CIRCLE U. WEEK FOR THE FUTURE OF
HIGHER EDUCATION AND RESEARCH
INTERNATIONALISATION, COOPERATION, INNOVATION

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23-27 January 2023
COOPERATION!

The European University Alliance Circle U. brings together Aarhus Universitet, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, King’s College London, Univerzitet u Beogradu, Universitetet i Oslo, Université catholique de Louvain, Université Paris Cité, Universität Wien and Università di Pisa. The “European Universities” initiative, which promotes cutting-edge teaching and research in Europe, is supported and funded by the European Commission. Our goal is to build an inter-university ecosystem and make of Circle U. an inclusive, research-intensive and interdisciplinary European university where students, staff and partners from civil society, businesses and the public sector collaborate to jointly develop competencies and solutions.

The role of pedagogical innovation in shaping the future of higher education is considered of utmost importance in Circle U. and it is the core mission of the Circle U. Think and Do Tank on the Future of Higher Education. One of the first steps of the Think and Do Tank was to map flagship education initiatives carried out by our Circle U. communities. Because Circle U. universities are innovative and resourceful, professionals working at Learning and Teaching centres at the different member universities have shown a keen interest in sharing their knowledge, experience and tools within the alliance. Thanks to the innovators’ network that the Think and Do Tank Cafés are progressively building, this collaborative space will be fed up paving the way toward an international mutualisation of resources, training and practices in pedagogical innovation in higher education.

Last but not least, the Circle U. ERIA project, co-funded by the European Commission under the H2020 SwafS programme and launched on September 2021, will steer initiatives with the ambition to strengthen and deepen research collaboration and innovation within the Alliance for the next three years.

THE CIRCLE U. THINK AND DO TANK: PAVING THE WAY TOWARDS SUSTAINABLE EDUCATION

The Think and Do Tank of the alliance seeks to contribute to transforming curricula and teaching methods towards sustainable education within the alliance itself, not only by providing courses on sustainable development but also by ensuring that education will have a major impact on the sustainability of our societies. As outlined in the White Paper “Shaping the Future of Higher Education in a Changing World”, sustainable education means finding innovative and creative ways of teaching and learning, focusing on interdisciplinary knowledge and taking into account the contribution of students. The goal of our Think and Do Tank is to promote a quality learning environment and academic success for students by imagining, experimenting and disseminating new ways of teaching and learning.

The programme of this Week reflects the particular ambition of Circle U. and its Think and Do Tank: i) it connects students, researchers and other external stakeholders to contribute to and influence the debate on the future of higher education, ii) it is pedagogically driven, bringing together thinkers and doers to improve teaching practices and to transform the universities from within, iii) it stimulates a culture of sharing and learning from others, emphasising and acknowledging that successful transfer of knowledge is about translating new insights into specific national, cultural and institutional settings, iv) it seeks to be directly linked to policymakers, so that new knowledge, findings and actions can easily influence the policy-making process.

All the open events of this programme are part of the Learning Planet Festival 2023 in collaboration with the Learning Planet Institute and UNESCO. This event is funded by the Europen Union and the French Programme d'Investissements d'Avenir.
INTERNATIONALISATION OF HIGHER EDUCATION: IMAGINING NEW WAYS OF TEACHING AND LEARNING

Circle U. National Conference

Monday 23 - Tuesday 24 of January 2023

The aim is to explore the pedagogical impact of the internationalisation process on the development of higher education in Europe and to understand the nature of knowledge development in international educational contexts through the perspective of the professors, the students and the staff involved in these experiences.

Circle U. National Conference: Opening event

Monday 23rd of January, 14:00-18:30 (CET)


14:00 Welcoming
14:15 Presentation of the Circle U. Week for the Future of Higher Education and Research and Introduction
14:45 Panel 1 - European alliances as testbeds for innovation in education
16:15 Break
16:45 Panel 2 - European alliances as testbeds for creating joint study programmes
18:15 Conclusion and final remarks
18:30 Cocktail


Circle U. National Conference: Workshop sessions

Tuesday 24th of January, 09:30-11:30 (CET)

Site Necker, Université Paris Cité. 156 Rue de Vaugirard, 75015 Paris. Hybrid event.

