Aurora Autumn Virtual Biannual 4-5 November 2020 Programme

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This document contains the programme timetable, details, information on speakers, and Instructions and Guidelines. Good to know? Icons and links are clickable!

Aurora Virtual Biannual

Due to the COVID-19 situation, the Fall Biannual will be a virtual event. It will be held from Wednesday morning, November 4th, until Thursday, early afternoon, November 5th. It will consist of an Aurora Universities Network Plenary and an Aurora European University Alliance Plenary and parallel sessions of groups, active in the Network and/or the Alliance.

A crucial part of the Aurora community and the Aurora Biannual events is the informal contact between participants from diverse groups and various universities. To optimize this informal contact, the Aurora Biannual will use the Gatherly.io platform for both sessions and breaks. Gatherly allows participants to identify fellow participants and easily drift from one-on-one and group conversations in a virtual conference environment with Welcome lounge, Coffee room and Refreshments garden.

A separate information sheet on the Gatherly platform, with instructions and guidelines, is attached.

Participants in the Fall 2020 Aurora Biannual will receive the login code and information of the event through the Institutional Coordinators from their universities. As all (or most) participants will take part in one or more group sessions, we kindly ask all participants to liaise with the chair of that group on their participation. This will allow us to make sure that no group will exceed the maximum number (15 people). Also, all participants should liaise with their Institutional Coordinator. We also welcome some of our Associate Partners, particularly in the session on WP4.4 Capacity Development Support.

The Biannual will consist of 2 plenary sessions and five rounds of parallel sessions – with time to interact (through Gatherly) in the breaks and receptions.

NOTE: In the coming days, you will receive the link to join the event.

Aurora Virtual Biannual time table

Time	Activity	Location
November 4th 2020		
8.30 – 9.30	Registration and social interaction	Lobby/Help Desk The first digit of the room number indicates the floor
9.30 – 11.00	⊿ Aurora Board ⊿ Open Educational Resources ⊿ WP 3.2 Aurora Social Transformation: Inclusive and diverse education ⊿ WP 4.4 Aurora Capacity Development Support programme. ⊿ WP 5.3 Aurora Sustainable Campus / Sustainability	1.2 Reykjavík 1.3 Innsbruck 1.4 Napoli 2.1 Tarragona 2.2 Olomouc
11.00 – 11.30	Refreshment and networking break	Feel free to explore other floors and meet peers
11.30 – 13.00	⊿ Vice Rectors Education ⊿ Diversity group ⊿ WP 3.6 Learning Analytics ⊿ WP 3.5 Aurora Teaching for Societal Impact ⊿ WP 1, 2 & 6 meeting	1.2 Reykjavík 1.4 Napoli 2.1 Tarragona 2.2 Olomouc 1.3 Innsbruck
13.00 – 14.00	Lunch break	
14.00 – 15.30	⊿ Aurora Network Presidents' strategy session ⊿ WP 3.3.1 Borderless Learning: Mobility & Recognition ⊿ WP 4.3 Social Entrepreneurship & Innovation ⊿ WP 3.4 Domain Leaders ⊿ WP 3.1.2 International Traineeships ⊿ WP 5.2.1 SDG Education Dashboard	1.1 Aurora Presidents 1.3 Innsbruck 1.4 Napoli 1.2 Reykjavík 2.1 Tarragona 2.2 Olomouc
15.30 – 16.00	Break	Feel free to explore other floors and meet peers
16.00 – 17.30	⊿ WP 3 Learning for Societal impact (14 team leads) ⊿ WP 4 Engaging Communities (5 teams) ⊿ WP 5 Sustainability Pioneers (4 teams)	1.2 Reykjavík 1.3 Innsbruck 1.4 Napoli
17.30 – 19.00	Reception ⊿ President's speech ⊿ Musical interlude ⊿ Simon Anholt (20') ⊿ Q&A: Simon Anholt will be available for discussion	3rd Floor 1.1 Aurora Presidents

