Resilient. Divers. Global.
Rethinking Internationalisation in Higher Education

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Conference on Higher Education in Transition

What keeps higher education institutions strong when everything is changing?
Resilience arises where diversity is understood as a resource and international networking is a lived practice – not an end in itself. Higher education institutions are as diverse as the people who teach, learn, research and work within them.
This conference creates space for honest debates, inspiring examples and concrete approaches – for exchange across disciplinary, hierarchical and cultural boundaries.
Because good ideas can emerge anywhere.

Target audience
University staff:

- Vice-Chancellors and university management
- Staff in international offices
- Diversity officers
- Academic staff, lecturers, researchers
- Administrative staff with strategic responsibilities

Professionals from public student service providers
Representatives of non-governmental organisations and (professional) organisations active in relevant fields

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AGENDA

Tuesday, 9.3.2027

18.30-21.00
Welcome Dinner, Hotel Lindner

Wednesday, 10.3.2027

8.30-10.00
Registration

9.00-9.15
Official opening
Dr Stephan Geifes, Director, NA DAAD

9.15-9.30
Welcome message
N.N., BMFTR (tbc)

9.30-11.00
Panel Discussion: How can inclusion and diversity in Erasmus+ help higher education systems to become or remain resilient?
Prof. Sabine Andresen, Vice President for Equal Opportunities, Career Development & Advancement, Diversity and Gender Equality, Goethe University Frankfurt (tbc)
Simone Lepore, President, Erasmus Student Network
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11.00-11.30
Coffee break

11.30-13.00
Parallel Workshops
Workshop 1: Inclusive and Diverse? Concepts of Internationalisation
Prof Jos Beelen (tbc), Dr Eva Janebova (tbc)
What does inclusive internationalisation actually mean? The workshop examines common concepts and collaboratively develops robust frameworks for practice – beyond mobility figures and rankings.
Workshop 2: Future Modelling of Resilient Universities
Dr Benedetta Gennaro, Aaron Kang
This workshop examines the resilience of higher education institutions in the context of internationalisation and inclusion. The focus is on

how institutional structures function under pressure – and for whom. Challenges, barriers and successful approaches will be identified and reflected upon together.

Workshop 3: From Reluctance to Readiness – Getting Organisations on Board with Inclusive Concepts

Maarten Brandt (tbc), Dr Isabell Lisberg-Haag (tbc)

How to convince organisations to truly embrace inclusive concepts? Concrete tools and communication strategies for change processes.

Workshop 4: Designing Inclusive Teaching and Learning Structures

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How can teaching be structured so that diverse experiences, languages and backgrounds are seen as strengths? Practical methods and tools for teachers and students.

Workshop 5: Resilience in counselling

Andrea von Kopp

How can counselling and support services for students be designed to be resilient and sustainable for Higher Education Institutions (HEI), staff and students? We bring together these perspectives and develop foundational principles based on practical experience. Specifically, in this workshop we will explore various perspectives and address the following questions: How can counselling services at a HEI or within an International Office maintain a high standard of quality and provide reliable advice and information in the long term, amidst budget cuts, global crises and changing circumstances? What does resilience mean for me and my work? How can I become more resilient and better able to cope, for example in difficult and challenging counselling situations? How can counselling on studying abroad be structured so that students can use the information provided to make a well-founded and comprehensive decision and assessment when planning their exchange or studies?

13.00-14.00

Lunch break

14.00-15.30

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15.30-16.00
Workshoptour
Workshop facilitators report back on the results of their workshops.

17.00-21.00
Departure: Evening Programme and Dinner (off-site)

Thursday, 11.3.2027

8.30-9.00
Mindfulness session – Building personal resilience (tbc)

9.00-9.15
Recap

9.15-11.00
BarCamp: Projects on DEIB & Resilience
The BarCamp on Projects related to DEIB (Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, Belonging) & Resilience is an open format where participants themselves determine the topics and sessions. The agenda is created live on-site. Every topic that is suggested has a chance. This fosters genuine exchange among colleagues from different institutions and disciplines

11.00-11.30
Coffee break

11.30-12.45
Research meets diversity: PHD research showcase
In the roundtable “Research meets Diversity” PhD students will present their research studies and approaches - concisely and accessibly, bridging theory and practice. In this session we would like to learn about these projects and discuss them with participants from various European countries. After a brief presentation of the (research-) projects, we will engage in a discussion and bring together different perspectives.

12.45-13.00
Closing and Farewell

13.00-14.00
Lunch (packed lunch)

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