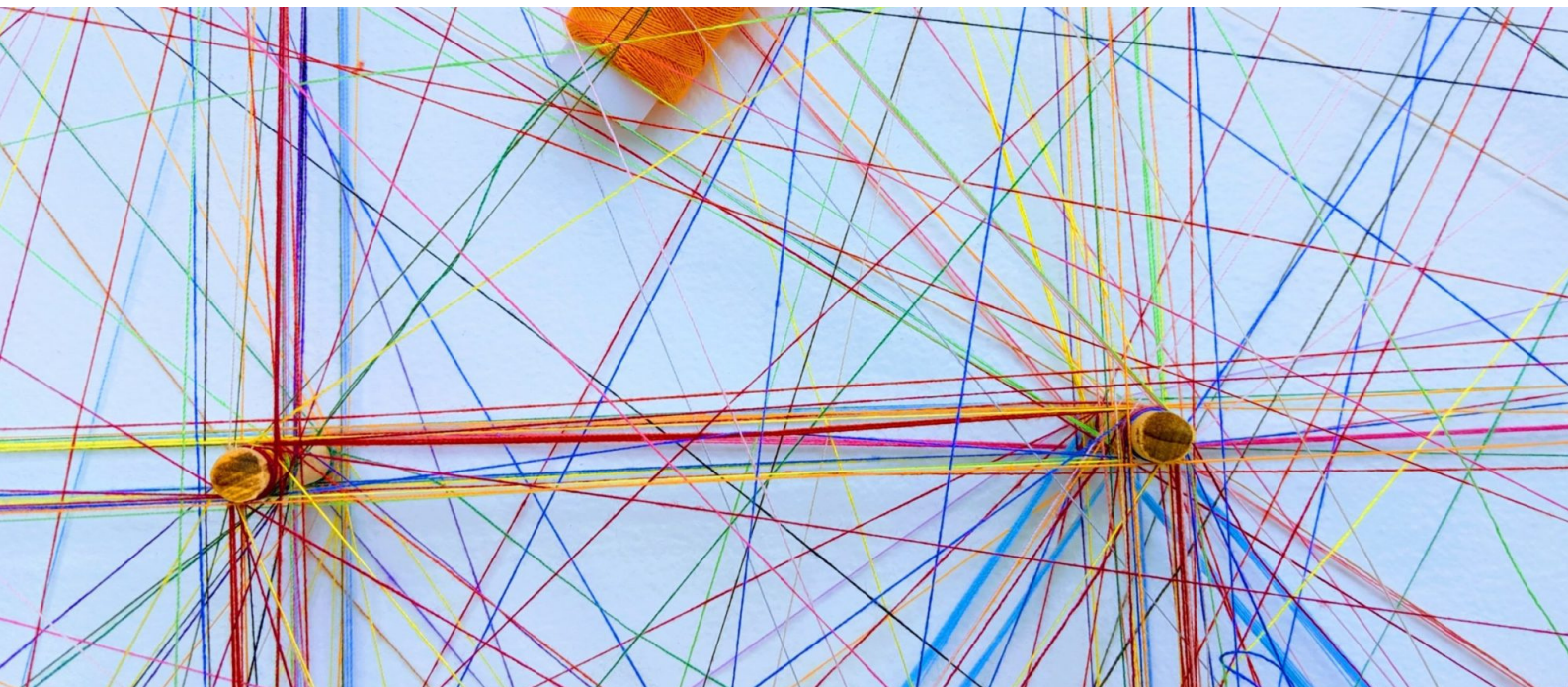




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# Link EDU-RES 2nd Multiplier Event

International Collaboration at Doctoral  
Level in European University Alliances  
and Networks

