

NAVIGATING THE EDGES

ERUA Summit 2025



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University of the Aegean,
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Daily Program Overview

Day 0

Monday, November 3, 2025

ALL DAY

**Workshop: ERUA Joint
Master on Forced
Migration**

ALL DAY

**Workshop: Boosting co-creation
in ERUA's Student Engagement –
Visions, challenges and
ways forward**

ALL DAY

**Hybrid Seminar:
Beyond Humanism**

Day 1

Tuesday, November 4, 2025

Morning Sessions

09:00–10:00 **ERUA Summit Opening**

10:00–10:30 **Coffee Break**

10:30–12:30 **9 Parallel Sessions: WP
Board Meetings**

12:30–14:00 **Lunch**

Afternoon Sessions

14:00–16:00 **Management Committee
Meeting**

14:00–17:00 **Workshop: Agents of Change I**

16:00–18:00 **Workshop: ERUA Joint
MA on Forced Migration**

18:00–19:00 **Annual Networking Student Fair**

Day 2

Wednesday, November 5, 2025

Morning Sessions

09:00–10:30	Vice Rectors on Education Meeting
	Vice Rectors on Research Meeting
	Student Board Meeting
	Workshop: ERUA Communication
10:30–11:00	Coffee Break
11:00–12:30	ERUA Accomplishments
12:30–14:00	Lunch

Afternoon Sessions

14:00–16:00	Steering Committee Meeting
	Peer to Peer Workshop
16:00–16:30	Coffee Break
14:00–17:00	Workshop: Agents of Change II
16:30–19:00	Co-creating the Alliance's Strategic Roadmap
20:00	Culture Exchange among Students (Creative ERUANers)
20:30	Rectors' Dinner

Day 3

Thursday, November 6, 2025

Morning Sessions

09:30–11:00	"Student-centered & Reformist Education"
11:00–11:30	Coffee Break
11:30–13:00	"Student-centered & Reformist Education"
13:00–14:30	Lunch

Afternoon Sessions

Round Table Discussions "Alliance for Skills, Competitiveness & Democracy"

14:30–15:30	"Innovative Education & Digitalisation"
15:30–15:45	Coffee Break
15:45–16:45	"Democracy, Social Change & Local Communities"
16:45–17:00	Coffee Break
17:00–18:00	"Engaged, Empowered, Impactful: Student Participation in re-shaping Higher Education"
20:00	Dinner

Day 4

Friday, November 7, 2025

Round Table Discussions "Sustainable Futures & Arts"

09:30–11:15	"Universities & Sustainable Communities"
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11:15–11:30	Coffee Break
11:30–13:00	"Arts, Edges & Communities"
13:00–15:00	Farewell Lunch

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Day 0

Detailed Program

Monday, November 3

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Mythical Coast Hotel

ALL DAY

Workshop: ERUA Joint Master on Forced Migration

A group of experts from ERUA universities continues its dedicated work on forming the Joint Master Program on Forced Migration.

Participants:
ERUA JMD Group of Experts

UAegean Campus

ALL DAY

Hybrid Seminar: Beyond Humanism

This session falls within the objectives of the ERUA research cluster "Confronting Crises: Beyond Forms of Humanism" and its commitment to skill development for early-career researchers.

Participants:
Early Career Researchers,
"Confronting Crises: Beyond Forms
of Humanism" Cluster Members

UAegean Campus

ALL DAY

Workshop: Boosting co-creation in ERUA's Student Engagement – Visions, challenges and ways forward

Participants will share visions for meaningful student involvement, identify current barriers, and collaboratively develop practical strategies to enhance student engagement.

Participants:
ERUA Students



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09:00–10:00 • ERUA Summit Opening

Welcoming Ceremony
Participants: ERUA members

10:00–10:30 • Coffee break

10:30–12:30 • 9 Parallel Sessions: WP Board Meetings

Internal Working Meetings for all WPs.
Participants: WP Board members

12:30–14:00 • Lunch

14:00–16:00 • Management Committee Meeting

Participants: Management Committee

14:00–17:00 • Workshop: Agents of Change I

Led by ERUA students, this workshop includes speed networking followed by activities focused on active citizenship and community engagement.

Participants: ERUA Students

16:00–18:00 • Workshop: ERUA Joint MA on Forced Migration

Participants: ERUA JMD Group of Experts

18:00–19:00 • Annual Networking Student Fair

Presentation of the three joint master's programs alongside networking opportunities for ERUA students.

Participants: ERUA Students



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Day 2

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09:00-10:30

Parallel Meetings

Vice Rectors on Education Meeting

Participants:
Vice Rectors on Education

Vice Rectors on Research Meeting

Participants:
Vice Rectors on Research

Student Board Meeting

Participants:
ERUA Students, Winter School participants

Workshop: ERUA Communication

A training session on ERUA's Communication Guidelines and Branding Key Messages, led by the Communication Committee, open to all ERUA members.

