

E³UDRES²

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



E³UDRES² INTERNATIONAL STAKEHOLDERS FORUM

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Information Booklet

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WELCOME TO

E³UDRES² INTERNATIONAL STAKEHOLDERS FORUM 2025

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Enschede, The Netherlands

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?

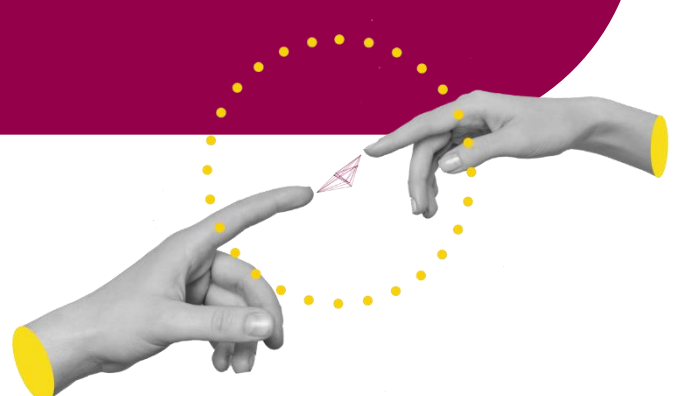
E³UDRES², the "Engaged and Entrepreneurial European University as Driver for Smart and Sustainable Regions," is a dynamic European University Alliance that connects universities, businesses, public institutions, and local communities. Our mission is to co-create innovative solutions that address regional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


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, where conversation flows freely around the latest advancements in technology. This networking moment offers a unique opportunity to engage with experts, exchange ideas, and explore potential collaborations in these cutting-edge fields.

 Connect-U City Campus

19:30 – 21:00

Dinner and Wrap-Up Speech: Martin Bennink

Join us for a delicious dinner and an inspiring 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

Tuesday

18 March 2025

09:00 – 12:30

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’

Join Henny Oude Maatman as he introduces the nine E³UDRES² Innovation Hubs, showcasing how these hubs foster regional collaboration and innovation across Europe. Learn how these hubs strengthen the network and contribute to solving global challenges.

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

Explore the diverse initiatives and projects of each Innovation Hub during this interactive market session. Representatives from each hub will present their focus areas and innovations, providing valuable insights into their contributions to the E³UDRES² network.

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

Get an overview of the four Prospective Applied Centers of Excellence within E³UDRES² by Raquel Barreira, where specialized expertise and cutting-edge research come together to tackle pressing global challenges. This brief introduction will highlight their importance in driving innovation and creating sustainable solutions.

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.

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

Continue the conversation with the second round of breakout sessions, getting to discover one of the other themes from the Prospective Applied Centers of Excellence. This is an excellent opportunity to build on insights from the first round and further explore collaborative opportunities within the E³UDRES² network.

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: Entrepreneurship competence and the needs for regional development by Lisanne Bouten and Ruud Koopman – Regional Development Research Group Saxion

Explore the crucial role of entrepreneurial competence in driving regional development. This keynote will highlight how fostering entrepreneurship can address local challenges, boost innovation, and create sustainable economic growth, ensuring regions remain competitive in a rapidly evolving landscape.

 Harry Bannink Theater – Saxion Enschede, Ko Wierenga building

15:30 – 16:00

Panel Discussion: Moderated by Michal Karpíšek

Join us for an engaging panel discussion, moderated by Michal Karpíšek, featuring a diverse group of experts. 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

17:00 – 18:10 Option 2: Studium Generale – Ancestors

All universities in the Netherlands and some universities of applied sciences have a Studium Generale department. Throughout the year, Studium Generale organizes public programs at the intersection of science, society and culture. Through debates, discussion dinners, talk shows and experiments, Studium Generale fuels the conversation about all kinds of burning issues. Free and open to everyone who wants to get beyond the issues of the day. During the E³UDRES² Spring Summit, Studium Generale hosts The Smartphone Orchestra with their event *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!

 Connect-U City Campus

18:30 – 20:30

Dinner

Enjoy a special dinner hosted by Saxion, where you can unwind and network in a relaxed setting. This exclusive 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.