**15 June 2022**

10:00 – 16:00 CEST

📍 Rue du Trône 62 (7th floor), Brussels

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10:00 - 10:30	<b>Registration and Morning Coffee</b>
10:30 - 10:45	<b>Welcome and introductions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Silvia Gomez Recio, YERUN Secretary General</li></ul>
10:45 - 11:00	<b>The LINK EDU-RES project</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dr. Pieter Spooren, Head of the Research Affairs Office, University of Antwerp</li></ul>
11:00 - 11:30	<b>Guidelines for joint programmes at doctoral level</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dr. Margot Chauliac, Policy Advisor, University of Antwerp</li></ul>
11:30 - 12:30	<b>Discussion - How can university alliances and networks promote joint programmes and collaborations at Doctoral Level?</b> <p><i>Moderated by Silvia Gomez</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Emily Palmer, Secretary-General Una Europa</li><li>• Prof. Alessandra Carucci, Vice-Rector for International Affairs, University of Cagliari and member of EDUC SHARE Steering Committees</li><li>• Dr. Pieter Spooren, YUFE/DIOSI</li><li>• Prof. Adriana Zait, University Alexandru Ioan Cuza Iasi and vice-chair of Coimbra Doctoral Studies working group</li><li>• Dr. Alexander Hasgall, Head of the EUA Council for Doctoral Education</li></ul>
12:30 - 14:00	<b>Lunch Break (IoSono Piemonte)</b> 📍
14:00 - 14:50	<b>Towards a European Degree: a pilot scheme under the European Strategy for Universities</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Yann-Maël Bideau, Policy Officer DG EAC, Higher Education Unit, European Commission</li></ul>
14:50 - 15:50	<b>Discussion - What does successful cross-border collaboration at doctoral level need? Frameworks and funding</b> <p><i>Moderated by Silvia Gomez</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Prof. Sanja Bahun, Dean of Postgraduate Research and Education, University of Essex</li><li>• Marco Poli, Early Career Researcher, University of Torino</li><li>• Prof. Dr. Eva-Maria Feichtner, Vice-President International and Diversity, University of Bremen</li><li>• Dr. Sohail Luka, Policy Officer, DG EAC, Marie Skłodowska Curie Actions, European Commission</li></ul>
15:50 - 16:00	<b>Conclusions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dr. Pieter Spooren, Head of the Research Affairs Office, University of Antwerp</li></ul>
16:00 - 17:00	<b>Networking Reception (IoSono Piemonte)</b> 📍

# Speakers' bios



Dr. Pieter Spooren

Pieter Spooren is Head of the Research Affairs Office at the University of Antwerp and coordinator of YERUN's Link EDU-RES project. He obtained master's degrees in Educational Sciences (KULeuven, 2002) and Quantitative Analysis in the Social Sciences (KULeuven, 2011), and a PhD in Social Sciences (University of Antwerp, 2012). As Head of the Research Affairs Office and former Head of the Antwerp Doctoral School he is actively involved in several (inter)national projects aimed at enriching research environments and developing tailor-made doctoral programmes that enable PhD researchers to acquire both research skills and transferable skills.



Dr. Margot Chauillac

Margot Chauillac is Policy Advisor and responsible for the international projects in which the Antwerp Doctoral School of the University of Antwerp is involved. Besides YUFE, she is also closely connected to YERUN's Link EDU-RES project. Margot obtained a master's degree in Multilingual Professional Communication (2015) at the University of Antwerp. At this university, she also received her doctoral degree in Training and Education Sciences (2020).



Silvia Gomez

Silvia Gomez is the first Secretary General of YERUN since October 2016, when the network opened its Brussels office. She is responsible for the strategic leadership, networking actions and the implementation of the network's strategy. The Young European Research University Network (YERUN) is a group of like-minded young research universities in Europe that strengthens and facilitates cooperation in areas of research, education and services to society. At present, YERUN includes 22 member universities.



Emily Palmer

Emily Palmer is the Secretary-General of Una Europa since April 2019. Between 2014 and 2019 she has been Head of the Brussels Office of the EuroTech Universities Alliance, for which she also worked as Advisor between 2012 and 2014. She also served as European Officer at the South West UK Brussels Office (2006-2011), as European Policy Assistant for West Midlands in Europe (2004-2006), and in 2003 she was stagiaire at DG Education and Culture, European Commission. Emily holds a degree and Jean Monnet Prize in European Studies, from the University of Sussex.



Prof. Alessandra  
Carucci

Alessandra Carucci is Full Professor in Sanitary-Environmental Engineering at the University of Cagliari. She has published more than 150 papers, mostly in international journals and derived from experimental works, and has coordinated several national and European research projects. She is expert evaluator for the EU Framework Programmes. At the University of Cagliari she has been Dean of the Faculty of Engineering and Architecture, Director of the Doctoral School in Environmental Engineering and Science and, since 2015, she is Vice-Rector for International Affairs.



