

# Team Europe for Higher Education in Emergencies?

31 March 2022 – 10:00 AM - 01:00 PM CEST (followed by a networking lunch)  
Hybrid format (Thon Hotel EU, Rue de la Loi 75, Brussels / online)

The protracted crisis situations around the world as well as the current war in the Ukraine demonstrate the need for impactful, lasting and future-oriented support for the concerned societies and people in need. As the crucial importance of support for the higher education sector, its students and scholars has largely been overlooked when providing help in response to crises, this event seeks to explore new possibilities for European support to higher education in emergencies (HEiE).

## The event will:

- engage in a dialogue between representatives from the European Union, its member states, and representatives from concerned regions about the future support for HEiE - together with implementing organisations;
- discuss recommendations from EU-funded projects and further national activities to identify more synergies for future HEiE actions;
- explore the possibilities under existing EU instruments, mainly Global Europe;
- elaborate on a possible, more strategic and concerted, European approach for HEiE.

## Programme

09:30	<b>On-site registration and networking breakfast</b>
10:00	<b>Opening</b>
	Michael Hörig, Director DAAD Brussels
10:10	<b>Students' expectations towards the European Union in support of higher education in emergencies (HEiE)</b>
	Matteo Vespa, Executive Committee Member of the European Students' Union and Kyryl Naumenko, International Officer of the Ukrainian Association of Students

10:20	<b>What actions can the European Commission take (ad-hoc) in support of Ukrainian higher education, its students and scholars?</b>
	Fernando Fonseca, Policy Officer, Support Group for Ukraine, Directorate-General for Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations, European Commission
10:30	<b>Stakeholder recommendations from the field – learnings from the Syrian war</b>
	Carsten Walbiner, Project Director HOPES-LEB
10:40	<b>Panel discussion: “Team Europe for HEiE - Putting the pieces together”</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Saja Majali, Ambassador of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan to Belgium, the European Union and NATO</li> <li>- Michael Vorländer, Head of Unit Education and Research, Permanent Representation of Germany to the European Union</li> <li>- Yannick Du Pont, CEO of SPARK</li> <li>- Manal Stulgaitis, Education Section, Division of Resilience and Solutions, UNHCR</li> </ul> <p>Moderator: Christian Hülshörster, Head of Division Scholarship Programmes Southern Hemisphere, DAAD</p>
11:45	<b>Health break</b>
12:00	<b>Case studies: “Priorities of HEiE activities and experiences from beneficiaries”</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <u>Local ownership</u> by Prof. Dr. Ala'aldeen Al-Halhouli, President of the German-Jordanian University, and Zena Al Masri, EDU-SYRIA graduate from the German-Jordanian University</li> <li>- <u>Employability</u> by Yannick Du Pont, CEO of SPARK, and Anwar Kattan, SPARK Alumni and Entrepreneur in Turkey</li> <li>- <u>Student empowerment</u> by Gudrun Chazotte, Head of Section Scholarship Programmes Africa, and Fardosa Mohamoud Ali, “Leadership for Africa” scholarship holder</li> <li>- <u>Advocacy for refugees</u> by Manal Stulgaitis, Education Section, Division of Resilience and Solutions, UNHCR</li> </ul>
12:40	<b>Q&amp;A and concluding remarks</b>
13:00	<b>Networking lunch</b>