Programme

**EU Strategy Talks for German university leaders (and international guests)**

Date: 12th July

12:30 Informal Get-Together

13:00 **Short Term Recovery versus Long Term Quality: What are the new priorities for Erasmus+ and Horizon Europe?**

**Prof. Dr. Peter-André Alt**, President of the German Rectors' Conference (HRK)

**Mariya Gabriel**, Commissioner for Innovation, Research, Culture, Education and Youth, European Commission

13:15 **High-Level Dialogues**

The “High-Level” Dialogues are organised as break-out sessions for virtual discussion groups for a high-level speaker and ten rectors. The aim of the dialogue is to exchange views between the political and practitioner levels.

- **To be continued: The European University Initiative in the next EU programme period**
  **Mariya Gabriel**, Commissioner for Innovation, Research, Culture, Education and Youth, European Commission
  moderated by **Dr. Simone Schwanitz**, Director, Ministry for Science, Research and Art Baden-Württemberg

- **The role of universities for the priority areas of the European Research Area**
  **Anna Panagopoulou**, Director for ERA & Innovation, European Commission
  moderated by **Prof. Dr. Josep M. Garrell**, Board Member of the European University Association (EUA); President of Ramon Llull University Barcelona

- **The ERC in the new Framework Programme Horizon Europe**
Prof. Dr. Jean-Pierre Bourguignon, President of the European Research Council (ERC) moderated by Prof. Dr. Kerstin Krieglstein, HRK-Vice-President for Research, Early Career Researchers, University Medicine and Health Sciences; Rector of the University of Freiburg

- Societal challenges vs. curiosity-driven research - A contradiction?
  Prof. Dr. Katja Becker, President of the German Research Foundation (DFG) moderated by Prof. Dr. Peter-André Alt, HRK President

13:45 Summary of High-Level Dialogues

13:55 Coffee break

14:05 The Usefulness of Useless Knowledge: how frontier research provides resilience and drives innovation Panel Discussion

Prof. Dr. Katja Becker, President of the German Research Foundation (DFG)
Prof. Dr. Jean-Pierre Bourguignon, President of the European Research Council (ERC)
Prof. Dr. Josep M. Garrell, Board Member of the European University Association (EUA); President of Ramon Llull University Barcelona
Jean Eric Paquet, Director General for Research and Innovation, European Commission

Moderator: Prof. Dr. Kerstin Krieglstein, HRK-Vice-President for Research, Early Career Researchers, University Medicine and Health Sciences; Rector of the University of Freiburg

14:45 Q&A with the audience

15:05 Closing remarks of HRK President Prof. Dr. Peter-André Alt

15:10 End of the event