

SCIENCE FOR EDUCATION AND SOCIETY

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OBJECTIVES

The Science & Education for Society Working Group addresses topics related to the concept of place-based universities and engagement with society and citizens while also working on the role of education in S3 as well as education and skills for research and innovation. The Working Group facilitates information sharing, knowledge development, and aims to strengthen existing and build new relationships with the EU institutions. Facilitating project development is also part of the Working Group's scope.

CONTEXT

- Following the continued development of the European Education Area (EEA), the European Research Area (ERA) and ERA Hubs
- Connecting members to information and opportunities related to the upcoming Erasmus+ calls
- Digital transition – following the Digital Education Action Plan and Digital Europe Programme
- Improving understanding of the next actionable steps for integrating the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) into research and education.

ACTIVITIES

SDGs: How to move forward for sustainable higher education?

April

The urgency for the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) to be met is understood but less is known about the next steps for higher education, this meeting will try to provide some answers to the 'how' question. A two-hour event with speakers from regional universities and education institutions presenting how their institution has implemented the SDGs into their sustainability strategies, taking into account the SDGs' anticipated research contributions from universities. Possible contribution from Ghent University who are working on this, Cardiff Met or Swansea University who include the SDGs in their sustainability strategies and the Dutch national action plan for the SDGs.

How university alliances see the regions in the ERA

November

A follow up on the Policy WG's January meeting on the European Research Area asking how university alliances see the regional dimension in the ERA and exploring the opportunities the initiative holds for universities apart from alliances. Potential to revisit past speakers for an update on steps they have taken since. Opportunity to collaborate with the S3 Working Group and ERRIN's project CHARTER by exploring the university alliances in regional innovation ecosystems and the skills dimensions of S3.

Erasmus+ Project Development Workshop

December

The ERRIN Erasmus+ Project Development Workshop (PDW) is a chance for participants to interact with institutions, civil society organisations and providers in the field of higher education and training, to build consortia and develop proposals for the next Erasmus+ KA2 calls relating to higher education and training innovation. The SEFS WG lead the task force organising the event, which in 2021 will focus on the calls for Partnerships for Excellence and Partnerships for Innovation.