



HERE Study Visit

Learning and teaching: innovation, digitalisation, and international collaboration

15-16 June 2023

Hosted by the UCLouvain: [Université Catholique de Louvain](https://www.uclouvain.be)

Venue : Academic Senate, Halles universitaires, 3rd floor, Pl. de l'Université 1, 1348 Ottignies-Louvain-la-Neuve

Introduction

Learning and teaching (L&T) enhancement has become an institutional priority, supported by dedicated policies and structures. Innovation, digitalisation and international collaborations are often seen as key components for enhancing L&T, particularly at a time when the rapid growth of societal and technological advancements incentivises the need for new pedagogical approaches and tools, as well as for sustainable cross-system collaborations. This is topical in EHEA countries, where enhancing L&T has gained traction in the Bologna Process, but also in other EU Partner/Neighbourhood countries, where pedagogical training, digital infrastructures and internationalisation remain both policy and institutional challenges.

The event will give participants insight into institutional practice on innovation and digitalisation of L&T, specifically in a Belgian HEI with a strong international profile. In addition to looking at the specific strategy for L&T innovation enhancement at Université Catholique de Louvain, the visit will allow participants to hear from professors of different disciplines, from students and, potentially, to glimpse into the Learning Lab of the university. The visit will also explore issues regarding the interaction of international higher education institutions when it comes to innovating in L&T.

The event addresses practitioners at all levels of experience and knowledge on the issue. It will be especially relevant for higher education leadership, student HERE and QA agencies who need a better understanding of the shift to innovative L&T and its impact on the institution and the higher education system.

Learning outcomes

1. Understand the strategy and institutional policy development behind innovation in learning and teaching (L&T) and explore potentially different approaches to this
2. Gain insight on how the technological developments are used to innovate in L&T
3. Assess the role that different actors/institutional services play when it comes to innovation in L&T (leadership, deans, teaching development support services, etc.)

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4. Explore examples of innovation in teaching practices and understand better what this means to both teachers and students
5. Reflect on how interinstitutional cooperation can be used to drive innovation in L&T

Provisional programme

Thursday 15 June 2023: Day 1

09.30	Registration and welcome coffee
10.00	Start of the event
17.30	Closing of the day
19.00	Dinner

Friday 15 June 2023: Day 2

09.00	Start of the day 2
13.00	Closing of the event followed by a lunch
14.00	City tour offered by hosts (optional, lasts 2 hours)

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