09:30 Welcoming
10:00 Parallel Workshops

Workshop 1 – Facilitating international cooperation in teaching and student involvement through the “Micro-collaborations” proposed by the Erasmus project DIONE.

Philipp Wasserscheidt, Professor at Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin and Lead of the Circle U. Think and Do Tank.

Workshop 2 – Learning Analytics: How does university administration work with educational data on inclusion and attrition? Discussing similarities and differences between different university administrations’ findings.
TOWARDS SUSTAINABLE EDUCATION

Shaping the Future of Higher Education in a Changing World

The Think and Do Tank of Circle U. has been exploring critically the concept of sustainable education and its translation into educational praxis by identifying the relevant bodies of literature, teasing out implicit assumptions, and mapping the different arguments around sustainable education. In this way, the Think and Do Tank will make a central contribution to Circle U.’s overall effort to create and promote sustainable education for a sustainable world. The different sessions programmed will offer more space to translate the constitutive aspects of sustainable education into educational research, practice and policy.

Date: Tuesday 24, Wednesday 25 and Thursday 26 of January 2023.

Tuesday 24th of January

Site Necker, Université Paris Cité. 156 Rue de Vaugirard, 75015 Paris. Hybrid events.

Think and Do Tank Café: Students’ Assessment and Sustainable Education, 14:00 - 15:30 (CET)

Facilitator: Ana Elvira García López, Project Manager of the Circle U. Think and Do Tank, Université Paris Cité.

Speakers: Lisbeth M. Brevik, Professor at Oslo i Universitetet and Academic Chair of the Circle U. Think and Do Tank. Sue Wright, Professor at Aarhus Universitet and Academic Chair of the Circle U. Think and Do Tank. Flora Smyth Zahra, Clinical Senior Lecturer, King’s College London (online). Jayne Pearson, Senior Lecturer in Education, King’s College London (online).

[Closed meeting] Working session of the Think and Do Tank I

16:00 – 18:00 Working session of the Think and Do Tank: Writing recommendations on how to ensure curricula and teaching methods are supporting sustainable education.

Wednesday 25th of January

Learning Planet Institute. 8 bis Rue Charles V, 75004 Paris. Hybrid events.

Presentation of Circle U. Think and Do Tank Research Project “Conceptualising and Operationalising Sustainable Education”, 10:00 – 12:30 (CET)

With the Academic Chairs of the Think and Do Tank: Sue Wright, Aarhus Universitet. Lisbeth M. Brevik, Oslo i Universitetet. Anne Enderwitz, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin. Gabriel Reedy, King’s College London. Veljko Mijušković, Univerzitet u Beogradu.


Associated researcher: Rebecca Waters Boldsen Lund, Universitetet i Agder

Panel discussion with the Circle U. Think and Do Tank: Sustainable Education or Education for Sustainability?, 14:00-15:30 (CET)
Facilitator: Ute Smit, Professor at Universität Wien.

Speakers: Circle U. Think and Do Tank and Circle U. students

[Closed meeting] **Mutualisation of resources, training and practices in pedagogical innovation across Circle U., 16:00-18:00 (CET)**

Meeting 1: Teaching and Learning Centres  
Meeting 2: Education and Teaching Training Centres  
Meeting 3: Language Centres

**Wednesday 25th of January, Special evening!**

**Circle U. Masterclass with Michelle Perrot, 20:00-22:00 (CET) IN FRENCH**  
Musée Carnavalet. 23 Rue de Sévigné, 75003 Paris

Michelle Perrot is a French historian and Professor emeritus of Contemporary History at Université Paris Cité. She won the 2099 Prix Femina Essai. She is a pioneer in the emergence of women's history and gender studies in France.

Roundtable organised with Circle U. partners by the Identité, Culture, Territoires Laboratory at Université Paris Cité (Professor Alexandre Rios-Bordes).  
**Facilitator: Emmanuel Laurentin, journalist at France Culture**  
**Speakers:** Alexandre Rios-Bordes, Université Paris Cité, Alana Harris, King's College London, Heike Wieters, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Anaïs Albert, Université Paris Cité

This session will be recorded and disseminated with English subtitles afterwards.

