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Aurora Annual Conference 2025

19-22 May

Université Paris-Est Créteil
France



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PROGRAMME



MONDAY, 19 MAY 2025	
UPEC, Campus André Boulle, Law Faculty - 85 Avenue du Général de Gaulle, 94000 Créteil	
11:00 - 15:00	Aurora Student Council at UPEC - Law Faculty
17:00 - 19:00	<p>Opening ceremony at La Sorbonne*:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Opening speeches<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Dr. Jean-Luc Dubois Randé, Rector of Université Paris-Est Créteil (UPEC)◦ Dr. Ramon Puras - Secretary General, Aurora◦ Representative of the French state• Handover of Aurora Presidency<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Prof. Martin Procházka, Rector of Univerzita Palackého v Olomouci (UP)◦ Prof. Veronika Sexl, Rector, Rector of Universität Innsbruck (UIBK)• High-level talk with Elizabeth Blackburn, Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine (2009) <i>Introduction : Prof. Veronika Sexl</i>• Cocktail <i>Welcome : Prof. Martin Schwell - Institution coordinator at UPEC</i>
20:00 - 23:00	Presidents' dinner

*Open for Aurora participants. Upon invitation for UPEC participants.



TUESDAY, 20 MAY 2025

UPEC, Campus André Boulle -Law Faculty - 85 Avenue du Général de Gaulle, 94000 Créteil

08:15	Welcome & registration 📍 Hall, Building A
09:00 - 10:30	Plenary session 1 📍 Auditorium A1 Keynote speech <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr. Susanne Conze - European Commission, DG EAC, Head of Unit for Higher Education• Prof. Fabienne Peraldi Leneuf - Chair of Board of Directors, Una Europa• Prof. Dugan O’Neil - Vice-rector Research & Innovation, Simon Fraser University “European Universities: Past, Present and Future” panel discussion with: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sabine Allain Sainte Rose - Secretary General, ENGAGE.EU, member of EAIE Board• David Itier - Head of Unit, European Strategies for Higher Education and Research, French Ministry of Higher Education & Research• Dr. Ramon Puras - Secretary General, Aurora <i>Moderator : Miranda Prynne, Times Higher Education</i>
10:30 - 11:00	Coffee break



11:00 - 12:30	Plenary session 2 📍 Building B Poster session “ Aurora Achievements ”
12:30 - 12:45	Group photo
12:45 - 14:00	Lunch
14:00 - 16:00	Presidents’ strategy meeting 📍 Salle des conseils, Law Faculty
	Workshops / WP-TT meetings These sessions can be open, closed or upon registration. <u>Details and descriptions on pages 10 to 18</u>
16:00 - 17:00	General Council 📍 Salle des Conseils, Law Faculty
	Coffee break - networking - poster session
20:00 - 23:00	Joint VRE & VRR dinner

■ open, closed or upon registration

■ closed session



WEDNESDAY, 21 MAY 2025

UPEC, Campus André Boulle, Law Faculty - 85 Avenue du Général de Gaulle, 94000 Créteil

08:30	Welcome & coffee 📍 Hall - Building A
09:00 - 10:30	Plenary session 3 📍 Auditorium A1 "Building Scientific Communities in Aurora", with: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Prof. Lolita Rubens – Vice-rector of Social Responsibility (UPEC)• Dr. Emilie Frenkiel (UPEC)• Dr. Romana Klášterecká (UPOL)• Prof. Simone Moser (UIBK)• Prof. Bing Wu (UI)
10:30 - 11:00	Coffee break
11:00 - 12:30	Plenary session 4 📍 Auditorium A1 Student session: “ Empowering Voices: Advocating for Students’ Rights Across Europe ”
12:45 - 14:00	Lunch



13:30 - 14:15	VRE meeting 📍 Salle des conseils, Law Faculty
14:00 - 15:30	Workshops / WP-TT meetings <i>These sessions can be open, closed or upon registration. <u>Details and descriptions on pages 10 to 18</u></i>
14:15 - 15:00	VRR meeting 📍 Room 301, Law Faculty
15:00 - 16:00	Joint VRE & VRR meeting 📍 Salle des Conseils, Law Faculty
15:30 - 16:00	Coffee break
16:00 - 17:30	Workshops / WP-TT meetings <i>These sessions can be open, closed or upon registration. <u>Details and descriptions on pages 10 to 18</u></i>
	Executive Committee Meeting 📍 Salle des Conseils, Law Faculty
19:30 - 23:00	Aurora gala dinner at Musée national de l’histoire de l’immigration*