Participants:
All ERUA members

10:30-11:00

Coffee Break

11:00-12:30

ERUA Accomplishments

This session highlights ERUA's achievements through presentations and a collaborative brainstorming session to reflect and build on these successes.

Participants:
All ERUA members



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12:30-14:00 • **Lunch**14:00-16:00 • **Steering Committee Meeting**Participants:
Steering Committee**Peer to Peer Workshop**Participants:
All WP Leaders14:00-17:00 • **Workshop: Agents of Change II**

Organized and led by ERUA students, this workshop features story exchanges and a session on project management.

Participants:
ERUA Students16:00-16:30 • **Coffee Break**16:30-19:00 • **Co-creating the Alliance's Strategic Roadmap**

Strategic roadmap with input from the leadership, students, and advisory board members.

Participants:
BoR, Scientific Committee and Advisory Board20:00 • **Culture Exchange among Students
(Creative ERUANers)**Participants:
ERUA Students20:30 • **Rectors' Dinner**

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Day 3

Thursday, November 6

Open to the Public

Municipality Theatre



09:30–11:00 • “Student-centered & Reformist Education”

The Summit’s public opening is a powerful expression of the ERUA mandate and its “Navigating the Edges” vision. This session brings together students, rectors, ministers, scholars, and civic leaders to rethink higher education from the margins. Speakers and students embody ERUA’s ambition to replace traditional hierarchies with inclusive, student-centered reform. More than ceremonial, the session is a call to co-create a green, democratic university rooted in both local and European communities.

Participants:

Open to Public

All Summit & Winter school participants

Local high schools

11:00–11:30 • Coffee Break

11:30–13:00 • “Student-centered & Reformist Education”

This session marks the transition of the ERUA presidency and features a roundtable discussion with rectors on the future of the alliance. It includes key announcements and awards, highlighting new joint initiatives such as the JMD program & the social entrepreneurship course, the ERUA alumni announcement & networking fair, the students Blue Commission Manifest, digital innovations and various MoUs, demonstrating ERUA’s expanding reform impact across education, innovation, and the arts.

Participants:

Open to Public

All Summit & Winter school participants

Local high schools



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Day 3

Thursday, November 6**Open to the Public****Municipality Theatre****13:00–14:30 • Lunch**

Round Table Discussions “Alliance for Skills, Competitiveness & Democracy”

14:30–15:30 • “Innovative Education & Digitalisation”

This session explores how educational innovation, and digital transformation can support ERUA's mission to create a more interconnected, inclusive, and future-oriented university landscape. Grounded in the alliance's interdisciplinary identity, it brings together perspectives on new teaching methodologies, micro-credentials, digital reforms, and the empowerment of early-career researchers.

Participants:
Open to Public,
All Summit & Winter school participants
Local high schools

15:30–15:45 • Coffee Break**15:45–16:45 • “Democracy, Social Change & Local Communities”**

At the intersection of higher education and social responsibility, this session delves into how universities can act as engines of democratic renewal and civic transformation, shifting the focus to migration, social entrepreneurship, and intercultural engagement. The voices and projects featured here reflect lived experiences, community engagement, and collaborative responses to global and local challenges.

Participants:
Open to Public,
All Summit & Winter school participants
Local high schools

Day 3

Thursday, November 6**Open to the Public****Municipality Theatre****16:45-17:00 • Coffee Break****17:00-18:00 • “Engaged, Empowered, Impactful: Student Participation in re-shaping Higher Education”**

This session gives tangible form to one of ERUA's most defining principles: students as cocreators of the university of tomorrow. Through insights, dialogue, and examples across different European alliances, the session highlights how student participation can shape governance, improve teaching, and influence institutional strategy.

Participants:

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All Summit & Winter school participants

Local high schools

20:00 • Dinner

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Open to the Public

Chamber of Commerce



Round Table Discussions "Sustainable Futures & Arts"

09:30-11:15

• "Universities & Sustainable Communities"

Bringing sustainability into the core of university missions, this session investigates how higher education institutions can contribute to climate action, regional resilience, and the Sustainable Development Goals. Students, researchers, and practitioners present concrete initiatives where sustainability is not a peripheral concern but an integrated practice.

Participants:

Open to Public

All Summit & Winter school participants

11:15-11:30

• Coffee Break

11:30-13:00

• "Arts, Edges & Communities"

This session embodies ERUA's unique strength in the arts, humanities, and cultural innovation, foregrounding their role in educational transformation and community engagement. Participants explore artistic research, cultural policy, and film industry as forms of dialogue between the university and the world. As a closing reflection of the Summit's central metaphor, navigating the edges, this session reaffirms the importance of imagination in shaping futures that are inclusive, democratic, and rooted in shared experience.

Participants:

Open to Public

All Summit & Winter school participants

13:00-15:00 • Farewell Lunch