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UNIVERSITY DAYS

23-24 September

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Programme

Monday, September 23

Time	Programme	Speakers
12:00-13:00	Lunch & group photo	
13:00-13:15	Welcoming remarks	Sunniva Whittaker, Rector of the University of Agder & Chair of the Nordic University Association
13:15-14:15	An excellence driven European framework programme for research and innovation: Towards FP10	Massimiliano Esposito, Head of Unit, Common Strategic Planning & Programming Service, Common Policy Centre, Directorate-General for Research & Innovation, European Commission Eystein Jansen, Vice-President, European Research Council - “Ensuring Excellence, the European Research Council’s Leading Motivation” Moderators: Jón Atli Benediktsson, Rector, University of Iceland Sunniva Whittaker, Rector, University of Agder
14:15-14:30	Break	
14:30-16:00	Joint implementation of the European Research Area and the European Education Area	Pia Ahrenkilde Hansen, Director-General for Education, Youth, Sport and Culture, European Commission Manuel Aleixo, Head of Unit for ERA and Spreading Excellence and Research Careers, Directorate-General for Research and Innovation, European Commission - “Future Perspectives for the European Research Area” Moderators: Svein Stölen, Rector, University of Oslo, Keijo Hämäläinen, Rector, University of Tampere
16:00-16:15	Break	
16:15-17:30	Academic Freedom and Institutional Autonomy; a priority	Signe Ratso, Deputy Director-General of Innovation, Prosperity and International Cooperation, Directorate-General for Research and Innovation, European Commission Enora Bennetot Pruvot, Deputy Director Governance, Funding & Public Policy Development, European Universities Association Moderators: Hans Adolfsson, rector, Umeå University Kristin Eysteinsdottir, rector, Iceland University of Arts
18:30-20:00	Evening Reception on the theme of security and defense	<i>Separate programme</i>

Tuesday, September 24

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(07:00)	Breakfast Meeting with Members of the European Parliament	<i>Separate programme</i>
08:00-09:00	Break	
09:45-11:00	Universities in a new geopolitical and global landscape	<p>Nienke Buisman, Head of Unit, Directorate for International Cooperation II (Asia, Africa, Middle East & External relations), Directorate-General for Research & Innovation, European Commission</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - “The EU’s global approach: keeping international R&I cooperation open <i>and</i> safe” <p>Hillegje van’t Land, Secretary General, International Association of Universities – The Global Voice of Higher Education</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - “Responsible internationalization: are we talking about cooperation or competition?” <p>Moderators:</p> <p>Erik Renström, Vice-Chancellor Lund University Peter Møllgard, President, Copenhagen Business School</p>
11:00-11:15	Break	
11:15-12:30	Science for Policy	<p>Joanna Drake, Deputy Director-General for Planet, People & Science for Policy, Directorate-General for Research & Innovation, European Commission</p> <p>Jolita Butkeviciene, Director, Innovation in Science and Policymaking, Directorate-General Joint Research Centre, European Commission</p> <p>Moderators:</p> <p>Ilkka Niemelä, Rector, Aalto University Margareth Hagen, Rector, University of Bergen</p>
12:30-12:45	Concluding remarks	Sunniva Whittaker, Rector of the University of Agder & Chair of the Nordic University Association
12:45-14:00	Lunch	