

E³UDRES²

Engaged and Entrepreneurial European University as
Driver for European Smart and Sustainable Regions



E³UDRES² INTERNATIONAL STAKEHOLDERS FORUM

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WELCOME TO

E³UDRES² INTERNATIONAL STAKEHOLDERS FORUM 2025

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The E³UDRES² International Stakeholders Forum is a unique opportunity to bring together regional stakeholders from all partner universities in the E³UDRES² community. This event is designed to foster collaboration, inspire innovation, and build lasting connections across our regions. By engaging with our stakeholders, we aim to build a collaborative network, promote excellence in education and research, and develop digital solutions that benefit our regions.

E³UDRES² is driving innovation through a network of nine dynamic innovation hubs, each connected to one of its partner institutions. These hubs serve as vibrant ecosystems where academia, industry, government, and society collaborate to solve pressing regional and global challenges. By fostering interdisciplinary partnerships and knowledge exchange, the innovation hubs aim to build a unified network of stakeholders across Europe. Together, this network embodies the E³UDRES² vision of a sustainable, inclusive, and future-ready society, leveraging local strengths while creating shared global impact. To learn more about the transformative aspirations shaping Twente's future, explore the [Vision Twente 2050 video](#).



What is E³UDRES²?

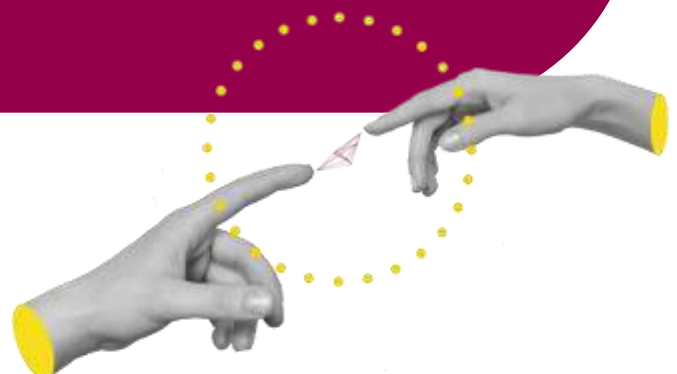
E³UDRES², the "Engaged and Entrepreneurial European University as Driver for Smart and Sustainable Regions," is a dynamic European University Alliance that connects universities, businesses, public institutions, and local communities. Our mission is to co-create innovative solutions that address regional challenges while fostering sustainable growth and resilience.

By partnering with E³UDRES², stakeholders can benefit in several ways:

- **Access Expertise:** Collaborate with a multidisciplinary network of universities and experts to tackle real-world challenges, from digital transformation to sustainability.
- **Tap into Emerging Talent:** Partner with the next generation of skilled and motivated individuals through internships, collaborative projects, and innovation initiatives. These connections offer new perspectives and practical solutions while helping to shape the workforce of the future.
- **Drive Regional Growth:** Take part in projects that foster smarter, greener, and more inclusive communities while contributing to local and regional development.
- **Participate in Innovation:** Join cutting-edge research and innovation initiatives that enhance technological advancement, develop future-ready solutions, and boost competitiveness.
- **Expand Your Network:** Build partnerships across Europe by connecting with like-minded organizations to share knowledge, resources, and best practices.

E³UDRES² is driven by a shared vision of empowering regions to thrive. Whether it's through sustainable energy solutions, smart technologies, or transformative education programs, we aim to create lasting impact that benefits communities, organizations, and economies.

Collaboration with E³UDRES² offers an opportunity to tackle challenges, innovate, and grow through meaningful partnerships and access to valuable resources and talent. Together, we can shape smarter, more resilient regions and build a brighter future.




EVENT PROGRAM

Monday 17 March 2025

12:30 – 13:00

Walk-in and registration


Start your E³UDRES² Summit experience with a warm welcome! During the walk-in and registration, participants can check in, receive their materials, and connect with fellow attendees. After completing your registration, enjoy a light lunch to fuel up for the exciting sessions ahead.

 Connect-U City Campus

13:00 – 13:30

Welcome International Stakeholders Forum by Janco Bonnink and André Roos


Join E³UDRES² executive board member Janco Bonnink, Director of Education and Student Support Center, and André Roos, Director of [Saxion's Centre for Entrepreneurship](#), as they officially welcome you to the E³UDRES² International Stakeholders Forum. Discover the vision and goals for the days ahead.