Dr. Alexander Hasgall

Alexander Hasgall is Head of the EUA Council for Doctoral Education (EUA-CDE). He is responsible for the largest European network in this field, covering 36 countries and bringing together a community of academic leaders and professionals from 265 Universities awarding doctoral degrees and institutions working on issues related to doctoral education. Before assuming this position, he coordinated the Swiss University Rectors conference's "performances de la recherche en sciences humaines et sociales" programme on research evaluation in the social sciences and humanities". Alexander Hasgall studied philosophy and history at the University of Zurich and the Free University of Berlin. He wrote his Doctorate at the University in Zurich on the topic «Regimes of Recognition. Struggles over truth and justice in dealing with the last military dictatorship in Argentina». Outside of the higher education sector, Alexander acquired different working experiences incl. being a human rights observer in Guatemala and working as a freelance journalist.



Prof. Adriana Zait

Adriana Zait is the vice-chair of the Coimbra Group Doctoral Studies working group. She is professor and director of the Doctoral School of Economics and Business Administration from University Alexandru Ioan Cuza Iasi, Romania. She holds a PhD in econometrics and teaches business research methods, intercultural management, services marketing and public relations. As PhD theses coordinator in Marketing, she supervised more than 30 doctoral students from 2007 to the present and has been member in more than 30 doctoral coordination commissions. Her main interests are in ensuring an interdisciplinary and intercultural education for doctoral students, in a research environment in quest of a better adaptation to the complexity, volatility and incertitude of our world.



Yann-Maël Bideau

Yann-Maël Bideau is a Policy Officer in the Higher Education Unit of the Directorate General for Education, Youth, Sport and Culture, in the European Commission. Yann-Maël is currently mainly working on micro-credentials and the joint European degree label. Before joining the European Commission in 2019, he worked as a language teacher and in the field of university cooperation in France, Czechia, Slovakia and Belgium.



Dr. Sohail Luka

Sohail Luka works as Policy Officer in the Marie Skłodowska Curie Actions, European Commission. Dr. Luka received his B.Sc. degree in Microbiology and Chemistry from Ain Shams University in Cairo in 1986 and his Ph.D. in Molecular Microbial Genetics from the University of Tennessee, USA. Since then, he has occupied several academic positions in Egypt (National Research Centre, Agricultural Genetic Engineering Research Institute, and Mubarak City for Science and Technology). Between 1994-1997 he acted as a Visiting Professor in Molecular Genetics at the International Institute for Genetics and Biophysics (Italian National Research Council). In 1997, he moved from academia to the Industry joining Procter & Gamble company. He is the author of many scientific articles in international peer-reviewed journals as well as book chapters in the scientific literature. Dr. Luka speaks Arabic, English, Italian and French. He is a musician of classical Arabic music and a Judo coach. He has had a musical release in the USA and two published food recipes.



Prof. Dr.  
Eva-Maria Feichtner

Eva-Maria Feichtner received a Ph.D. in mathematics from the TU Berlin, Germany, in 1997. After postdoctoral appointments at MIT and at the Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, she was an assistant professor at ETH Zurich and was awarded a research professorship from the Swiss National Science Foundation. In 2006, she was appointed professor of topology at the University of Stuttgart, Germany; since 2007, she is a professor of algebra at the University of Bremen, Germany. Eva-Maria Feichtner serves as Vice President International and Diversity at the University of Bremen, Germany, since October 2017.



Prof. Sanja Bahun

Sanja Bahun is the University Dean of Postgraduate Research and Education and Professor of Literature and Film at the University of Essex, UK. Professor Bahun is the author and editor of more than ten books and numerous articles in her areas of expertise. Her research has been supported and funded by the EU, AHRC, HEFCE, and other funders, and her books and articles have been part of the higher education curricula at the universities in the USA, India, the Republic of Korea, South Africa, Russia, Netherlands, Sweden, Cyprus, Serbia, and the UK. She has an international profile as a speaker, researcher, and higher education evaluator. She is Fellow of UK Higher Education Academy, serves at the UK Council for Graduate Education, on Strategy Boards of two UK Doctoral Training Partnerships, and as a co-leader of YUFE Work Package 4 on Staff Mobility. Sanja coordinates the University of Essex contribution to the LINK EDU-RES project.



Marco Poli

Marco Poli is a joint PhD researcher at the Universities of Turin and Antwerp. He works as a teaching assistant in Private Law and Family Law at the University of Turin, and as external research collaborator at Collegio Carlo Alberto. His research interests lie primarily in the field of family law, from a comparative and interdisciplinary perspective.



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