludovic THILLY**, Vice-Rector of the University of Poitiers and EC2U Alliance Coordinator General • **Meritxell VINYAS-CLOS**, Universitat Oberta de Catalunya and OpenEU Alliance • **Jesus ALCOBER**, Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya and Unite! Alliance • **Sophie FORCADELL**, Sciences Po Paris and CIVICA Alliance • **Anne HERBIK**, Otto von Guericke University Magdeburg and EU GREEN Alliance	Plenary Hybrid
9h30 - 10h30	**KEYNOTE PANEL** **Chair:** • **Ludovic THILLY**, Vice-Rector of the University of Poitiers and EC2U Alliance Coordinator General **Panellists:** • **Caroline Censier-Calmus,** French Ministry of Higher Education, Research and Innovation. • **Manuel Aleixo**, Member of cabinet of Commissioner ZAHARIEVA	Plenary Hybrid
10h30-11h00	**COFFEE BREAK**	
11h00-11h30	**Presentation of the main mapping results** • **Ludovic THILLY**, Vice-Rector of the University of Poitiers and EC2U Alliance Coordinator General • **Meritxell VINYAS-CLOS**, Universitat Oberta de Catalunya and OpenEU Alliance	Plenary Hybrid

11h30-12h30	**Panel of experts to comment the main mapping results** • **Maria MECENERO,** DG RTD • **Florian PECENKA,** Department for Education, Science and Research at Permanent Representation of Austria to the EU • **Olga WESSELS,** FOREU4ALL and ECIU Alliance	Plenary Hybrid
12h30–14h15	**LUNCH**	
14h15-16h00	**Breakout sessions** **Identification of the different models and best practices**	
	Breakout 1: "Alliance & institutional political and financial orchestration" (includes management, legal and financial frameworks, intra- and extra-Alliance cooperation schemes) **Moderators**: • **Ludovic THILLY**, Vice-Rector of the University of Poitiers and EC2U Alliance Coordinator General • **Maria MECENERO**, DG RTD **Rapporteur**: **Pauline BORDIEC**, University of Poitiers and EC2U Alliance 14h15- 15h15 – Expert Speeches • **David BESSIERES,** University of Pau and UNITA Alliance • **Janina FENGEL,** Hochschule Darmstadt and Eut+ Alliance 15h15-16h00: short presentations from Alliances • **Aude PERROT**, Université de Lorraine and EURECA-PRO Alliance • **Alix MEARY,** University of Reims Champagne-Ardenne and INVEST Alliance • **Martina MULLANEY,** Dublin Institute of Art Design and Technology and FimEU Alliance	Lecture hall Madiot Hybrid
	Breakout 2: "digital orchestration" (includes processes and tools, automated workflows, metadata harvesting, data management) **Moderator**: • **Francisca MARTIN VERGARA**, University of Malaga and UNINOVIS Alliance **Rapporteur**: **Jesus ALCOBER**, Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya and Unite! Alliance 14h15- 15h15 – Expert Speeches • **Jesus ALCOBER**, Universitast Politècnica de Catalunya and Unite!, Alliance • **Santiago PEREZ**, Université de Technologie de Troyes and Eut+ Alliance 15h15-16h00: short presentations from Alliances • **Zoé HARDY**, University d'Angers and EU GREEN Alliance • **Vittorio SCARANO**, University of Salerno and NEOLAiA Alliance • **Tatiana KOVACIKOVA**, UNIZA and PIONEER Alliance	Room 01 Hybrid

	Breakout 3: "opening orchestration" (includes content and usage, Open Access, digital resources, OpenAIRE collections, access to industry and external partners) **Moderator**: • **Alexander HASGALL**, LIBER association **Rapporteur**: **Sophie FORCADELL**, Sciences Po Paris and CIVICA Alliance 14h15- 15h15 – Expert Speeches • **Alexander HASGALL,** Executive Director, LIBER Association of European Research Libraries • **Natalia MANOLA,** CEO of OpenAIRE MAKE 15h15-16h00: short presentations from Alliances • **Raquel BRITO**, Universidade Politécnica de Viseu and EUNICE Alliance • **Katri RINTAMAKI**, University of Eastern Finland and YUFE Alliance	Lecture hall Couvrat Hybrid
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18h00	**END of FIRST DAY**	
19h00	**CONFERENCE DINNER at Salons de Blossac (location)**	

THURSDAY, 29 OCTOBER		
9h00-10h45	**Breakout sessions** **Identification of needs and remaining challenges**	
	Breakout 1: "Alliance & institutional political and financial orchestration" (includes management, legal and financial frameworks, intra- and extra-Alliance cooperation schemes) **Moderators**: • **Julie HYZEWICZ**, University of Aix-Marseille and CIVIS Alliance • **Janina FENGEL**, EUt+ Deputy Secretary General **Rapporteur**: **Clément BARDOUX**, University of Pau and Pays de l'Adour and UNITA Alliance 9h00- 10h00 – Expert speeches • **Pauline BORDIEC**, University of Poitiers and EC2U Alliance • **Maëlle GIBBONS-PATOUREL**, EUTOPIA Alliance 10h00- 10h45 – Short presentations from Alliances • **Mario RAVERA**, Politecnico di Torino and Unite! Alliance • **Karine LAN,** EUt+ Alliance • **Pasqualantonio PINGUE**, Scuola Normale Superiore and EELISA Alliance	Lecture hall Madiot Hybrid
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	Breakout 3: "opening orchestration" (includes content and usage, Open Access, digital resources, OpenAIRE collections, access to industry and external partners) **Moderator**: • **Jens DIERKES,** University of Cologne and EUniWell Alliance **Rapporteur**: **Zhengdong SHI**, University Paris-Saclay and EUGLOH Alliance	Lecture hall Couvrat Hybrid

	9h00- 10h00 – Expert speeches • **Pierre MOUNIER,** co-coordinator of the EDCH (European Diamond Capacity Hub) • **Delphine CRUBELLIER,** International development and promotion officer Episciences 10h00- 10h45 – Short presentations from Alliances • **Lorena ÁVILA-GARCIA**, Universidad de Almería and UNIgreen Alliance • **Jens Dierkes,** University of Cologne and EUniWell Alliance	
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14h30-15h30	**Reports from breakout sessions** **Moderator: Meritxell VINYAS-CLOS**, Universitat Oberta de Catalunya and OpenEU Alliance	Plenary Hybrid
15h30-16h00	**COFFEE BREAK**	
16h00-17h00	**Panel of experts to reflect on the identified needs and remaining challenges** **Moderator: Ludovic THILLY**, Vice-Rector of the University of Poitiers and EC2U Alliance Coordinator General • **Caroline Censier-Calmus,** French Ministry of Higher Education, Research and Innovation. • **Maria MECENERO,** DG RTD • **Yann-Maël BIDEAU**, DG EAC	Plenary Hybrid

	• **Emily HELMEID**, Paris Saclay University and EUGLOH Alliance, FOREU4ALL Forum Board Vice-Chair	
17h00-17h30	**Closing speeches** • **Meritxell VINYAS-CLOS**, Universitat Oberta de Catalunya and OpenEU Alliance • **Jesus ALCOBER**, Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya and Unite! Alliance • **Sophie FORCADELL**, Sciences Po Paris and CIVICA Alliance • **Anne HERBIK**, Otto von Guericke University Magdeburg and EU GREEN Alliance • **Ludovic THILLY**, Vice-Rector of the University of Poitiers and EC2U Alliance Coordinator General	Plenary Hybrid
17h45	**END**	