 Grand Café – Saxion Enschede, Ko Wierenga building

WELCOME TO ENSCHEDE

Nestled in the eastern region of the Netherlands, Enschede is a vibrant city known for its rich history, modern innovation, and welcoming atmosphere. Once a hub for the textile industry, Enschede has transformed into a dynamic center for education, culture, and technology. With excellent connectivity to major cities in the Netherlands and Germany, Enschede serves as a gateway to exploring both Dutch and European culture.

In 2025, Enschede will celebrate 700 years since being granted city rights in 1325, a milestone in its rich history dating back to the Middle Ages. From enduring wars and a great fire to thriving as a textile hub, Enschede has grown into a vibrant, multicultural city. This anniversary honors its heritage and diversity, showcasing its role as the heart of the region.

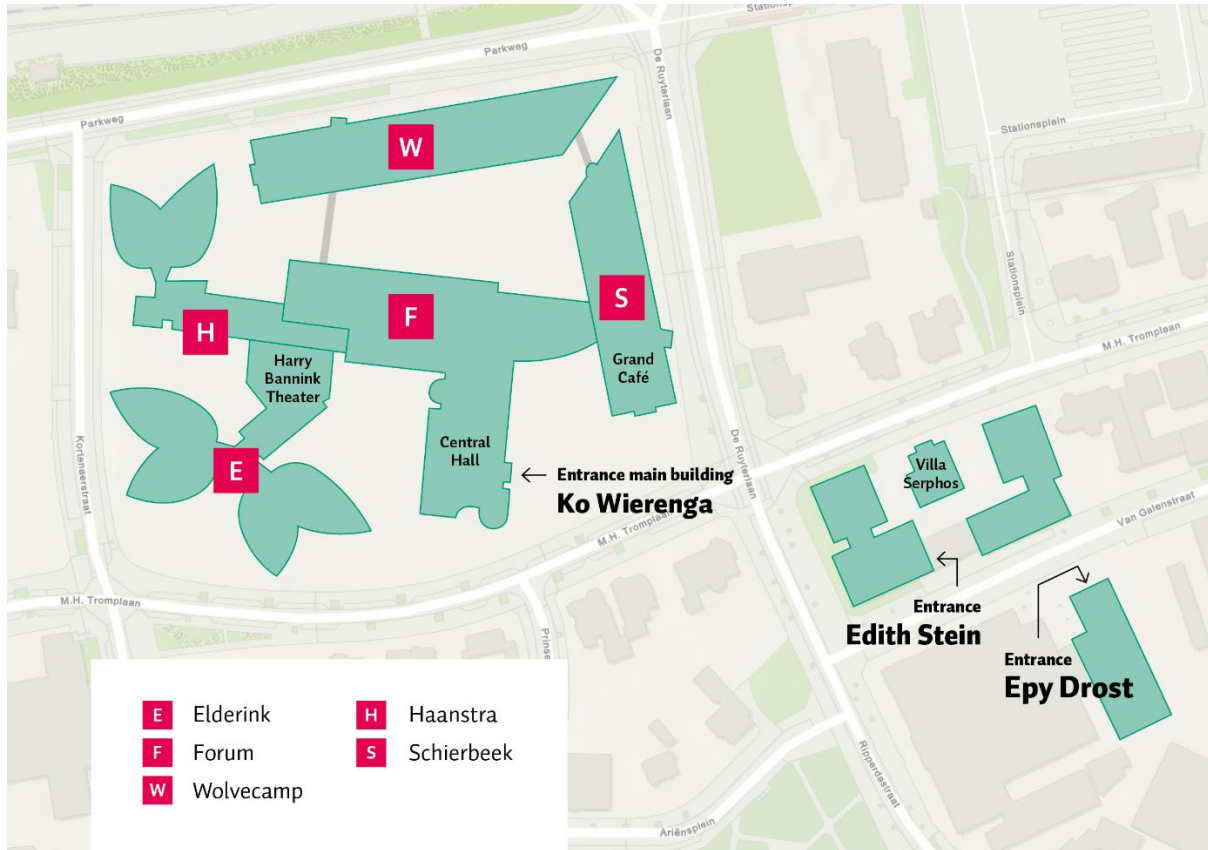


About Saxion University of Applied Sciences

Saxion University of Applied Sciences is one of the largest institutions of higher education in the Netherlands, with a history dating back to 1875. Saxion is renowned for its focus on innovation, entrepreneurship, and sustainability. The university offers a wide range of programs and emphasizes practical, real-world applications in its education and research initiatives.

