

## Enhancing Europe's sovereignty: research universities as drivers of open strategic autonomy

### PROGRAMME

8.30-9.30 – Registration and coffee

9.30 – Opening remarks

**Nathalie Drach-Temam**, President of Udice, President of Sorbonne University  
**Bruno Tobback**, MEP, European Parliament

9.45 -10.10 – Keynote

**Guillaume Klossa**, President of EuropaNova

10.10-11.00 - **Roundtable 1 – Europe of knowledge in motion: research universities as a lever for scientific and technological sovereignty.**

Research-intensive universities are key drivers of European sovereignty, generating knowledge, innovation and solutions to major challenges, whether in clean energy, decarbonisation, digital leadership, health or biotechnology. This round table will show how research excellence has a concrete impact by bringing together researchers, industry and innovators, and how European universities uniquely combine scientific strength, territorial anchoring and industrial ambition to build sustainable and resilient sovereignty grounded in European values.

With: **Alexandr HOBZA**, expert, European Commission, DG GROW; **Guillaume BORDRY**, Director Pôle Connaissance, French Secretariat General for Investment; **Maud VINET**, CEO, Quobly; **Silvia LASALA**, Université de Lorraine, project REACHER leader (ERC - POC).

11.00-11.30 – Coffee break

11.30-12.30 - **Roundtable 2 – Think, Train, Transform: turning talent into Europe's AI advantage**

Research-intensive universities train, attract, and develop the talent Europe needs to advance AI and strengthen its digital sovereignty. This roundtable will show how the education-research-innovation continuum creates skills, value chains, and attractiveness for European industries and the European model.

With: An EC representative Unit AI in science & critical technologies, **project RAISE**; **Frédérique BERROD**, President of Unistra / Udice; **Katja SCHENKE LAYLAND**, Vice President Research, Innovation and Transfer, Eberhard Karls University Tübingen / German U15; A representative of initiatives at the **industry-academia interface**; **Ei Mouhoub MOUHOUD**, President of PSL University / Udice.

12.30-12.45 – Concluding remarks

12.45-14.00 – Lunch & networking

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