

CONCEPT NOTE

Review Week at UL

Contributing to Transitions Towards a Sustainable, Competitive, and European Future

As part of the upcoming Review Week, the EURECA-PRO 2.0 project, which aims to lay the groundwork for a European university, will celebrate 18 months of progress. At a time when the European Union is re-evaluating its research and innovation systems through several flagship reports in 2024¹—and by extension, its support for education—to enhance global competitiveness, the role and position of European alliances are increasingly highlighted as key players in shaping a competitive, innovative, and sustainable Europe.

The organization of this Review Week provides an opportunity to explore these evolving priorities, integrate them into the EURECA-PRO roadmap, and examine how the alliance can contribute to reinforcing Europe's competitiveness by leveraging sustainability as a cornerstone of growth. This event will specifically focus on how research, innovation, education, and citizen science can embrace the concept of sustainable competitiveness.

To address these topics, part of the Review Week will be dedicated to multi-stakeholder and cross-cutting meetings aimed at reflecting on these challenges. These discussions will help enhance the alliance's visibility within the European landscape and position EURECA-PRO to tackle the major challenges ahead for a sovereign, innovative, competitive, and sustainable Europe.

The Review Week at UL will include the following key components.

1. Multi-stakeholder and cross-cutting meetings

An Inaugural Session:

- Featuring an inspiring keynote address on the theme of "Sustainable Competitiveness"
- A high-level European panel discussion featuring distinguished guests, exploring the concept of sustainable competitiveness across multiple scales: global, European, and regional. Three parallel workshops to engage participants in further exploring and applying the ideas discussed during the panel.

¹ M. Draghi, The future of the European competitiveness

E. Letta, Much more than a Market

M. Heitor, Align, Act, Accelerate

C. Fuest, D. Gros, P.L. Mengel, G. Presidente, J. Tirole, Innovation policy, How to escape the middle technology trap.

Transversal flagship-oriented sessions (3 to 4 topics of flagships):

- Three to four sessions dedicated to emerging flagship initiatives.
- Each session will follow a consistent format, including:
 - An inspiring keynote
 - Panel discussions
 - Interactive workshops in parallel
- These sessions are aimed at both academics, students, and EURECA-PRO project managers from all WPs to maximize synergies between knowledge exchange on SDG 12 and the design and implementation of the educational offer, research, and innovation activities within EURECA-PRO.

2. Internal EURECA-PRO Meetings (under construction)

- Meetings of various governance and operational structures, including the Board of Rectors (BOR), Executive Board (EBO), Work Packages (WPs), and Task Forces (TFs).

3. A Wrap-Up Session

- Summarizing the outcomes of the workshops.
- Outlining the next steps for the work packages and the overall roadmap.

Multi-Stakeholder and cross-cutting approach:

The inaugural session and flagship-oriented transversal sessions will inherently adopt a multi-stakeholder format, inviting contributions from all key actors, including students, academic staff, project managers, and external socio-economic stakeholders. These cross-cutting sessions will aim to break down silos between different work packages, fostering a strategic and unified vision for EURECA-PRO's future.