

Higher education transformation: alliances as a strategic direction

programme

2021 12 09
9:00–12:30 (CET)

- 8:45–9:00 Registration / connection
- 9:00–9:05 Welcome speech, **Eugenijus Valatka**, KTU Rector
- 9:05–9:15 Welcome speech, **Jurgita Šiugždinienė**, Minister of Education, Science and Sport
- 9:15–9:30 European Universities: How to make a success out of a fuzzy concept, for ourselves and for others
Peter van der Hijden, *Independent Advisor on Higher Education Strategy, Brussels*
- 9:35–9:50 EU university networks: Important assets with a potential impact on skills development and economy in Lithuania
Dr. Danica Ramljak, *Senior Science and Innovation Consultant of World Bank Group for Finance, Competitiveness and Innovation*
- 9:55–10:10 The European degree as an opportunity for Europe's education
Màrius Martínez, *Vicerektor for International Relations at Autonomous University of Barcelona, President of ECIU*
- 10:15–10:25 **Break**
- 10:25–10:40 Journey of a European Universities Alliance – from dream to reality
Dr. Daniela Trani, *Director of the Young Universities for the Future of Europe (YUFE) Alliance*
- 10:45–11:00 Quality assurance in Europe – How can we dismantle obstacles to support cross-border cooperation?
Colin Tück, *Director of European Quality Assurance Register for Higher Education (EQAR)*
- 11:05–11:20 EUI: Breakthrough potential
Andrius Zalitis, *An advisor to the Minister of Education, Science and Sport*
- 11:25–11:35 **Break**
- 11:35–12:30 Discussion

Creating value through university alliances: are higher education and business ready for change?

Moderator: **Dovydas Pancerovas**, *journalist, writer*

Participants:

Gintautas Jakštas – *Deputy Minister for Education, Science and Sport*

Elijus Čivilis – *CEO of Invest Lithuania*

Klaudijus Melys – *Alumnus of Vilnius University*

Representative of the Ministry of Economy and Innovation

