

# INTERDISCIPLINARITY FOR THE NET-ZERO TRANSITION

Online Symposium

COP27 LEAD-UP EVENT



## WHEN

**3 November 2022**

14.00–17.00 CET

13.00–16.00 GMT

## WHERE

Online event

## REGISTER

Registration is available at [scieur.org/cop27-symposium-registration](https://scieur.org/cop27-symposium-registration)

## BACKGROUND

This joint event aims to take stock of the [Call to Action to research and higher education organisations for the Net-Zero Transition](#) launched at COP26 in 2021, and show that only ‘acting together’ the research and higher education systems can contribute to this goal. This year’s topic is ‘interdisciplinarity’ to foster, underpin and encourage cooperation between the various actors. The event aims to focus on the concrete actions for the Net-Zero Transition, as performed by the different types of actors of the research system (universities, research funding and performing organisations, and policymakers).

## OBJECTIVES

This event has the following objectives:

- Present the engagement of the promoting organisations for the Net-Zero Transition to their membership/constituencies.
- Take stock of the progress of the Call to Action and the partners’ commitment to its cause
- Engage other actors of the (European) research and higher education systems for the Net-Zero Transition.
- Advocate with stakeholders the importance of acting together.

The overarching goal is to show the importance of acting together presenting concrete interdisciplinary actions for the Net-Zero Transition.

## PARTICIPANTS

This open, online event is intended to act as a catalyst for universities, university leaders, research funding and performing organisations, researchers, and policymakers on how to effectively contribute to ecological, economic and social sustainability through global collaboration.

## PROGRAMME

### THURSDAY 3 NOVEMBER 2022

All times are in CET.

14.00–14.05 **OPENING AND WELCOME**  
**Lidia BORRELL-DAMIÁN**, Secretary General of Science Europe

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14.05–14.50 **First Panel**  
**INTERDISCIPLINARY ACTIONS FOR THE NET-ZERO TRANSITION:  
THE VIEWS OF RESEARCH FUNDERS AND UNIVERSITIES**

**Moderator**

**Douglas HALLIDAY**, Durham University & EUA Green Deal task-and-finish group

**Speakers**

**Alberto GARRIDO**, Vice-Rector for Quality and Efficiency at Universidad Politécnica de Madrid & Secretary of CESAER Task Force Sustainability

**Matthew LAWSON**, University of Edinburgh & Coordinator of the UNICA Green and SDGs working group

**Malin MOBJÖRK**, Senior Research Officer at Formas & Chair of the Science Europe's working group on the Green and Digital Transition

**Elelwani RAMUGONDO**, Acting Vice-Chancellor of Cape Town University (*to be confirmed*)

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14.50–15.00 **Break**

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15.00–15.45 **Second Panel**  
**INTERDISCIPLINARY ACTIONS FOR THE NET-ZERO TRANSITION:  
THE POLICY AND INTERNATIONAL PERSPECTIVES**

**Moderator**

**Peter KADERJAK**, Head of Zero Carbon Hub (ZKK), Budapest University of Technology and Economics (BME) (*to be confirmed*)

**Speakers**

**Pablo DEL RÍO**, Researcher at CSIC (Spain) & member of the Science Europe Working Group for the Green and Digital Transition

**Matt DOLF**, Co-Chair of the International Health Promoting Universities and Colleges Network & University of British Columbia

**Veronika Hunt SAFRANKOVA**, Head of Brussels Office United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)

**Luis Alberto SERRA-BARRAGÁN**, Associate Dean of Research and Executive Director of the Energy Initiative at Tecnológico de Monterrey

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15.45–16.00 **Break**

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16.00–17.00 **Third Panel**

**ACTING TOGETHER FOR THE NET-ZERO TRANSITION**

**Opening Remarks & Moderator**

**Tim BEDFORD**, Associate Principal for Research and Innovation at University of Strathclyde

**Rapporteurs from First and Second Panels**

**Speakers**

**Angelika KALT**, Vice-President of Science Europe

**Michael MURPHY**, President of EUA

**Luciano SASO**, President of UNICA

**Gisou VAN DER GOOT**, President of International Sustainable Campus Network

**Rik VAN DER WALLE**, President of CESAER

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17.00–17.05 **CONCLUDING REMARKS AND NEXT STEPS**

**Lidia BORRELL-DAMIÁN**, Secretary General of Science Europe