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GEO-AUDIT
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NOV 4, 2025
Day 1 - Tuesday

ERUA SUMMIT Opening & WPs Management Sessions

ERUA members only

Venue: University Campus
8:15: registration starts
9:00-10:00
GEO-AUDIT

Plenary Welcome 'ERUA SUMMIT OPENING'
Welcome, Opening of the working days & practical information

- **Prof. Dimitris Papageorgiou** Rector UAegean
- **Prof. Elena Theodoropoulou,** Scientific Coordinator, ERUA UAegean
- **Bruna Vives**, ERUA Secretary General
- **Maxime Cacciutolo**, ERUA project Coordinator, UP8
- **Zuzanna Siwinska, Simone De Pace, Giorgia Pazzi**, ERUA Student Board Representatives
- **Michael Bakas**, ERUA student engagement Coordinator, UAegean

10:00-10:30
Coffee Break

NOV 5, 2025
Day 2 - Wednesday

ERUA Achievements

ERUA members only

Venue: University Campus
8:15: registration starts
9:00-10:30
GEO-AUDIT

Plenary Meeting 'ERUA ACHIEVEMENTS'

Moderation:
Bruna Vives, ERUA Secretary General
Maxime Cacciutolo, ERUA project Coordinator, UP8

10:30-11:00
Coffee Break

NOV 6, 2025
Day 3 - Thursday

Opening "Navigating the Edges"

Open to the Public

Venue: Municipality Theatre
8:15: registration starts
9:30-11:00
LIVE STREAM

Moderation: **Lemonia Hatzipanteli**, International Relations Office, Uaegean

Welcome:
Prof. Dimitris Papageorgiou Rector UAegean

Greetings

- **Dimitrios Mpourantonis**, General Secretary of Higher Education, Ministry for Education, Religious Affairs & Sports
- **Prof. Kostas Moutzouris**, North Aegean Regional Governor
- **Panagiotis Christofas,** Mayor of the Municipality of Mytilene
- **Dr. Christina Besta,** Director General, Hellenic Authority for Higher Education

Interventions

- **Prof. Arnaud Laime,** Rector, Université Paris 8 Vincennes Saint-Denis (UP8)
- **Dr. Gabi Lombardo**, Director of the European Alliance for SSH
- **Prof. Armand Marie Leroi,** Imperial College
- **Muhammad Ismail,** ERUA Student, EUV

Closing

- **Prof. Elena Theodoropoulou,** Scientific Coordinator, ERUA UAegean

Local High schools are invited to attend

11:00-11:30
Coffee Break

NOV 7, 2025
Day 4 - Friday

"Sustainable Futures & Arts" Plenary round-table discussions

Open to the Public

Venue: Chamber of Commerce
8:15: registration starts
9:30-11:15
LIVE STREAM

UNIVERSITIES & SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES

Chair:
Dr. Nomeda Gudelienė, European Commission Climate Pact Ambassador, MRU

- **Prof. Evagelia Kavakli,** Curicula for Aeiforia, UAegean
- **Prof. Christos Kalloniatis,** Cultural Technology and Communication UAegean
- **Eleni Zarimi,** Curicula for Aeiforia, JOIST, UAegean (online)
- **Dr. Giannis Katsounis,** SDGs and Regions, UAegean
- **Vangelis Zaftis,** PhD Student, ERUA Blue Commission
- **Isabel Toman**, Senior Programme Officer, Sustainable Development, International Association of Universities (IAU), UNESCO (online)
- **Prof. Maria Hatziantoniou**, Uaegean Green Committee & Phycology of climate action at the ERUA Winter School

11:15-11:30
Coffee Break

MORNING SESSIONS

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NOV 4, 2025
Day 1 - Tuesday
WPs Management
Parallel Sessions

ERUA members only
Venue: University Campus
10:30-13:45
9 Parallel WP Meetings

Participants are directed to the 9 rooms for 9 parallel sessions (WP8 is divided to 2 groups)

WP1	ADMIN-SYGLITOS
WP2	GEO-B15
WP3	MAR-H
WP4	MAR-B5
WP5	GEO-E
WP6	GEO-ST
WP7	GEO-AUDIT
WP8-IT	GEO- GAMMA
WP8-COMM	MAR-AUDIT

Winter school Students are on visit outside the visit campus (UN High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR) & Aegean Recycling)- BUS

12:30-14:00
Lunch

Note!
- FOR WINTER SCHOOL STUDENTS lunch will be offered after the visits in campus
- Light Lunch will be offered in the WP rooms FOR WP PARTICIPANTS

