

EVENT PROGRAM


12:30 – 13:00

Monday – International Stakeholders Forum

17 March 2025

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 and manager of Saxion's Centre for Entrepreneurship André Roos as they officially welcome you to the E³UDRES² International Stakeholders Forum. This session sets the tone for the summit, highlighting the importance of collaboration and innovation in shaping the future. 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: Pedro Dominginhos – Recovery and Resilience Fund


Join **Pedro Dominginhos**, Director of the Recovery and Resilience Fund in Portugal, for an insightful keynote. He will share his expertise on driving resilience and innovation through collaborative efforts, emphasizing strategies for sustainable growth that resonate with global and regional stakeholders. This session will provide valuable perspectives for fostering impactful, cross-border partnerships.

 Connect-U City Campus

16:30 – 18:30

Tour and Talk: Company Visit – The Region and Deep Tech – to be confirmed


Join us on a company visit 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.

 To be announced

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. Explore key themes like Nanotechnology, Smart Mechatronics, Lightweight Construction, Ambient Intelligence, and Extended Reality Labs. This networking moment offers a unique opportunity to engage with experts and innovators, 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. As the evening unfolds, Martin will reflect on the key insights and discussions from the summit, highlighting the importance of collaboration and innovation in driving future progress. 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

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Science Festival

The Science Festival kicks off with a warm welcome and introduction to the Innovation Hubs of E³UDRES² by Luís Coelho. This session will set the stage for an exciting day of discovery and collaboration.

9:00–9:15 – Welcome and Introduction to the Innovation Hubs of E³UDRES² by Luís Coelho

Join Luís Coelho 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

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.

 Saxion University of Applied Sciences

12:30 – 15:30

Parallel Program


Option 1: Lunch + Visit Twente Board

Take a break and enjoy a delightful lunch while networking with peers. Afterward, participate in a visit to the Twente Board, where key leaders will share their vision for the region's growth and innovation strategies. This is an excellent opportunity for public sector stakeholders to 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 + Company visit – to be confirmed

Targeted at SMEs, this session combines a networking lunch with an exclusive visit to a local company (to be announced). Gain insights into regional business practices, foster connections, and explore opportunities for collaboration in a dynamic setting.

 To be announced

15:30 – 16:00

Keynote: Regional impact Assessment and Impact for Regions on a European Level by Lisanne Bouten – Associate Lector at the Regional Development Research Group

Join the E³UDRES² community for an inspiring keynote where Lisanne Bouten from the Research Group in Regional Development will tell you all about regional impact assessments and their significance at both local and European levels. Discover how initiatives within the E³UDRES² network can create profound impact, and explore the potential for enhanced collaboration between regions across Europe.

 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.

17:00 – 18:30

 Harry Bannink Theater – Saxion Enschede, Ko Wierenga building

Optional: 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

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