As a proud member of the E³UDRES² alliance, Saxion actively fosters international collaborations and plays a pivotal role in creating solutions for societal challenges. With campuses in Enschede, Deventer, and Apeldoorn, Saxion attracts students from around the globe. To learn more about our story, watch [our introductory video](#).

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

Traveling to Enschede

As a part of our commitment to sustainability, we encourage all attendees to consider environmentally friendly travel options. Small changes in how we travel can collectively make a big difference for our planet.

Travel by train:

The Netherlands boasts an excellent train network. Enschede is easily accessible by international trains, including connections from Germany (via Deutsche Bahn) and Belgium (via NS International). If you're coming from farther away, explore high-speed options like Eurostar or Thalys.

Travel by bus:

Long-distance bus services like FlixBus provide affordable, eco-friendly travel to Enschede from major European cities.

Travel by plane:

Fly to Amsterdam Schiphol Airport (AMS)

From Schiphol, take a direct train to Enschede (or via Amersfoort or Utrecht). The train journey takes ~2.5 hours.

Alternative: Fly to Eindhoven Airport (EIN)

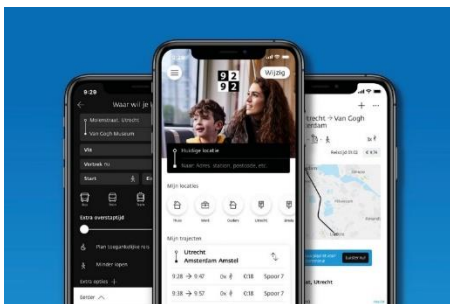
From Eindhoven Airport, take a train to Enschede via Utrecht. The train journey takes ~3 hours.

Alternative: Fly to Düsseldorf International Airport (DUS)

From Düsseldorf, take a train via Duisburg or Oberhausen to Enschede. Travel time: ~2–2.5 hours by train.

9292

Plan your travel by public transport in the Dutch public transport travel planner '9292'. You can do this either by visiting the website www.9292.nl/en or download the '9292' app on your phone.



Staying in Enschede

There are several accommodations available for your stay in Enschede. Below you can find the different options and how you can book a room:

Intercity Hotel

Hotel next to the train station in Enschede.

P: €140,00 per night per room

A: Willem Wilminkplein 5, 7511 PG Enschede

W: <https://hrewards.com/nl/intercityhotel-enschede>

Rooms can be booked by filling in the attached form and sending the completed form to

enschede@intercityhotel.com before 22-02-2025.

U Parkhotel

Hotel on the University of Twente campus.

P: starting €135,00 per night per room

A: De Veldmaat 8, 7522 NM Enschede

W: <https://www.uparkhotel.nl/>

You can book a room by giving the code "GA001273" when booking via

bookings@uparkhotel.nl of +31 (0)53 466 1366.

Van der Valk Hotel Enschede

Close to the city centre, on the south side of Enschede.

P: starting €150,00 per night per room

A: Zuiderval 140, 7543 EZ Enschede

W:

<https://www.vandervalkhotelenschede.nl/>

Hotel Moloko

A self-service 'sleep and shower hotel' with lots of comfort.

P: €108,00 - €145,00 per night per room

A: De Coöperatie 19, 7514 JK Enschede

W: <https://hotelmoloko.nl/>

Little Monkey Hostel

Modern Hostel, offering both private beds in a shared room, as well as private rooms with double or twin beds.

P: €37,00 per night in a shared room, €100,00 per night for one 2-person private room.

A: Stadsgravenstraat 17, 7511 EP Enschede

W: <https://www.littlemonkeyhostel.com/>

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-gaucho-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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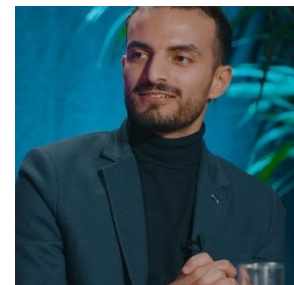
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