NOV 5, 2025
Day 2 - Wednesday
ERUA Strategic Management
Parallel Sessions

ERUA members only
Venue: University Campus
11:00-12:30
Parallel Meetings

Rectors Meeting	ADMIN-SYGLITOS
Vice Rectors on Education	ADMIN-VR on Education office
Vice Rectors on Research	GEO-B15
Annual Networking Fair for Alumni: ERUA presentation for Alumni (11:00-11:30)	GEO-AUDIT (LIVE STREAM)
Student Board – co-organisation with local students & Winter School Students (11:30-13:00)	GEO-AUDIT
ERUA Communication Workshop	MAR-AUDIT
Advisory Board meeting (Hybrid)	MAR-B5

10:45-13:30
ERUA WP8-IT Meeting — MAR-H

12:30-14:00
Lunch

Note!
- Rectors will have light lunch at the Teriade Museum
- Winter School Students will have lunch at Students' Club Restaurant (University Campus)
- For the rest of the participants lunch will be offered at the 'GEO Building foyer' (University Campus)

NOV 6, 2025
Day 3 - Thursday
Student-centred & Reformist Education
Parallel Sessions

Open to the Public
Venue: Municipality Theatre
11:30-13:00 (LIVE STREAM)
Announcements and Awards

Moderation: **Prof. Elena Theodoropoulou,** Scientific Coordinator, ERUA, UAegean

- **Handover of the ERUA Chair**
  Prof. Inga Žalėnienė, Rector, Mykolas Romeris University (MRU, Lithuania) & **Prof. John McCourt**, Rector, University of Macerata (UNIMC, Italy)
- **Endorsement of the Legal Entity Bylaws by BoR**
  Prof. Arnaud Laime, Rector, Université Paris 8 Vincennes Saint-Denis (UP8)
- **ERUA Student Manifesto on Sustainability**
  Prof. Dr. Eduard Mühle, President, European University Viadrina (EUV, Germany) & **Samuel Taviro**, ERUA Blue Commission, Alumni, ULPGC
- **ERUA Joint master's degree on Forced Migration**
  Prof. Roman Cieslak, Rector & **Radosław Stanczewski**, Dir. Office for International Cooperation, Uniwersytet SWPS, Poland
- **ERUA ID**
  Assoc. Prof. Petros Kavasalis, VR on Research & **Dr. Nikos Triantafillou**, UAegean
- **iDeaThon winners**
  Awards handed by **Prof. Lluís Serra MAJEM**, Rector, Universidad de Las Palmas de Gran Canaria, (ULPGC, Spain)
- **Social Entrepreneurship Lab (SEL)**
  Prof. Jin Taira VR on Internationalization, ULPGC & ERUA Social Entrepreneurship Course (SEC)
- **Hackathon winners**
  Awards handed by **Prof. Plamen DOJNOV**, Rector, New Bulgarian University, (NBU, Bulgaria)
- **The triplex Hackathon**
  Ioannis Kadis, Director, Regional Development Fund of North Aegean

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13:00-14:30
Coffee & Refreshments

NOV 7, 2025
Day 4 - Friday
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ARTS, EDGES & COMMUNITIES

Chair:
Prof. Arnaud Regnauld, Vice Rector UP8

- **Prof. Elena Theodoropoulou,** UAegean – ERUA Biennale
- **Michail Anthimos Dissos,** Deputy Regional Governor for Culture & Social Welfare of the North Aegean Region.
- **Natali Todorova**, ERUA Student Ambassador, NBU
- **Assoc. Prof. Anne Alombert,** Deputy Director of the ArTeC Research University School (online)
- **Assoc. Prof. Eva Llorca,** Art-culture and the city ERUA clusters on Arts & Edges (ULPGC)
- **Prof. Cristian Bankov,** ERUA clusters on Arts & Edges, NBU (online)

13:00-14:00
Light Lunch

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14:00-19:00

14:00-17:00 — ADMIN-SY GLITOS
ERUA Management Committee

14:00-17:00 — SOCIO SPACE
Agents of Change I
Event organized & led by Students (winter school participating)
14:00-15:30 Shared Humanity Experience/speed networking
15:30-17:00 Story exchange

14:00-17:30 — GEO-B15
"Workshop of the **Experts on the ERUA Joint MA on Forced Migration**"

14:00-15:00 — MAR-B5
CARDEA presentation to administrative staff

17:30-18:30 (plenary) — GEO-AUDIT
Annual Networking Fair for students: Announcement of the 3 joint masters' programmes
LIVE STREAM

