

## ENGAGE.EU ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2026 INCLUSIVE COMPETITIVENESS FOR A STRONGER EUROPE

Barcelona, 21-23 October 2026

Wednesday, 21 October 2026

Blanquerna School of Psychology, Education and Sports Sciences – URL (c. Cister, 24-34. 08022 Barcelona)

[Lounge – whole day – Àgora]

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| 11:00 | Guided visit: Casa Batlló        |
| 11:30 | Guided walk: Gothic quarter      |
| 11:30 | Guided walk: Modernist Barcelona |
| 12:00 | Guided visit: Sagrada Família    |

| ENGAGE.EU 2.0: WHERE WE ARE |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                           |                                                                      |                                                           |                                                                   |                                                         |                                                         |                                                                  |                                                         |                                                             |                                                                            |
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| 13.30                       | <b>Registration &amp; welcome coffee</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                           |                                                                      |                                                           |                                                                   |                                                         |                                                         |                                                                  |                                                         |                                                             | [Auditorium hall]                                                          |
| 14.00                       | <b>Welcome to Blanquerna – URL by its General Director, Dr. Jordi Riera</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                           |                                                                      |                                                           |                                                                   |                                                         |                                                         |                                                                  |                                                         |                                                             |                                                                            |
| 14.05                       | <b>Annual conference opening</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                           |                                                                      |                                                           |                                                                   |                                                         |                                                         |                                                                  |                                                         |                                                             | [Auditorium]                                                               |
|                             | <p>Dr. Carles Pérez-Testor – URL rector,<br/> Dr. Mar Vila – URL Vice-Rector for International Relations and University Community<br/> Ms. Sabine Sainte-Rose – ENGAGE.EU Secretary General<br/> Official opening of the conference with welcome remarks from URL (as host institution and GB chair) and ENGAGE.EU Secretary General. This session sets the tone of the conference, presenting its objectives and highlighting key milestones of the Alliance.</p> |                                                           |                                                                      |                                                           |                                                                   |                                                         |                                                         |                                                                  |                                                         |                                                             |                                                                            |
| 14.30                       | <b>ENGAGE.EU 2.0: State of the art. Where are we?</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                           |                                                                      |                                                           |                                                                   |                                                         |                                                         |                                                                  |                                                         |                                                             | [Auditorium]                                                               |
|                             | <p>[WP coordinators]<br/> Each of the seven WP coordinators will give an overview of current progress, achievements and challenges of their WP in ENGAGE.EU 2.0.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                           |                                                                      |                                                           |                                                                   |                                                         |                                                         |                                                                  |                                                         |                                                             |                                                                            |
| 15.00                       | <b>ENGAGE.EU 2.0: Impact Report Presentation</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                           |                                                                      |                                                           |                                                                   |                                                         |                                                         |                                                                  |                                                         |                                                             | [Auditorium]                                                               |
|                             | <p>Dr. Cristina Giménez, WP7 co-coordinator<br/> WP7 coordinators will present the latest impact report, achievements, results and discussion on future priorities and impact pathways.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                           |                                                                      |                                                           |                                                                   |                                                         |                                                         |                                                                  |                                                         |                                                             |                                                                            |
| 15.30                       | <b>Coffee break</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                           |                                                                      |                                                           |                                                                   |                                                         |                                                         |                                                                  |                                                         |                                                             | [Auditorium hall]                                                          |
| 16.00                       | <b>AB Learning</b><br>[C301]<br>Contents tbd by AB chairs                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <b>AB Research</b><br>[C303]<br>Contents tbd by AB chairs | <b>AB Societal Engagement</b><br>[C305]<br>Contents tbd by AB chairs | <b>WP2-3</b><br>[C302]<br>Contents tbd by WP coordinators | <b>WP4-5</b><br>[C306 - Àgora]<br>Contents tbd by WP coordinators | <b>WP6</b><br>[B203]<br>Contents tbd by WP coordinators | <b>WP7</b><br>[B207]<br>Contents tbd by WP coordinators | <b>Board of Learners</b><br>[B204]<br>Contents tbd by BoL chairs | <b>Management Team</b><br>[B209]<br>Contents tbd by MT. | <b>Governing Board (rectors only)</b><br>[RCT-Sala Mirador] | <b>Associated Partners</b><br>[RCT-Sala Tarima]<br>See parallel programme. |
| 17.30                       | <b>Free time*</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                           |                                                                      |                                                           |                                                                   |                                                         |                                                         |                                                                  |                                                         |                                                             |                                                                            |
| 19.00 – 20.30               | <b>Reception at Barcelona City Hall and welcome dinner</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                           |                                                                      |                                                           |                                                                   |                                                         |                                                         |                                                                  |                                                         |                                                             | [Saló de Cent, BCN City Hall, Pl. Sant Jaume, 1]                           |
|                             | Institutional reception to welcome participants to Barcelona and strengthen international and local connections. Informal networking dinner (finger food)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                           |                                                                      |                                                           |                                                                   |                                                         |                                                         |                                                                  |                                                         |                                                             |                                                                            |

\* In parallel, from 18:00 to 22:00, the ENGAGE.EU Practitioner Programme Demo Day will be held in the city centre (Antiga Fàbrica Estrella Damm, c. Rosselló, 515). All participants are invited to join (prior registration required).

