

[EU Day at the EUR, 2025](#)

15 April, 2025 (09:00-17:00)

Woudestein Campus, venue (Theil building CB-4)

Rationale:

2025 will be a pivotal year in the European R&I landscape, a year when the future of R&I policy and its investment program for the next 10 years will be shaped. Unlike the past 40 years, the next phase of the EU R&I agenda will be largely defined by the current geopolitical situation, and the strategic priorities of the EU. As foreseen by the [EU's competitiveness compass](#), the R&I will be at the heart of European's competitiveness policy, and the R&I investments will be mainly geared towards bridging the innovation and tech gap with the US and China, decarbonization and increased security (defense). There is increased attention for strengthening European knowledge and innovation ecosystems, with a very active role for the fourth generation of universities. Scientists will be expected to actively engage with society, policy makers, industry, and moreover to actively collaborate with each other, across borders and disciplines.

What would this mean for our research, and what kind of opportunities and challenges are ahead of us will be the topics of *2025 EU Day at the EUR*, that will take place on 15 April 2025, at Erasmus University Rotterdam, Woudestein campus.

Events objectives:

This special event is designed to **help EUR's research community** to navigate the evolving EU R&I policy and funding landscape, to connect with peers and experts, and to strengthen researchers' strategy, research careers and impact.

As a researcher, securing EU funding is not just about financial support. It is about expanding your impact, fostering collaborations, and positioning yourself at the forefront of international research. That is why we are bringing together leading experts, successful ERC laureates and principal investigators, and policymakers to share their insights, experiences, and strategies.

What's in it for EUR's research community?

[Chose a session](#) that matches your interests and needs, or join us for the whole day event, because this is your opportunity to:

- ✓ stay ahead of the curve with the latest updates on Horizon Europe, FP10 and future EU funding opportunities for research.
- ✓ meet your EU Liaison Officer and the EUR EU funding advisors and get personalized guidance that can facilitate your career ambitions and funding needs.
- ✓ learn more about EUR's engagement with EU policy makers, funders, networks and alliances, academic and non-academic partners, and what's in it for you
- ✓ learn from ERC laureates, Principal Investigators and proposal evaluators about what makes a winning application.
- ✓ discover new ways to increase your research visibility and create meaningful impact.
- ✓ engage with fellow researchers, experts, and policymakers to expand your network.

Program highlights
*(detailed program below):

- ✓ Keynote Addresses by Prof. Bredenoord, president of the Executive Board, Prof. Eveline Crone, Prof. Maria Leptin, ERC President, Prof. Repasi, Member of the European Parliament
- ✓ Research strategy session with Prof. IJzerman, Chair of the EUR 2030 strategy steering group and EUR's Deans of research
- ✓ Latest developments in EU R&I agenda, and the upcoming funding opportunities, with EUR's EU liaison officer, funding advisors and guest speakers from Brussels
- ✓ Inspiring stories from ERC grantees, Principal Investigators and grant evaluators
- ✓ Networking and getting to know your EUR community and colleagues

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Registration via this [link](#) Registration is necessary to attend this unique event that will help you advance your research career and funding strategy event.

