

Investing in Europe's Future: Funding Pathways for Higher Education

06.05.2026 | 17.00-19.00

EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT, ROOM: 6Q1

We are pleased to invite you to an upcoming high-level event co-organized by **Krzysztof Hetman, MEP, Maria Curie-Skłodowska University, Business & Science Poland**, and the **ATHENA European University Alliance**.

The keynote speech will be delivered by **Piotr Serafin, Commissioner for Budget, Anti-Fraud and Public Administration**.

This conference aims to foster dialogue on the future of higher education in Europe by bringing together a distinguished group of representatives from academia, public institutions, and industry. It will serve as a platform for exchanging perspectives, strengthening international cooperation, and exploring opportunities for joint initiatives.

The event will gather experts, policymakers, and academic including rectors from leading European universities creating a unique environment for meaningful debate and collaboration.

We kindly ask you to register by 1 May to confirm your participation.

The agenda can be found below.

AGENDA:

Opening Keynote: Future Vision for Funding & Competitiveness

Piotr Serafin, European Commission, Commissioner for Budget, Anti-Fraud and Public Administration

European Parliament's Perspective: Linking Higher Education with Cohesion Policy and Horizon

Krzysztof Hetman, Member of the European Parliament

Regional Perspective: Funding & Implementation on the Ground

Anne Besnier, Vice-President of the Region of Centre-Val de Loire, Member of the European Committee of the Regions

Business Perspective: Linking business and science

Bartek Czyczerski, CEO, Business & Science Poland

Case Studies: Funded Alliances- EUNICE4U

Mariusz Głąbowski, Vice Rector for International Cooperation, EUNICE4U Project Manager, Poznań University of Technology

Case Study: ATHENA - Building a Sustainable Model without Core Funding

Eric Blond, University of Orleans, President of ATHENA European University

REGISTRATION