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■ closed session

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THURSDAY, 22 MAY 2025

UPEC, Campus André Boulle, Law Faculty - 85 Avenue du Général de Gaulle, 94000 Créteil

08:30	Welcome & coffee 📍 Hall - Building A
09:00 - 12:00	Sustainability Summit organised by TT 6.2 Aurora Sustainable Campus 📍 Auditorium A1 Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr. Hafdís Hanna Ægisdóttir - Director of the Sustainability Institute of the University of Iceland (UI)• Prof. Maurizio Cellura - Coordination committee of RUS, Italian Network of Universities for Sustainable Development (Università di Palermo)• Zuzana Hunková - Coordinator for sustainable development (UPOL)• Dr. Ramon Rispoli (UNINA)• Prof. Lolita Rubens - Vice-rector Social Responsibility (UPEC)• Benedetta Toledo (UNINA)• Prof. Marjolein Zweeckhorst (VU Amsterdam)
12:00 - 12:30	Closing ceremony - handover of Aurora flag 📍 Auditorium A1



12:30 - 14:00	Lunch (individual)
14:00 - 16:00	EURIDICE meeting
14:00 - 17:00	<p>Sustainability workshops organized by TT 6.2 Aurora Sustainable Campus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Futures Literacy Lab, or• Climate Fresco, or• Biodiversity Fresco <p><u>Details and descriptions on pages 16 and 17</u></p>
End of the Annual Conference	



Upon registration (limited seats available)



closed session



WORKSHOPS AND SESSIONS

Find below the description of workshops and sessions (open, closed or upon registration) that will take place on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons.



Tuesday, 20 May afternoon

- **TT 1.2: Quality Assurance, Quality Control (Stephensen)**

This session aims to engage all WP leads in shaping the practical role of the Quality Control (QC) collaboratively. The TT supports Aurora 2030’s quality assurance by advising on processes, sharing best practices, and reviewing evaluation reports. The main role is to draft terms of reference, ensuring alignment with WP leaders' existing responsibilities.

🕒 16:30 - 17:30

📍 1st floor
Room 114

- **WP 2: Transdisciplinary European Research Driven Educational Hub (Buchenau, Raab, Sellitto)**

This session will initiate a process to co-create/further develop a common Aurora-wide understanding (trans hub/trans WP/TT) of what is meant by “joint education” within Aurora. Collaboration and co-creation with Work Packages 3, 4, 8 and Task Team 6.1.

🕒 14:00 to 16:00

📍 1st floor
Room 101

- **TT 4.2: LOUIS Competence Framework – How Can It Help You? (Tomoszek)**

This networking workshop (open) will focus on how the LOUIS competence tool can enhance educational activities across Aurora 2030 work packages. Participants will discuss potential synergies and identify practical steps for integrating LOUIS into their work. The session aims to connect the LOUIS Expert Team with other task teams, providing resources for implementation.

🕒 14:00 to 16:00

📍 1st floor
Room 102

- **TT 4.3: South-South and Triangular Collaboration (Snelder, di Prima, Koch, Thévenet)**

This TT 4.3 working session (closed) will reflect on past results and discuss the expansion of SSTC. Key outcomes include an action plan and decision on dissemination (journal, social media).


🕒 14:00 - 16:00

📍 1st floor
Room 103



- **WP 5: Aurora Research and Innovation Community (Beekmann, Jonson, Haettich)**


This closed meeting will bring together task teams from WP 5 to review progress and discuss strategies to create a research community within Aurora, focusing on funding, grant models, research tools, and implementing COARA recommendations. The goal is to develop a shared vision and launch the Aurora alliance grant office to foster joint projects across universities.

 14:00 - 16:00

 1st floor
Room 104

- **TT 6.2: Sustainability Summit Preparation (Hunkova, Rieg)**


This meeting (closed) will focus on final preparations for the upcoming sustainability summit and completing the trans-university sustainability questionnaire. The goal is to successfully organize the summit and finalize the questionnaire. A brief presentation at the plenary session will be made to invite participation in the summit.

