

INTERDISCIPLINARITY FOR THE NET-ZERO TRANSITION

Online Symposium

COP27 LEAD-UP EVENT



WHEN

3 November 2022

14.00–17.00 CET

13.00–16.00 GMT

WHERE

Online event

REGISTER

Registration is available at scieur.org/cop27-symposium-registration

BACKGROUND

This joint event aims to take stock of the [Call to Action to research and higher education organisations for the Net-Zero Transition](#) launched at COP26 in 2021, and show that only ‘acting together’ the research and higher education systems can contribute to this goal. This year’s topic is ‘interdisciplinarity’ to foster, underpin and encourage cooperation between the various actors. The event aims to focus on the concrete actions for the Net-Zero Transition, as performed by the different types of actors of the research system (universities, research funding and performing organisations, and policymakers).

OBJECTIVES

This event has the following objectives:

- Present the engagement of the promoting organisations for the Net-Zero Transition to their membership/constituencies.
- Take stock of the progress of the Call to Action and the partners’ commitment to its cause
- Engage other actors of the (European) research and higher education systems for the Net-Zero Transition.
- Advocate with stakeholders the importance of acting together.

The overarching goal is to show the importance of acting together presenting concrete interdisciplinary actions for the Net-Zero Transition.

PARTICIPANTS

This open, online event is intended to act as a catalyst for universities, university leaders, research funding and performing organisations, researchers, and policymakers on how to effectively contribute to ecological, economic and social sustainability through global collaboration.

PROGRAMME

THURSDAY 3 NOVEMBER 2022

All times are in CET.

14.00–14.05

OPENING AND WELCOME

Lidia BORRELL-DAMIÁN, Secretary General of Science Europe

14.05–14.50

First Panel

INTERDISCIPLINARY ACTIONS FOR THE NET-ZERO TRANSITION: THE VIEWS OF RESEARCH FUNDERS AND UNIVERSITIES

Moderator

Douglas HALLIDAY, Durham University & EUA Green Deal task-and-finish group

Speakers

Melissa BROWN GOODALL, Senior Director of the Environmental Innovations Initiative at the University of Pennsylvania and member of the International Sustainable Campus Network, ISCN

Alberto GARRIDO, Vice-Rector for Quality and Efficiency at Universidad Politécnica de Madrid & Secretary of CESAER Task Force Sustainability

Matthew LAWSON, University of Edinburgh & Coordinator of the UNICA Green and SDGs working group

Malin MOBJÖRK, Senior Research Officer at Formas & Chair of the Science Europe's working group on the Green and Digital Transition

14.50–15.00

Break

15.00–15.45

Second Panel

INTERDISCIPLINARY ACTIONS FOR THE NET-ZERO TRANSITION: THE POLICY AND INTERNATIONAL PERSPECTIVES

Moderator

Peter KADERJAK, Head of Zero Carbon Hub (ZKK), Budapest University of Technology and Economics (BME)

Speakers

Sam BARRATT, Chief of Youth, Education and Advocacy of United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)

Pablo DEL RÍO, Researcher at CSIC (Spain) & member of the Science Europe Working Group for the Green and Digital Transition

Matt DOLF, Co-Chair of the International Health Promoting Universities and Colleges Network & University of British Columbia

Luis Alberto SERRA-BARRAGÁN, Associate Dean of Research and Executive Director of the Energy Initiative at Tecnológico de Monterrey

15.45–16.00 **Break**

16.00–17.00 **Third Panel**

ACTING TOGETHER FOR THE NET-ZERO TRANSITION

Opening Remarks & Moderator

Tim BEDFORD, Associate Principal for Research and Innovation at University of Strathclyde

Rapporteurs from First and Second Panels

Speakers

Angelika KALT, Vice-President of Science Europe

Michael MURPHY, President of EUA

Luciano SASO, President of UNICA

Gisou VAN DER GOOT, President of International Sustainable Campus Network

Rik VAN DE WALLE, President of CESAER

17.00–17.05

CONCLUDING REMARKS AND NEXT STEPS

Lidia BORRELL-DAMIÁN, Secretary General of Science Europe