



Agenda

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📍 University of Las Palmas de Gran Canaria. Salón de Actos de Humanidades, Obelisk Campus.

09:00 - 09:30 Welcome and Registration

Tea and Coffee.

09:30 - 10:00 Opening Remarks

- Welcome by the European Commission. **Magda De Carli, Head of Unit, Directorate-General for Research and Innovation, European Research Area of the European Commission, Spreading Excellence and Research Careers.**
- The Spreading Excellence and Widening Participation Programme in the EU. **Federica Roffi, Deputy Head of Unit, Widening Participation and Spreading Excellence, European Research Executive Agency.**

10:00 – 10:30 Session 1: Capacity Building for Talent Retention

- Replicating the Contamination Lab (CLAB) Model: Fostering Innovation and Entrepreneurial Mindsets in Widening Universities. **Andrea Simeri, University of Calabria.**
- Talent Attraction Strategies and Analysis on Brain Drain Causes. **Alice Gervasoni, Innovation and Collaboration Manager, The Canarian Association of Startups, Technological-based companies and Business Angels (EMERGE).**

10:30 - 11:00 Building Resilient Research Ecosystems: Supporting Balanced Brain Circulation and Shaping Future Research Capacity

- **Izaskun Lacunza Aguirrebengoa, General Director of the Spanish Foundation for Science and Technology (FECYT).**

11:00 - 11:30 Coffee Break

11:30 - 11:45 Session 2: Strengthening Knowledge Transfer and Spin-Offs

- Knowledge Transfer Practices and the Creation of Spin-offs. **Néstor Rodríguez, Managing Director, Atrineo AG.**

11:45 - 12:15 Panel Discussion: From Knowledge to Market

- How universities can better facilitate commercialisation and engage with local industries. Experiences from the Canary Islands and the Azores.
- **Fabio Mestre dos Santos - Terinov, Portugal. Sebastián López Suárez - University of Las Palmas de Gran Canaria. Néstor Rodríguez and Thor Rodrigues – Atrineo AG, Germany. Artur Gil – University of the Azores, Portugal and Michael Leyer – University of Rostock, Germany.**

12:15 - 13:00 Session 3: Enhancing Interdisciplinary Research and Societal Impact

- Interdisciplinary research successes and creation of the Societal Challenge Working Groups (SCWG). **Lucía Dobarro Delgado, Head of Section of the Innovation Department, The Canary Islands Institute of Technology.**
- Regional Ecosystem Assessments and Cooperation Models. **Néstor Rodríguez, Managing Director, Atrineo AG.**
- Gender Equality and Diversity: Focus on integrating gender equality as part of research excellence. **Michelle Perello, CEO at Consulta Europa Projects and Innovation.**

13:00 - 14:00 Networking Lunch

14:00 - 14:20 Keynote on Widening Participation and Spreading Excellence

- **Anselmo Sosa Méndez, Spain's National Contact Point for Horizon Europe Widening.**

14:20 - 15:10 Session 4: Improving Research Careers and Institutional Conditions

- Human Resources Excellence in Research: The European Charter for Researchers and its implementation. **Michele Rosa-Clot, HR Excellence in Research. European Commission.**
- Human Resources Strategy for Researchers (HRS4R) and improvements in researcher career conditions: Good Practices. **Francesca Principato, University of Calabria**
- Output from the EXPER project: HRS4R Strategy implementation at the ULPGC. **Juan Alberto Corbera, Director of Human Resources for Research at the University of Las Palmas de Gran Canaria.**

15:10 - 15:30 The Future of European University Alliances

- The results of the Ent-r-e-novators project and its importance for the consolidation of the European University Alliance E3UDRES2. **Luís Coelho, Setúbal Polytechnic University.**

15:30 - 15:50 Presentation of the WiderAdvance Facility Project

- WiderAdvance Facility – the Dissemination and Exploitation Facility for Widening projects. Optimising research outputs, particularly within the Widening Participation and Spreading Excellence (WIDERA) sector. **Laura Ruiz Caramés, European Projects Manager at the Canarian Agency for Research, Innovation and Information Society (ACIISI)**

15:50 - 16:00 Closing Remarks and Group Photo

- **Artur Gil, Vice-Rector for Science, Innovation, and Knowledge Transfer at the University of the Azores, Portugal.**

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