 14:00 - 16:00

 1st floor
Room 111

- **WP 8: Enabling Mobility and Exchange - Work Package 8 Meeting (Vives Cabré)**

This closed meeting will focus on analyzing progress, setting goals for the second half of the project, and reviewing workshop contents. The goal is to finalize the calendar and objectives for WP 8. The meeting will aim for effective collaboration and clear action steps.

 14:00 - 16:00

 1st floor
Room 112



Wednesday, 21 May afternoon

• **WP 2: SDGs Methodologies Seminar (Penagos, Maffia, Catalanotti)**

This open hybrid seminar will explore SDG methodologies in higher education, concluding a webinar series. Featuring UNESCO and Aurora experts, it includes keynotes, discussions on Open Science, and student-led sessions. The goal is to enhance the visibility of Aurora’s SDG initiatives, foster collaboration between researchers, students, and stakeholders, and produce a report on SDG methodologies.

🕒 14:00 to 18:00

📍 Building A Auditorium A1

• **TT 2.1 and TT 2.5: Micro-Credentials & Recognition (Raab, Sellitto)**

This open session will explore how micro-credentials and the principle of material difference can innovate teaching and improve recognition. Participants will assess recognition feasibility through a case study. The goal in Paris is to advance recognition practices and lay the groundwork for future workshops across Aurora universities.

🕒 14:00 to 15:30

📍 1st floor Room 101









• **TT 3.1, TT 3.2 and TT 3.3: seismic Activities & Award Winners (Huske, Hockerts, Kuhr)**

This workshop (TT 3.1, 3.2, 3.3) will feature 2024 seismic Award winners sharing their experiences with the seismic App and competition. The goal is to showcase student achievements and educator contributions.

🕒 14:00 - 15:00

📍 1st floor Room 102



<ul style="list-style-type: none">• TT 3.4: Regional Stakeholders Engagement Strategy (Malacka, Simackova) This session will refine the Regional Stakeholders Engagement Strategy and outline next steps. The goal in Paris is to finalize adjustments and clarify specific needs through in-person discussions.	<div> 15:00 - 15:30</div> <div> 1st floor Room 102</div>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• TT 4.1: Engaging the Community in Education: Service Learning to Citizen Science (Zweeckhorst) This open workshop will inspire Aurora staff to implement service learning and Citizen Science courses. Participants will explore examples from Aurora universities and discuss how to engage more staff in these activities. A world café session will help identify potential collaborators for future projects.	<div> 14:00 to 15:30</div> <div> 1st floor Room 103</div>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• TT 4.2: Education for Sustainable Development (Pálsdóttir) The session will introduce workshops in University of Iceland where academic teachers used the LOUIS competence framework as a source of ideas to design an evaluation rubric for single assignments to give students targeted quality feedback.	<div> 16:00 - 17:30</div> <div> 1st floor Room 103</div>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• TT 5.1: Workshop on Research Impact Assessment (Ataci, Schwell, Haettich) This open session will focus on the challenges and opportunities of research impact assessment within Aurora universities. Participants will discuss current practices, share insights from recent projects, and explore ways to create a unified framework for evaluating academic merit. The goal is to align with the COARA agreement and establish a collaborative approach to assess research impact across the Aurora network.	<div> 14:00 - 15:30</div> <div> 1st floor Room 104</div>



closed meeting



- **TT 5.3: Support and Infrastructure for Open Science (Vanderfeesten, Bosch, Beekmann)**

This open meeting aims to improve the Aurora Research Monitor by focusing on key topics like open science and the gender publication gap. Participants will prioritise topics, create useful charts, and identify data sources and technical challenges. The goal is to make the Monitor more effective for policy decisions and research.

🕒 16:00 - 17:30

📍 1st floor
Room 104

- **TT 7.3: Capacity Development Programme in CEE (Porobić, Khyzhniak)**

This meeting will present the results of the Aurora Capacity Development Programme, focusing on the last 1.5 years. The goal is to strengthen collaborations, increase visibility, and foster partnerships within the Aurora 2030 programme. A brief plenary presentation will invite wider collaboration across Aurora.