 Connect-U City Campus

13:30 – 15:00

Presentation + Tour: Abeje Mersha – Smart Mechatronics and Robotics Research Group


Explore the forefront of innovation with Abeje Mersha and [the Smart Mechatronics and Robotics Research Group](#). This session features an engaging presentation on groundbreaking research and applications, followed by an exclusive tour of their state-of-the-art facilities. Learn how their collaboration with E³UDRES² enhances research, fosters interdisciplinary innovation, and strengthens efforts to address global challenges through advanced automation and intelligent systems.

 Connect-U City Campus

15:00 – 15:30

Break


Take a moment to relax and recharge.

 Connect-U City Campus

15:30 – 16:30

Keynote: Regional Development Priorities during Recovery Period by Pedro Dominginhos – Recovery and Resilience Fund

Join [Pedro Dominginhos](#), Director of the [Recovery and Resilience Fund](#) in Portugal, for an insightful keynote. Gain insights into strategies for resilience, innovation, and sustainable growth, and understand how regions can adapt to new challenges while fostering long-term prosperity.

 Connect-U City Campus

16:30 – 18:30

Tour and Talk: Demcon – The Region and Deep Tech

Target Group: Stakeholders


Join us on a company visit to [Demcon](#) in Enschede for an inspiring session showcasing the region's thriving ecosystem and its role in advancing deep tech innovation. Discover how regional collaboration with E³UDRES² strengthens innovation and drives global impact.

 Demcon Enschede

18:30 – 19:30

Networking Moment in Café Setting


Relax and connect with fellow participants in a casual café setting. This networking moment offers a unique opportunity to engage with experts, exchange ideas, and explore potential collaborations.

 Connect-U City Campus

19:30 – 21:00

Dinner and Wrap-Up Speech: Martin Bennink

Join us for a delicious dinner and wrap-up speech by [Martin Bennink](#). Martin will reflect on the key insights and discussions from the day. This is the perfect opportunity to unwind, network, and leave with fresh perspectives on how E³UDRES² is shaping tomorrow's solutions.

 Connect-U City Campus


09:00 – 12:30

Tuesday

18 March 2025

Science Festival

9:00–9:15 – Welcome and Introduction to the Innovation Hubs of E³UDRES² by Henny Oude Maatman, lead for Work Package 5 ‘Regional Innovation Hubs’

 Central Hall – Saxion Enschede, Ko Wierenga building

9:15–10:15 – Market for the Different Hubs to Present Themselves

 Central Hall – Saxion Enschede, Ko Wierenga building

10:15–10:30 – Short Introduction to the 4 Prospective Applied Centers of Excellence by Raquel Barreira, site coordinator E³UDRES² at IPS

 Central Hall – Saxion Enschede, Ko Wierenga building

10:30–11:30 – Breakout Sessions Round 1

Engage in the first round of breakout sessions, where participants can delve into the core themes of the four Prospective Applied Centers of Excellence. These interactive discussions will explore the latest trends and research in each area, fostering collaboration and idea generation. The four breakout sessions will be:

1. Emerging Technologies of Experience Design in Arts & Culture

 O1.26 – Saxion Enschede, Edith Stein building

2. I²RS: Intelligent Integral Robotic Systems

 P1.17 – Saxion Enschede, Edith Stein building

3. Business Modelling for Managing Sustainability in a Circular and Climate Neutral Economy

 Q0.10 – Saxion Enschede, Edith Stein building

4. European Center for Digital health and Social Innovation (ECDHSI)

 Q0.18 – Saxion Enschede, Edith Stein building

11:30–12:30 – Breakout Sessions Round 2

Continue the conversation with the second round of breakout sessions.

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11:30–12:30 – Future Sighting Workshop: Stakeholders Engagement, needs and perspectives

This interactive workshop explores stakeholder needs and perspectives in shaping the future alliance. Engage in dynamic discussions on collaboration, innovation, and strategic alignment to ensure impactful and sustainable engagement within the E³UDRES² ecosystem.