**Thursday 26th of January**

Site Necker, Université Paris Cité. 156 Rue de Vaugirard, 75015 Paris. Hybrid events.

**Workshop on Pedagogical Innovation for Global Health, 09:00-11:30 (CET)**

9:00 – 9:30 Welcome coffee

9:30 – 10:00 How to interpret curricula in Global Health: a survey of nine European universities.  
**Pascal Grosse, Professor at Charité - Universitätmedizin Berlin**

10:00 – 10:30 Global Health Pedagogy: Opportunities and Innovations.  
**Matthew Prina, Professor at King’s College London. Christine Cassar, Teaching fellow. Omar Deraz, PhD candidate Inserm.**

10:30 – 10:40 Break

10:40 – 11:10 The DOMINOS Erasmus+ project on OSCE digital training.  
**Carole Ramsay, Université Paris Cité. Donia Bouzid, MD-PhD Université Paris Cité.**

11:10 – 11:30 Q&A session and Closing remarks

[Closed meeting] **Working session of the Think and Do Tank II (internal meeting), 14:00-17:00 (CET)**

Writing recommendations on how to ensure curricula and teaching methods are supporting sustainable education.
EUROPEAN COOPERATION IN RESEARCH: IMAGINING NEW WAYS OF DOING RESEARCH TOGETHER

The example of Circle U. ERIA (Empowering Research in Innovation Actions) and beyond

Date: Friday 27 of January

Time: 09.30 – 12.30 (CET)


Hybrid event.

Objectives

After one year, the Circle U. ERIA project has already resulted in concrete actions for research collaboration within our alliance. Looking ahead, we will meet for two roundtables to discuss the various opportunities for European cooperation in research offered by European University Alliances.

Programme for the 27th of January

09:30 – 10:00 Welcome coffee
10:00 – 10:15 Introduction

10:15 – 11:00 Roundtable 1: Presenting Circle U. ERIA’s tools for European collaboration in interdisciplinary research, support to early-career researchers and linking science and society
11:00 – 11:30 Break

11:30 – 12:15 Roundtable 2: Future opportunities in research collaboration in the context of the European Universities Alliances
12:15 – 12:30 Conclusion
12:30 Buffet

Registration link: https://sondage.app.u-paris.fr/329681?lang=en

For more information about any of this events you can contact: circleu.iro@u-paris.fr
PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Arriving in Paris

From the airport Charles de Gaulle, it is possible to get a taxi or a train to Paris.

**Official Taxis:** The trip is a flat rate from Aeroport Charles de Gaulle, around 53 euros to any address in the Right Bank and 58 euros to any address in the Left Bank (cash or card). Taxis are located right in front the airport and you may follow the directions in the terminal.

**RER Train:** There is a suburban line RERB from the Airport Paris Charles de Gaulle to Paris city center. The train ticket costs around 10 euros and you can purchase your tickets at the cashier or at the machines. From the Orly airport, it is also possible to get a taxi or a bus to Paris.

**Official Taxis:** The trip is around 45 euros and takes around 30 minutes depending on traffic.

**Bus:** The least costly way from Paris Orly airport to the city center is to take the “Orly Bus” which goes to Denfert Rochereau.

Getting around Paris

We recommend you use Paris’s public transport to travel to the conference location sites through the RATP metro lines, RER suburban lines or by bus. To plan your trip: [RATP](#)

Sanitary Guidelines

This Circle U. activities take place in accordance with the city of Paris’ hygiene regulations. Changes in our programme may occur due to the current situation and will be communicated in a timely manner.

We advise you to check the following site 3 days before travelling to France: [https://www.interieur.gouv.fr/covid-19-international-travel](https://www.interieur.gouv.fr/covid-19-international-travel)

Wearing a face mask is no longer mandatory, however, it is recommended in crowded spaces. Just in case, make sure you have your EU Digital Covid Certificate.
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