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Time	Session	Speakers
09:00-09:45	<p><i>Opening and Key-note speeches</i></p> <p>Meri Georgievska: Welcome and Intro into the program and the speakers</p> <p>Annelien Bredenoord: Strategic importance of EU engagement and advocacy Personal experience as member of the HLEG</p> <p>Rene Repasi: How important is the EU R&I policy and funding landscape for the universities today? Personal experience – career combining science and politics/legislative</p> <p>Arwin van Buuren: Engagement as the third pillar of EUR Strategy 2030</p> <p>Q&A</p>	<p>Moderator: Meri Georgievska-van de Laar, EU Liaison Officer</p> <p>Annelien Bredenoord, President of the Executive Board, Erasmus University Rotterdam</p> <p>Rene Repasi, Member of the European Parliament</p> <p>Arwin van Buuren, Strategic Dean Impact and Engagement</p>
09:45-10:45	<p><i>EU engagement, retrospective and opportunities</i></p> <p>Interactive session with EUR's EU liaison officer and EUR's funding advisors</p> <p>Meri Georgievska: EU engagement, retrospective and opportunities</p> <p>EUR's engagement & research support services and teams</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Angela Noble • Anca Miclea – Faciu • Joshua Mentanko 	<p>Moderator: Jovana Paredes, Science communications advisor</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <p>Meri Georgievska-van de Laar, EU Liaison Officer</p> <p>Angela Noble, Pre-award team coordinator, Senior Collaborative Proposal Development Partner</p> <p>Funding Advisors:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bozhidar Ivanov • Astrid Manden - Benneker <p>Q&A</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anca Miclea – Faciu • Joshua Mentanko <p>Project Managers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bozhidar Ivanov <p>Innovation and Partnerships Management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Astrid Manden – Benneker, Innovation & Partnerships Manager
10:45-11:00	Coffee break	
11:00-12:30	<p><i>EUR's Research Mission, Vision, and Strategic Priorities 2030</i></p> <p>Maarten IJzerman: <i>Towards EUR 2030 Strategy</i></p> <p>Pilar Garcia Gomez: <i>EUR's common Research Mission, Vision, and Strategic Priorities 2030 - Highlights</i></p> <p>Interactive session with the deans of Research, <i>Research funding ambitions and strategies - EUR schools</i></p> <p>Discussion and Q&A</p>	<p>Moderator: Maarten IJzerman, Dean ESHPM, Chair of the EUR 2025-2030 strategy steering group</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <p>Semiha Denktas (ESSB, Dean of research)</p> <p>Inga Hoever (RSM, Dean of research)</p> <p>Pilar Garcia Gomez (ESE, Dean of research)</p> <p>Job van Excel (ESHPM, Dean of research)</p> <p>Conrad Heilmann (ESPhil Dean of research)</p> <p>Fabian Amtenbrink (ESL Dean of research)</p> <p>Susanne Janssen (ESHCC)</p> <p>Rosalba Icaza Garza (ISS, Dean of research)</p>
12:30-13:30	Networking Lunch	
13:30-14:45	<p><i>Latest developments in the EU, opportunities and challenges</i></p> <p>➤ <i>Latest developments in the EU, Rene Repasi</i></p>	<p>Moderator: Meri Georgievska-van de Laar</p> <p><u>Guest speakers:</u></p> <p>Rene Repasi, MEP and Professor at ESL</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ <i>EU R&I agenda & FP10 preparations</i>: Joep Roet ➤ <i>SSH opportunities in Horizon Europe</i>, Kimberly Couvson-Liebe ➤ <i>Societal Readiness Pilot in Horizon Europe</i>, Fatma Saçli ➤ <i>MSCA Choose Europe Pilot</i>– Marleen van den Berg <p>Q&A</p>	<p>Joep Roet, Neth-ER</p> <p>Fatma Saçli, National Contact Point, Horizon Europe, Pillar 2/Cluster 5</p> <p>Marleen van den Berg, National Contact Point, Horizon Europe Pillar1/ MSCA</p> <p>Kimberly Couvson-Liebe, Net4Society</p>
14:45 -15:00	Coffee Break	
15:00-17	<p><i>Inspire yourself</i> – experiences sharing</p> <p><i>Motivational speeches</i>:</p> <p>Maria Leptin and Eveline Crone</p> <p>Experiences sharing</p> <p>ERC Laureates</p> <p>Thea Hilhorst (ISS)</p> <p>Jun Borrás (Erasmus Professor)</p> <p>Xandra Kramer (ESL)</p> <p>MSCA Fellows</p> <p>Thijs van den Broek (ESHPM)</p> <p>Anita Harrewijn (ESSB)</p> <p>Coordinators in major collaborative projects</p> <p>Jason Pridmore (ESHCC)</p> <p>Hub Zwart (ESPhil)</p> <p>Proposal assessors and grant evaluators</p> <p>Rene Repasi (ERC SSH evaluator)</p>	<p>Moderator: Jovana Paredes, Science communications advisor</p> <p>Keynote speakers:</p> <p>Maria Leptin, President of the ERC Scientific Council</p> <p>Eveline Crone, Erasmus Professor and former Vice President of the ERC Council</p> <p>Closing words</p> <p>Jantine Schuit, Rector Magnificus EUR</p> <p>Michiel Besters, Director ERS</p> <p>Meri Georgievska-van de Laar</p>

	<p>Fabian Amtenbrink (Jean Monet)</p> <p>Q&A session</p> <p><i>Wrap – up and key takeaways:</i> Michiel Besters, Director ERS</p> <p><i>Closing words:</i> Jantine Schuit, Rector Magnificus EUR</p> <p>Meri Georgievska: Final word of gratitude to the team and the speakers, and invitation to networking drinks</p>	
17:00-18:00	Networking drinks	