



Dear Sir or Madam,

The Minister for Science, Research and Arts of the State of Baden-Württemberg, Theresia Bauer MdL, cordially invites you to the following online event:

## "European University Alliances: European Lighthouses at the Heart of Regional Innovation Ecosystems"

on Tuesday, 08 December 2020, from 11:30 a.m.

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from the Representation of the State of Baden-Württemberg to the European Union.

The European University Alliances are beacons of European cooperation. They have been designed as bottom-up networks to foster EU wide collaboration, mobility and excellence. As cornerstones of their regional ecosystem they can also moderate a reinforced dialogue with the local society and industry. Encouraged by their success story, the European Commission intends to take this vision to the next level and revealed plans of a structural change for all European universities based on the experience of the "European University Alliances". The Trio-Presidency is preparing Council Conclusions on the future of the alliances.

We will discuss the plans for the structural change from a regional, national and European point of view and will also look at best practice examples. Representatives from five European University Alliances will share their views and ideas on successful implementation and instruments with us.

### Programme

11:30 a.m. Welcoming address

**Theresia Bauer MdL**, Minister for Science, Research and Arts of the State of Baden-Württemberg

afterwards Opening remarks

**Mariya Gabriel**, Commissioner for Innovation, Research, Culture, Education and Youth, European Commission

11:45 a.m. Keynote speech

**Manuel Heitor**, Minister for Science, Technology and Higher Education, Portugal

12:00 p.m. Panel discussion with

**Dr. Simone Schwanitz**, Head of Department, Ministry of Science, Research and Arts of the State of Baden-Württemberg

**Peter Greisler**, Head of Department, Federal Ministry of Education and Research

**Sophia Eriksson-Waterschoot**, Director, Directorate-General for Education, Youth, Sport and Culture, European Commission

Moderation: **Dr. Julia Stamm**, Founder and Director, Science Leads, Berlin

afterwards Q&A with the audience

12:55 p.m. Closing remarks

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The event will be held in English. A simultaneous interpretation into German will be provided.

We kindly ask you to use this [link](#) for your registration. You will receive the link to access the livestream in your confirmation email upon your registration.

We look forward to your participation!

Yours sincerely,

Bodo Lehmann  
Head of the Representation of the State of Baden-Württemberg  
to the European Union



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