 Saxion University of Applied Sciences

12:30 – 15:30

Parallel program

Option 1: Lunch + Visit Twente Board, Economic Development Agency

Target Group: Public Stakeholders

Enjoy a delightful lunch while networking with peers during a visit to the [Twente Board](#), where key leaders will share their vision for the region's growth and innovation strategies. Here, public sector stakeholders explore how regional development and public-private collaboration are driving sustainable growth and shaping the future of technology and innovation in the region.

 Twente Board

Option 2: Lunch + Visit VDL Energy Systems Almelo

Target Group: SMEs

Join us for a networking lunch at [VDL Almelo](#), followed by an exclusive company visit. Get an inside look at this leading high-tech manufacturing company, explore innovation in practice, and connect with industry professionals in a dynamic setting.

 VDL Almelo

15:30 – 16:00

Keynote: Humans and AI by Johan de Heer - Thales

Join Johan de Heer, Director of Research & Innovation at [Thales](#), as he explores the evolving relationship between humans and artificial intelligence. This keynote will delve into the impact of AI on society, innovation, and the workforce, highlighting both opportunities and challenges. Discover how the work being done in this field can make a meaningful and positive contribution to our future.

 Harry Bannink Theater - Saxion Enschede, Ko Wierenga building

16:00 – 17:00

Panel Discussion: Moderated by Michal Karpíšek

Join us for an engaging panel discussion, moderated by Michal Karpíšek, featuring both stakeholders and members from the E³UDRES² community. Together, they will discuss key challenges and opportunities in regional development, innovation, and collaboration within the E³UDRES² network, offering valuable insights from various perspectives.

 Harry Bannink Theater - Saxion Enschede, Ko Wierenga building

17:00 – 18:30

Optional Program

17:00 – 18:30 Option 1: Guided City Tour

Join us for an optional guided city tour of Enschede, where an expert guide will lead you through the city's key historical sites, modern innovations, and cultural landmarks. This immersive experience offers a unique opportunity to learn about the city's evolution, from its industrial roots to its current role as a hub of technology and innovation. It's the perfect way to explore Enschede and network with fellow participants in a relaxed and informative setting.

 Gather in the Central Hall - Saxion Enschede, Ko Wierenga building


17:15 – 18:20 Option 2: Studium Generale - Ancestors

Ancestors is a unique journey six generations into the future, where you'll explore how today's choices shape tomorrow's world. Using AI and guided by your smartphone, you'll connect with others in unexpected ways to discover possible futures and face big questions around climate, technology, and society. It's fun, immersive, and will leave you thinking long after the experience ends. Join us for an adventure into the future!

 Gather in the Central Hall - Saxion Enschede, Ko Wierenga building

18:30 – 20:30

17:00 – 18:00 Option 3: Networking moment

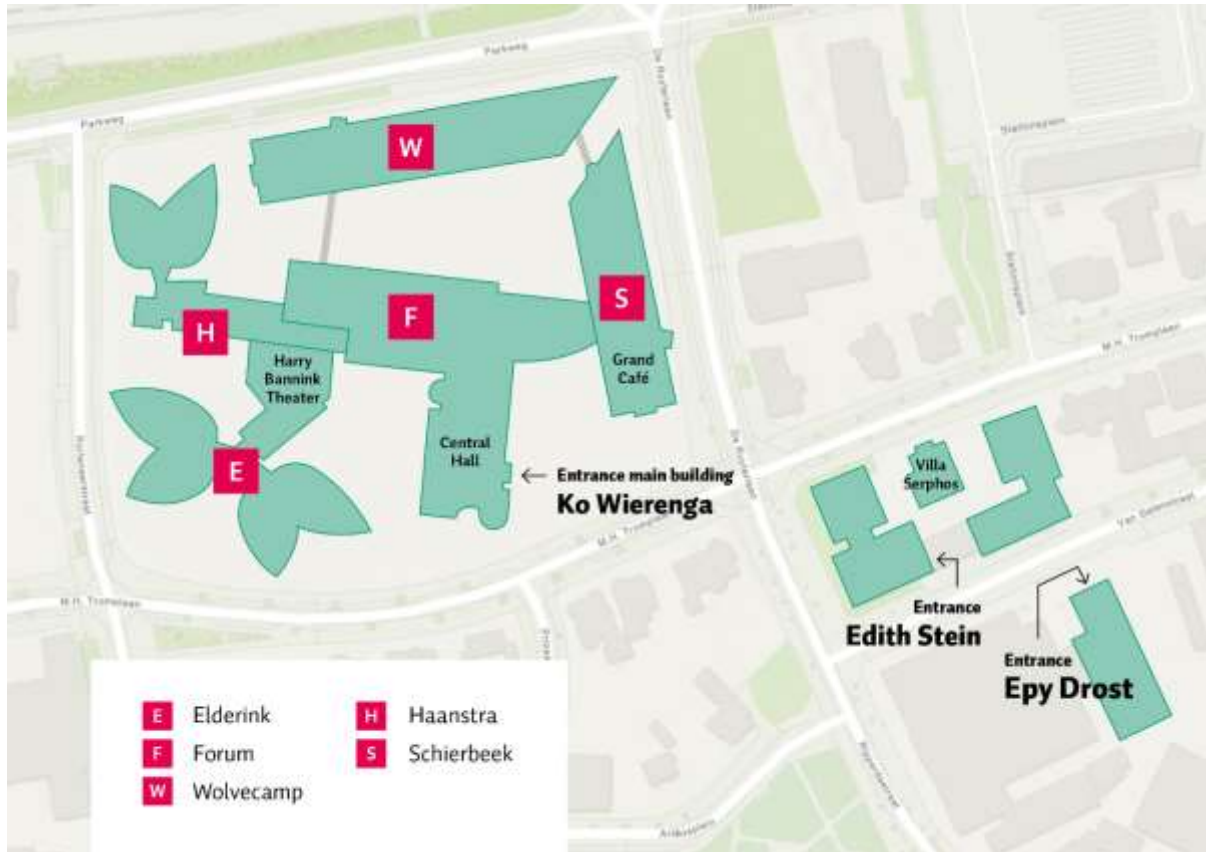
 Grand Café – Saxion Enschede, Ko Wierenga building