🕒 14:00 - 15:30

📍 1st floor
Room 114

- **TT 7.4: Creation of Aurora Karazin University Peace Education HUB (Porobić, Capec, Khyzhniak)**

This closed working meeting will focus on discussing the progress of the Aurora Karazin Peace Education Hub, including milestones such as the international conference and training preparation. Key outcomes: report from the conference, evaluation of the first training session, and course module plans for 2025/2026. Additionally, a poster presentation will be held to share results.

🕒 16:00 - 17:30

📍 1st floor
Room 114

- **WP 8: Enabling Mobility and Exchange – Workshop on Internationalisation at Home (Vives Cabré)**

This workshop (open) will explore Internationalisation at Home (IaH), curriculum internationalisation, and inclusivity. Participants will discuss the importance of inclusivity in higher education and how to implement it. The goal is to foster a Community of Practice across Aurora institutions. A brief plenary will highlight how these concepts complement mobility and exchange.

🕒 14:00 - 15:30

📍 1st floor
Room 112



<ul style="list-style-type: none">• TT 9.3: Aurora Values Meeting and Launch of Communities of Practice (Maas) This closed session will launch the Aurora Communities of Practice (CoPs) focused on Sustainability, Societal Change-making, and Collaboration. The goal is to align expertise and outline how the CoPs will operate. The result is the successful launch of the CoPs, with the Aurora Values document signed by the presidents of Aurora universities.	<div> 14:00 to 16:00</div> <div> 1st floor Room 111</div>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• TT 10.2: Science and Society (Cruz de Carvalho) This session will focus on best practices in Science and Society within Aurora, especially Citizen Science and SwafS initiative. The aim is to raise awareness of task’s goals and expand the network of participants.	<div> 14:00 - 15:30</div> <div> 1st floor Room 115</div>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Workshop: Strengthening Research Security - Sharing Practices and Developing an Exchange Agenda (Lasage) This session will focus on sharing best practices for research security and discussing how Aurora universities can collaborate on this topic. The goal is to raise awareness, appoint contact persons for research security, and agree on a plan for joint learning and future cooperation.	<div> 16:00 - 17:30</div> <div> 1st floor Room 112</div>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• EURIDICE Joint Master Programme Digital Society, Social Innovation and Global Citizenship	<div> 16:00 - 17:30</div> <div> 1st floor Room 101</div>



closed meeting





Thursday, 22 May afternoon

- Futures Literacy Lab**

Futures Literacy is a cutting-edge capability that empowers individuals and organizations to anticipate, explore, and shape the future with creativity and confidence. At its core, it challenges traditional approaches to uncertainty by fostering innovative ways of thinking about tomorrow.

During the "Futures of Teaching" lab, participants will engage in a hands-on, collaborative experience to imagine and co-create transformative possibilities for education. This interactive session is designed to spark inspiration, reveal hidden assumptions, and equip participants with tools to navigate the complexities of future learning landscapes. Explore the art of "using the future" to reimagine teaching!


 **14:00 to 17:00**

 **1st floor
Room 101**

- Climate Fresco**

In order to take action and build solutions, we first need to understand the problem. The Climate Fresco is a powerful tool for providing a quality climate education. It is accessible to anyone and can be scaled quickly within an organisation or community. In just 3 hours, the collaborative Climate Fresco workshop will teach you the fundamental science behind climate change and empower you to take action. Participants leave the workshop having formed a strong bond with each other, and are well equipped to implement the climate actions that they have identified.

 **14:00 to 17:00**

 **1st floor
Room 102
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Room 104**




- Biodiversity Fresco**

“The global rate of species extinction is already at least tens to hundreds of times higher than the average rate over the past 10 million years and is accelerating.” (IPBES, 2019).

Discover, through a fun and collaborative workshop, the systemic aspects of biodiversity: what it is, what it enables and what degrades it. Divided into groups of 5-7, recreate an ecosystem and discover the impacts of human disturbance within it. Find the links between the 39 cards, distributed in 5 lots. Decorate and find a title for the Collage in order to present your work to the other groups. Reflect on learnings and collectively develop an action plan to stop biodiversity loss. The debrief is adapted to the objectives of each workshop.

 **14:00 to 17:00**

 **1st floor
Room 111
Room 112**

- EURIDICE Meeting**

 **14:00 to 16:00**

 **1st floor
Room 114**