18:30-20:30 — ADMIN-SY GLITOS
Vice Rectors on Research

21:00
CREATIVE ERUANERS:
"eruavision"
MULTILINGUAL KARAOKE
BAR: Irlandos Bar – City Center
(SDGs: 4, 5, 10, 16)

NOV 5, 2025
Day 2 - Wednesday
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14:00-19:00

(12:30)-16:00
Rectors & Advisory Board at Teriade Museum – Light Lunch at Teriade / Back to Campus at 16:00 – (Bus)

14:00-16:30 — ADMIN-SY GLITOS
ERUA Steering Committee

14:00-16:00 — GEO-B15
WP leaders Peer to Peer Workshop moderated by Mara Noblet, ERUA

14:00-17:00 — GEO-AUDIT
Agents of Change II
Event organized & led by Students (winter school participating)
14:00-15:30 **Active citizens** — GEO-AUDIT
15:30-17:00 **Project management** — GEO-AUDIT

17:30-18:00 — GEO-AUDIT
Introducing the ERUA Science Shop, Prof. E. Kavakli, UAegean

19:00-21:00 — GEO-AUDIT
Cultural Exchange among Students (Creative ERUAners)

16:30-19:00 — ADMIN-SY GLITOS
Co-creating the alliance's Strategic roadmap with participation from the leadership (BoR), advisory board and steering committee members

20:30
Rectors, VRs & Advisory Board Dinner

NOV 6, 2025
Day 3 - Thursday
Alliance for Skills, Competitiveness & Democracy

Plenary round-table discussions

Open to the Public

Venue: Municipality Theatre

14:30-18:00 LIVE STREAM

14:30-15:30
INNOVATIVE EDUCATION & DIGITALISATION

Chair:
Prof. Stelios Xanthopoulos, VR on Education (UAegean)

Prof. Silvana Colella, VR of Research, UNIMC

Dr. Nikolaos Triantafyllou, Senior researcher UAegean

Tanmay Banerjee, Digital Coordinator EWP / ERUA, UP8

Dr. Christina Besta, Director General, Hellenic Authority for Higher Education

Prof. Aurelija Pūraitė, ERUA Research based clusters & Early career researchers, MRU

Maria Victoria Ojeda Gil, ERUA Local Board member, ULPGC

Asst. Prof. Charalampos Alexopoulos, Public sector & University digital reforms, GR digiGOV-innoHUB

15:30-15:45
Coffee Break

NOV 7, 2025
Day 4 - Friday

Closing

End of the SUMMIT

Closing Ceremony
Students' Winter School

'Tree planting'

by ERUA Winter School Students
in collaboration with the Holy Metropolis and the Forestry Department of Mytilene
(SDGs 15, 2, 13)

shuttle bus

AFTERNOON SESSIONS

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- **DEMOCRACY, SOCIAL CHANGE & LOCAL COMMUNITIES**

  Chair:
  Alicja Kotlowska, VR SWPS Representative for International projects
- **Danilo Valdiviezo**, Acting Head of UNHCR Field Office Lesvos & **Toulina Demeli**, Senior Protection Associate, UNHCR
- **Asst. Prof. Georgi Niagolov**, Multilingualism & interculturality, NBU
- **Asst. Prof. Ildiko Otova**, Centre for Refugees, Migration and Ethnic Studies, NBU
- **Julia Carvalho Bandeira**, **Aike Myrzaibraimova**, ERUA students' representatives, UP8/EUV
- **As. Prof. Nasara Cabrera Abu**, 'Social Entrepreneurship Lab', ULPGC (online)
- **As. Prof. Susan Isobel Cranfield McKay**, ERUAIdeathon25 Winner on Migration & Democracy, ULPGC.

16:45-17:00
Break

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ENGAGED, EMPOWERED, IMPACTFUL: Student Participation in re-shaping Higher Education

Moderator:
Margot Vanduynslager

- **Alexandra Petrova**, ERUA Student Board Secretary, NBU
- **Samuel Taviro Rodríguez-Brusco**, alumni, ERUA Blue Commission represenative, ULPGC
- **Niki Kasis**, ERUA Student Engagement Lead, EUV
- **Audrey Sullivan**, MEL Officer at Circle U. alliance and FOREU4ALL Impact group vice-chair
- **Katerina Schoina**, CIVIS
- **Bartolomeo Sangermano**, UNITA

20:30

Official Summit Dinner:
'Mythical Coast' Hotel
Only for Summit participants

(Shuttle bus will be available from Sappho Sq. at 20:00)

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