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## **First Online HERE Network Meeting**

**Date: 19-20 September 2023**

**Link: Webex**

*(Recorded event)*

***\*Time is in CEST***

Virtual HERE Networking meetings aim to provide a space for exchanging practices, gathering information, and brainstorming across the entire HERE network. More specifically, HERE networking meetings:

- Bring together all members of HERE in an online forum to offer networking and discussion opportunities;
- Enable HERE Teams to assess progress towards their work plans, share results, and receive feedback;
- Offer HERE the opportunity to showcase and discuss best practices;
- Facilitate reflection on the SPHERE Programme and activities organized to date, as well as the next steps;
- Provide an opportunity to learn about the EC priorities, policies, and programs.

The first online HERE Networking Meeting will be held over two days and will focus on the following themes:

- Organising the HERE Team for impact, designing national work plans and submitting successful TAM proposals
- The upcoming SPHERE programme (next seminar and conference)
- Current EC priorities and programme updates, including the Erasmus+ mid-term assessment
- Tips for successful TAM
- Input on the forthcoming SPHERE publication on greening in HE

It is open to all HERE and NEO and attendance is strongly requested. Registration is required.



## AGENDA

### DAY 1

Link: <https://obreal.my.webex.com/obreal.my-en/j.php?MTID=m3fb7af91fdb2b4bc73c437342bc1faac>

**09:30 – 09:50**

#### **Welcome session and introductory remarks**

Introduction to the agenda: Elizabeth Colucci, SPHERE Team

The role of the HEREs: Why do we have HEREs? Adrian Veale, DG EAC

**09:50 – 10:50**

#### **Educational policy framework and the SPHERE Initiative**

European Commission's educational policy landscape: What's going on (Erasmus Plus opportunities, initiatives, and resources)

- Adrian Veale, DG EAC
- Ana-Sofia Coutinho, European Universities Initiative at Unit A1  
European Higher Education at EACEA
- David Crosier, Eurydice, EACEA

The SPHERE Initiative

- Elizabeth Colucci, SPHERE Team

Q&A

**10:50 – 11:00**

#### **Break**

**11:00 – 11:45**

#### **Organizing the HERE Team for impact**

This session will include two presentations from the previous SPHERE contract, to be delivered by a NEO or HERE who is part of the new contract, followed by a discussion and Q&A. The presentations will cover topics such as team structure, interaction approaches, and tips for new NEOs and HEREs on enhancing the impact of HERE activities in their respective countries. The presenters will also share examples and organizational insights on effective team management.

- Svitlana Shytikova, NEO – Ukraine
- Diane Nauffal, HERE - Lebanon



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Chaired by Lika Glonti, SPHERE Team

**11:45 – 12:15**

**HERE Annual Work Plans. What to expect**

Introduction to the work plan. SPHERE Team. Elizabeth Colucci, SPHERE Team

Tips to develop the HERE Work plan. David Crosier, Eurydice, EACEA

HERE Example of the impact on HE Policy. Asiya Turenliyazova. HERE Uzbekistan.

**12:30 – 13:15**

**Breakout groups: Current challenges and good practices in organizing the HERE Team for impact.**

Participants will be divided into four pre-assigned breakout groups, each chaired by a member of the SPHERE Team. These groups will engage in moderated discussions covering topics such as developing annual work plans, defining indicators, strategies for team organization and engagement, as well as visibility and stakeholder engagement.

Chaired by the SPHERE Team:

Group 1: Elizabeth Colucci

Group 2: Lika Glonti

Group 3: Howard Davies

Group 4: Gohar Hovhannisyan

**13:15 – 13:30**

**Brief summary of discussions and close for Day 1**

Lika Glonti, SPHERE Team



## DAY 2

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**10:00 – 10:45**

### **SPHERE programming 2023: Feedback and brainstorm**

The SPHERE Team will present the programs and format for the upcoming seminar and conference and will engage the HEREs in a discussion, soliciting direct feedback on the chosen topics, format, etc.

- Michael Gaebel, SPHERE Team (commenting on the upcoming events - Seminar and Annual Conference)

**10:45-11:30**

### **Tips for successful TAM**

TAMs tips, and insights into the 2024 call. Nicole Font, SPHERE Team

Case study from a successful TAM, presented by HERE or NEO

- Einav Livneh. NEO Israel
- Lusine Fljyan. Former HERE Armenia

Chaired by Lika Glonti, SPHERE Team

**11:30 – 11:45**

### **Break**

**11:45 – 12:30**

### **SPHERE publication 2023: Greening in higher education**

This session will begin with a plenary introductory presentation on the topic, encompassing European trends in greening higher education. This will be followed by an introduction to the SPHERE publication and an outline of the subsequent steps.

- Introduction to the topic. Alisson Morrisroe, EUA / SPHERE Team
- Prof. Abeer Bawab. HERE Jordan
- The SPHERE publication: Howard Davies, SPHERE Team

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12:30 – 12:40          SPHERE updates: Website and communications  
Nicole Font, SPHERE Team

12:40 – 12:50          Close  
Elizabeth Colucci, SPHERE Team

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