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10 NOVEMBER 2026

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

Hybrid Event: Brussels & Online



EUROPEAN RESEARCH & INNOVATION DAYS

Time slot		*Room*
12:30	**CONFERENCE REGISTRATION**	
13:00 – 14:00	**WELCOME COFFEE**	Riverside
14:00 – 14:30	**OPENING**	Auditorium
	Keynote **Ursula VON DER LEYEN** | *President of the European Commission* Opening Remarks **Enrico LETTA** | *President of the Jacques Delors Institute* **Ekaterina ZAHARIEVA** | *Commissioner for Startups, Research and Innovation*	
14:30 – 15:30	**MAIN SESSION**	
	Freedom of Scientific Research – A European Advantage	Auditorium
14:40 – 18:00	*POLICY INFO SESSION* Meet the EU Science Counsellors (PART I)	R6
15:30 – 16:00	**COFFEE BREAK**	Riverside
16:00 – 17:00	**PARALLEL BREAKOUT SESSIONS**	
	Removing Regulatory Barriers to Business Scaleup	Auditorium
	Between Openness and Sovereignty – Implementing the European Strategy on Research and Technology Infrastructures	Aquarium
	Trust is Not Enough	Studio
16:00 – 17:00	*POLICY INFO SESSION* Securing Europe's Growth: the Role of Research and Innovation Policy	Cinema
17.00 – 18:00	**MAIN SESSION**	
	Alignment of Public Research Policies	Auditorium
17:00 – 18:00	**AWARD CEREMONIES**	
	Prize for Governance Innovations in Energy Communities	Aquarium
	Connecting science and society: Insights from the European Research Council's 2026 Public Engagement Award winners	Studio
18:00 – 19:00	**EVENING RECEPTION**	Riverside
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8:00	**CONFERENCE REGISTRATION**	
8:00 – 9:00	**WELCOME COFFEE**	Riverside
9:00 – 10:00	**MAIN SESSION**	
	Attractive Research Careers in Europe: Talent, Mobility and the Future of the European Research Area	Auditorium
9:00 – 14:20	*POLICY INFO SESSION* Meet the EU Science Counsellors (PART II)	R6
11:00 – 11:30	**COFFEE BREAK**	Riverside
11:30 – 12:30	**PARALLEL BREAKOUT SESSIONS**	
	From Research Excellence to Technological Sovereignty: Europe's AI Moment	Auditorium
	Spotlight on Agriculture and Food Systems	Aquarium
	Strengthening Open and Secure International Cooperation and Science Diplomacy	Studio
	POLICY INFO SESSION Monitoring Horizon Europe's impact through the Key Impact Pathways	Cinema
12:30 – 13:30	**LUNCH BREAK**	Grand Hall
13:30 – 14:30	**PARALLEL BREAKOUT SESSIONS**	
	Principles and Values Under a 'New World Order' and the Role of Association Policy	Auditorium
	Gender Equality as a Catalyst for Competitiveness	Studio
13:30 – 14:15	*POLICY INFO SESSION* Bringing ideas to the market: The Role of Business Angels in Innovation Financing	Cinema
14:30 – 15:00	**CLOSING**	Auditorium
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All sessions will be live streamed on YouTube and R&I Community platform

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