

FOREU4ALL TOPICAL GROUP ON UKRAINE WORKSHOP

Event of European university alliances cooperating with Ukraine

Workshop in Prague, Czech Republic and Ukraine, 16 – 17 October 2025

Objective & background:

Since April 2025, 49 Alliances have joined the European university alliances community (FOREU4ALL) cooperating with Ukrainian partners with the aim to structure their actions by learning from each other and advocating for political and financial support. The event's objectives are:

- Overview of the opportunities, approaches and scope to support Ukrainian HEIs
- Identification of opportunities and challenges, building key messages to policy-makers related to the cooperation of Alliances with Ukrainian HE and its transformation; enhanced potential of engagement of Ukrainian HEIs in the European university alliances
- Best practices among the Alliances and their Ukrainian partners
- Forward looking discussion: how can European university alliances / HE institutions support future recovery and resilience of Ukraine, its HE and society

Date, location, scope

16 October 2025, 10:00 – 13.30 (Kyiv time) in Kyiv, onsite and online – NEO&zoom

Registration is [obligatory Kyiv&Zoom – here](#)

16 October 2025, 13:00 – 17:30 (CET) in Prague, Kyiv onsite and online – Teams

Registration is [obligatory Prague&Kyiv&Teams – here.](#)

16 October 2025, 10:00 – 13.30 (CET) in Prague, only for onsite participants – those who received invitation for onsite and confirmation from organisers.

Draft Agendas and other details:

16 October 2025, 10:00 – 13.30 (Kyiv time) in Kyiv (at NEO – Ukraine), onsite and online

In Kyiv, the National Erasmus+ Office – Ukraine will gather representatives of the European University Alliances initiative from Ukrainian Universities who are already a part of Alliance and those who are interested. The event will help broader understanding of the essence and the strategic objectives of the this initiative, the experience of Ukrainian Universities, active and sleeping partners. The participants will develop needs and further steps to be done to be well prepared to become full members/partners of the Alliances. The event is a part of the #ErasmusDays2025 Ukraine Campaign.

Draft agenda

1st part of the day

Time	Item, speakers
	Thursday, 16 October 2025, Kyiv, NEO – Ukraine (hybrid)
10:00	Introduction to the topic, NEO and Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine

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10:30-12:00	Survey results: Ksenia Smyrnova, Vice Rector, Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv, Vice Rectors working group within the Union of Rectors of Ukrainian Universities (tbc) Experience of cooperation by Ukrainian Universities (interested to share – tbc) Types of cooperation, complementarity within Erasmus+ and above, challenges, recommendations for better integration.
12:00 - 12:30	Small working groups discussion for steps to be done and topics for cooperation for better integration as full/equal members/partners.
12.30-13.00	Writing recommendations
13.00-14.00	Informal discussion, networking, break for lunch

2nd part of the day

16 October 2025, 13:00 -17:30 (CET)/ 14:00 – 18.30 (Kyiv time), in Prague, onsite and online

In Prague, the event will benefit from a hospitality of the Czech Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports and the [Czech National Agency for International Education & Research](#), Na Poříčí 4, Praha 1. About **30 participants** are expected, bringing together Czech universities (ca 6 people), representatives of European university alliances (ca 14 people) and their Ukrainian partners (10 people who received confirmation). The travel and accommodation will be born by participants.

Joint sessions on 16 October 2025 will allow access to other participants thanks to the hybrid mode of the event.

In Kyiv and across Ukraine, the online connection will bring together representatives from the Ministry of education and science of Ukraine [tbc], the Erasmus+ office of Ukraine and the HE institutions of Ukraine involved in cooperation with European university alliances.

The first day will be accessible online also for other partners from among European university alliances and higher education stakeholders.

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Thursday, 16 October 2025 (hybrid)	
13:00	Welcome, introduction Jean-Marc Planeix (EPICUR), Michal Karpíšek (E ³ UDRES ²)
13:20	Keynotes, setting the scene: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Czech support to Ukrainian universities and refugees as regards education. Mr. Václav Velčovský, Director General, Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports of the Czech Republic Ukrainian Higher education: Priorities for development, capacity for cooperation. Prof. Mykola Trofymenko, Deputy Minister of Education and Science of Ukraine / Ms. Svitlana Shytikova, Coordinator National Erasmus+ office for Ukraine (online) Video message by MEP Manuela Ripa (CULT, European Parliament)

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Priorities of the European Commission towards Ukraine. Mr. Filip van Depoele, DG EAC head of unit (online) • Czech universities' support to Ukraine. Prof. Milena Kralickova, Rector, Charles University and Chairperson of the Czech Rectors' Conference • Overview of the situation, development and priorities of Ukrainian universities. Prof. Kseniia Smyrnova, Vice Rector, Taras Shevchenko University of Kyiv (EUniWell) and head of the Vice Rectors' Council
14:40	Coffee break
15:00	<p>European university alliances & Ukraine, summative report of the alliances' activities, Topical Group Ukraine (FOREU4ALL)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Sabine Menu, University of Strasbourg (EPICUR), Chair FOREU4ALL TG Ukraine • Alliances as a tool from the perspective of Ukrainian partners (live from Kyiv)
15:40	<p>European university alliances: Cases</p> <p>Ukrainian universities: Cases, priorities, capacities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8 selected Pitches @ 10 min including online contribution from Kyiv
17:00	<p>Wrap up discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rafal Witkowski, Vice Rector Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznan (EPICUR) • Andriy Smitiukh, Vice Rector, Odesa Mechnikov National University (SEA-EU)
17:30	Plans for next day, practical information
17:40	End of the day
19:00	Informal gathering, Self-funded dinner
	Friday, 17 October 2025 (onsite only)
9:00	Agenda of the day, wrap up of the previous day
9:20	<p>European university alliances: Cases</p> <p>Ukrainian universities: Cases, priorities, capacities</p> <p>4 Pitches @ 10 min</p>
10:00	<p>Introduction of the world cafe, overview of topics addressed by different tables. Questions to be addressed at different groups</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • cooperation models – integration into alliances • teaching & learning • students-centred activities, mobilities • research cooperation • staff exchange & capacity building • funding & fundraising
10:30	Coffee break
10:50	<p>Future co-operation. Opportunities, challenges, approaches, support. World cafe discussions</p> <p>3 rounds @ 20 min each</p>

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11:50	Reports from the World cafe groups, main conclusions 6 groups @ ca 5 min each, with the online presence and in dialogue with Mr. Adrien Olszak-Olszewski, DG EAC policy officer for Ukraine
12:30	Summary of conclusions Further steps of the FOREU4ALL TG Ukraine
12:45	Final words, farewell
13:00	End of the workshop

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