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, PhD students
- 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
Dr Luca Alexa Erdei, Head of the International Student Integration Knowledge Centre, Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest
Simone Lepore, President, Erasmus Student Network
NN, European Commission

11.00-11.30
Coffee break

11.30-13.00
Parallel Workshops
Workshop 1: Inclusive and Diverse? Concepts of Internationalisation (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-Proof? Stress-Testing Universities for Resilience and Inclusion
Dr Benedetta Gennaro, Aaron Kang

Higher education institutions are operating in an increasingly uncertain environment. Rather than trying to predict what lies ahead, this workshop asks whether institutional structures are capable of adapting to disruption and whether they do so inclusively.
Focusing on internationalisation and inclusion, participants will move beyond individual services and responses to examine institutional systems, structures and dependencies. Using concrete disruption scenarios – such as changing mobility conditions, funding constraints or the increasing use of AI – they will stress-test how universities respond when established assumptions and processes come under pressure.
The workshop explores where vulnerabilities and barriers become visible, how the burden of adaptation is distributed, and what enables institutions to adapt without compromising participation and inclusion.
The guiding question is: resilient for whom?

Workshop 3: From Reluctance to Readiness – Getting Organisations on Board with Inclusive Concepts (tbc)
How to convince organisations to truly embrace inclusive concepts? Concrete tools and communication strategies for change processes.

Workshop 4: Notions of radical kinship towards building collective resilience
Stella Saliari
In this interactive workshop we will foreground the praxis of radical kinship rooted in notions of solidarity, belonging and an ethics of critical and collective care. We will look at 'kinning' not as a feeling but as an intentional practice that requires commitment and labor to sustain one another (Bradway & Freeman 2022) in ever changing realities. In doing so, the importance of collective resilience in international higher education will emerge and we will look at each other through the lens of relationality, that actively embraces diversity and shared commitments. Thus, you are invited to step into this space by asking tenderly and with courage: Which desires and values shape our work and practice?

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
Parallel Workshops
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Workshop 2: Future Modelling of Resilient Universities
Workshop 3: From Reluctance to Readiness – Getting Organisations on Board with Inclusive Concepts
Workshop 4: Notions of radical kinship towards building collective resilience
Workshop 5: Resilience in counselling

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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