Dinner

Enjoy a special dinner hosted by Saxion, where you can unwind and network in a relaxed setting. This dinner provides an opportunity to engage with fellow participants, speakers, and stakeholders while savoring a delicious meal. It's a perfect way to foster connections and reflect on the inspiring discussions and experiences of the day.

 Souterrain – Saxion Enschede, Edith Stein building

LOCATIONS



Saxion University of Applied Sciences

Ko Wierenga building

M.H. Tromplaan 28
7513 AB Enschede

Edith Stein Building

Van Galenstraat 20
7511 JL Enschede

Villa Serphos

M. H. Tromplaan 17
7511 JJ Enschede

Connect-U City Campus

Ariënsplein 1
7511 JX Enschede

Restaurants in Enschede

Want to grab a bite together outside of the Summit program? The following restaurants are a fitting place for a dinner together. We do advice you to make a reservation beforehand.

Bar Bistro Love

Shared dining with an Asian Twist

A: Oude Markt 3A, 7511 GA Enschede

W: enschede.loev.nl

NOVI Italiaans

Italian

A: Oude Markt 2, 7511 GA Enschede

W: www.novi-enschede.nl

Pizzeria La Candela

Traditional Italian

A: Boulevard 1945 292, 7511 AJ Enschede

W: www.pizzerialacandela.nl

Het Paradijs

Vegan

A: Nicolaas Beetsstraat 48, 7514 CW
Enschede

W: www.hetparadijs.com

SamSam

A: Oude Markt 15-17, 7511 GA Enschede

W: www.samsam-enschede.nl

Fabels

Varied cuisines

A: Oude Markt 4, 7511 GA Enschede

W: www.fabels-enschede.nl

Moeke Enschede

Varied cuisines

A: Oude Markt 8, 7511 GA Enschede

W: moeke.nl/enschede

Loetje

A: Parkweg 49, 7513 CN, Enschede

W: www.loetje.nl

The Saloon

South American cuisine

A: Walstraat 63, 7511 GG Enschede

W: the-saloon.nl

Steakhouse El Gaucho

A: Walstraat 73-75, 7511 GG Enschede

W: www.el-gaicho-enschede.nl

Twentsche Foodhal

Varied cuisines

A: Hoge Bothofstraat 39a, 7511 ZA
Enschede

W: twentschefoodhal.nl

KEEP IN TOUCH

For an easy point of contact with the organization and other participants, please join the WhatsApp-group for the International Stakeholders Forum.



CONTACT

Do you have any further questions about the event or need help for anything related to your stay here, you can reach out to:

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