

EAIE-IAU Internationalisation Leadership Dialogue

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“Leading internationalisation in turbulent times”

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Meeting internationalisation leaders' challenges

Internationalisation and global engagement in higher education are complex and constantly evolving phenomena, the approaches to which vary widely depending on institutional, national and regional contexts. What is similar across contexts, however, is the turbulent environment in which higher education institutions operate. Indeed, today's unprecedented era of polycrisis presents significant challenges and opportunities for carrying forward effective and transformational internationalisation strategies. It thus requires energised and empowered senior internationalisation leaders.

However, those with seniormost responsibility for the internationalisation / global engagement portfolio at their institutions often operate without easy or regular access to peers facing the same complex circumstances. As such, they require substantive opportunities to connect with such peers in order to reflect, exchange ideas and explore creative solutions to achieve desired outcomes.

The **EAIE-IAU Internationalisation Leadership Dialogue** is specifically designed to address this need: providing a meaningful opportunity for participants to strengthen their peer networks and engage in candid conversation with colleagues who share similar high-level responsibilities.

Key information

Participants

The Dialogue is designed for individuals with seniormost responsibility for the internationalisation / global engagement portfolio for their entire HEI (*ie* at central level). Examples of roles with this type of profile include: Vice-Rector, Vice President, Deputy/Pro Vice-Chancellor, Deputy/Vice Provost, Strategy Director etc.

Registration

Before confirmation of admission to the Dialogue, applicants are invited to submit a brief description of their current role and responsibilities to ensure alignment with the participants' profile.

Timing and duration

The Dialogue is conveniently scheduled to precede the EAIE's 35th Annual Conference & Exhibition in Gothenburg (9-12 September 2025), on **Tuesday, 09 September 2025, 09:30 – 14:30** (including lunch).

Content

The programme will be developed specifically around the interests of the confirmed participants. These interests will be gathered via a pre-event questionnaire designed to capture the core issues, challenges and concerns that the participants are keen to explore in the context of the Dialogue.

Format

The Dialogue will consist of facilitated peer-to-peer discussions and networking in a safe and confidential environment. A maximum of 25 participants will be welcomed to the Dialogue, in order to ensure high-relevance, in-depth conversation and engagement.

Anticipated outcomes

Participants in the Dialogue can expect the following outcomes:

- Gain insights from peers in different contexts
- Receive input on professional dilemmas
- Build relations with colleagues with similar high-level responsibilities

Trusted partners

The International Association of Universities (IAU) and the European Association for International Education (EAIE) are globally recognised organisations with deep expertise in the field of higher education internationalisation. They share a common understanding of internationalisation of higher education as an intentional process undertaken by universities and other higher education institutions to improve the quality of education and research and, ultimately, to achieve a better, more equitable world. The University of Gothenburg is one of the largest and most wide-ranging universities in Northern Europe. Situated in Sweden's second-largest institution and with approximately 56,000 students and 6,600 employees, it offers a vibrant academic environment across seven faculties and 38 departments.

Cost

150€ per participant to cover local organisation costs