Time	Activity	Location
November 5th 2020		
8.30 – 9.00	Registration and social interaction	Lobby/Help Desk
9.00 – 9.45	Aurora network Plenary session ⊿ Aurora Strategy: David Richardson ⊿ Students Organizing for Sustainability International: Ann-Sofie van Enis & Tim Strasser ⊿ SDG bibliometrics: Maurice Vanderfeesten	3rd Floor
9.45 – 10.15	Break	Feel free to explore other floors and meet peers
10.15 – 11.45	⊿ General Council ⊿ SDG bibliometrics group ⊿ WP 3.4.3 Health & Well-Being ⊿ WP 2 Quality ⊿ WP 5.2.2 SDG Education Offering	1.2 Reykjavík 1.4 Napoli 2.1 Tarragona 1.3 Innsbruck 2.2 Olomouc
11.45 – 12.15	Break	Feel free to explore other floors and meet peers
12.15 – 13.00	Aurora Alliance Plenary session ⊿ Launching ceremony: Mirjam van Praag and Presidents of Aurora Alliance member universities ⊿ Graduates with the skills and mindset: Bernhard Fügenschuh ⊿ Aurora Student Championship Scheme: Callum Perry	3rd Floor
13.00 – 14.00	Closing reception President's farewell words	3rd floor

Plenary sessions

There will be two short plenary sessions, one for the Aurora Universities Network and one for the Aurora European University Alliance.

The Aurora Universities Network plenary will consist of three parts:

1. Aurora strategy:
   There will be a report from the presidents' strategy sessions, with their view on the key questions for the Aurora strategy– with the opportunity to the plenary participants to give comments. There will be limited time for Q&A – presidents will be available during the break for further conversations.

2. Sustainable universities:
   Two representatives from SOS International will present their activities to help make universities be more sustainable. SOS international is a Denmark based NGO engaging students and youth groups all over the world to lead their campuses and

communities towards a more sustainable and just future. There will be limited time for Q&A – presidents will be available during the break for further conversations.

3. SDG bibliometrics
   Maurice Vanderfeesten from the VU Library will explain and show the recent developments in this tool to monitor SDG/related research within Aurora in terms of output, quality, impact and accessibility.

The Aurora European University Alliance plenary will also have three components:

1. The official launch of the Aurora Alliance programme:
   With a short speech by Mirjam van Praag as President of the managing university, and thoughts shared by Presidents of Aurora Alliance member universities.

2. Graduates with the skills and mindset:
   Bernhard Fügenschuh will give a short presentation on the need within the area for graduates to develop the skills and mindset to match academic excellence with societal relevance.

3. Aurora Students Champions Scheme:
   Callum Perry as Aurora Student President, will present this scheme which aims to enhance student involvement in the Alliance programme whilst allowing the students to develop relevant skills and values.

Parallel sessions

The programme has five timeslots for parallel sessions.

Please note that most sessions are meetings of specific groups, with a designated agenda for the meeting. It is not a 'walk-up/walk in" type of conference that many of you may be accustomed to. If you see a session which you find interesting, please contact the session chair or the Aurora office to find out if guests and observers are welcome.

Instructions & Guidelines

Technical Recommendations

1. Use Google Chrome as a browser – do not use Firefox, Safari or other. The platform has been tested only with Google Chrome. This means that by using a different browser, the platform may misbehave and you may experience trouble. If you do not have Google Chrome yet, you may download it [here](#)

2. Use a laptop or desktop; the platform does not work on tablets or phones.

3. Make sure you have a solid and stable internet connection.

4. Use a monitor of at least 15", preferably larger.

5. You can find a complete guide on how to use Gatherly in the accompanying document "Gatherly Tutorial."

General Guidelines

1. If you join a group, check if this is a private conversation and if it is, leave the group.

2. If you have questions or if you are experiencing a problem, you can always go to the Aurora Help Desk at the welcome lobby (Ground floor).

3. Login in advance so you can navigate the platform and meet and greet other participants in the common rooms before you go to your specific session.

4. Stay a bit after your session to continue a discussion, walk up to a plenary presenter, or talk about the weather - or Corona - or football - or any other topic of your liking.

5. When you are participating in a session, and you have a question, please raise your hand.

6. Please keep good track of time, as the sessions will begin punctually and the tables may close.

Guidelines for Session Chairs

1. Videoconference etiquette: Request to mute micro, and camera if necessary.

2. Short break mid-way (5').

3. Keep checking chat and raised hands.

4. If you experience a problem (connection, internet quality, etc.), you can request a back-up Zoom link at the Helpdesk. You can then temporarily exit the platform and have your meeting on Zoom.

5. If your session reaches the maximum number of participants (15 people) and you are still expecting more people to arrive, please request a back-up zoom link at the Helpdesk.