Thursday, 22 October 2026

La Salle Campus Barcelona – URL (c. Sant Joan de la Salle, 42. 08022 Barcelona)

[Lounge – whole day – Aula Q14]

| ENGAGE.EU 2.0: WHAT WE STILL NEED TO DO |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                               |                                                                          |
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| 8.30                                    | Registration & welcome coffee                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                               | [Auditorium hall]                                                        |
| 9.00                                    | Welcome to La Salle – URL by its General Director, Mr. Josep M. Santos                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                               |                                                                          |
| 9.05                                    | European University Alliances. A transformative initiative for the European University Landscape                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                               | [Auditorium]                                                             |
|                                         | Dr. Josep M. Garrell, president of the European Universities Association<br>Presentation of the strategic evolution of European university alliances and their role in shaping the future of higher education in Europe.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                               |                                                                          |
| 9.45                                    | Round table: Getting inspired by other European Universities Alliances                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | [Auditorium]                                                                                                                 | Governing Board + Area Board chairs                                                                                           | Associated Partners                                                      |
|                                         | Dr. Bibiana Crespo. CHARM-EU. Delegate of the Rector for International Mobility and Global Engagement. Universitat de Barcelona (UB)<br>Ms. Mireia Galí, Institutional Coordinator for ECIU. Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (UAB)<br>Dr. Dorothy Kelly, ARQUS Coordinator. Universidad de Granada (UGR)<br>Ms. Maite Viudes. Institutional Coordinator for EUTOPIA. Universitat Pompeu Fabra (UPF)<br><br>Moderator: Dr. Jörg Raab.ENGAGE.EU. Tilburg University.<br><br>Discussion with representatives from other alliances, focusing on shared challenges, good practices and innovative approaches in areas such as joint programmes, micro credentials, next call+2, etc. |                                                                                                                              | [Sala de Graus]                                                                                                               | [Sala Vitalls]<br>Talent attraction & retention. See parallel programme. |
| 11.00                                   | Coffee break                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                               | [Auditorium hall]                                                        |
| 11.30                                   | Round table: Beyond employability: developing talent to serve society.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | [Auditorium]                                                                                                                 | Governing Board                                                                                                               |                                                                          |
|                                         | Ms. Silvia Caparrós de Olmedo, Delegate General Mans Unides Barcelona (ENGAGE.EU AP)<br>Ms. Cristina Clotet, Project Manager Barcelona Global (ENGAGE.EU AP)<br>Ms. Tamar Jonkman, Head of Students Development, Tilburg University<br>Mr. Jaime Sanllorente, CEO, Sonrisas de Bombay (ENGAGE.EU AP)<br>Ms. Carme Solé, Career Advisor Alumni Relations, La Salle – Ramon Llull University<br><br>Moderator: Dr. Joan-Andreu Rocha Scarpetta, Deputy Director, University Institute, Vidal i Barraquer Foundation (Engage.EU AP)                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                              | [Sala de Graus]                                                                                                               |                                                                          |
| 13.00                                   | Photo time!                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                               | [Jardí Castellers]                                                       |
| 13.15                                   | Lunch                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                               | [Jardí Sant Josep]                                                       |
| ENGAGE.EU 2.0: WHAT WE LOOK FOR         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                               |                                                                          |
| 14.00                                   | Learning                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Research                                                                                                                     | Societal Engagement                                                                                                           | Welcome to IQS – URL by his General director, Prof. Borrós               |
|                                         | [Ed. Estrella – M0.1]<br>[including AB, WP2, WP3, BoL, MT, WP7 and EG 1 and 2]<br>Discussion of pending actions current call                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | [Ed. Estrella – M0.2]<br>[including AB, WP4, WP5, BoL, MT, WP7 and EG 3 and 5]<br>Discussion of pending actions current call | [Ed. Estrella – M0.6]<br>[including AB, WP6, BoL, MT, WP7 and EG 4 and 6]<br>WP6 meeting (T6.3). Pending actions current call | Governing Board + Governance Task Force                                  |
|                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                              | [IQS – Ciments Molins]                                                                                                        | [Ed. Estrella – M1.2]<br>Presenting the +2 proposal.                     |
| 15.30                                   | Coffee break                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                               |                                                                          |

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| 16.00 | <p><b>* Cross Session – Group 1 Learning (1) + Research</b></p> <p><i>[Ed. Estrella – M0.1]*</i><br/><i>[Ed. Estrella – M0.2]</i></p> <p><i>[including AB, representatives of WP2, WP3, WP4, WP5, WP7, EG 1, EG2, EG3, EG5, BoL, MT,)</i><br/>Dialogue between the different representatives in relation to the Bridge Call (+2): common points and synergies. Different compositions of joint expert group sessions might be arranged according to the mandate received from the Steering Committee.</p> <p>(1) WP Area Learning Coordinators should decide how to split their representatives between this session and the parallel session with societal engagement</p> <p><i>*Two different rooms have been blocked if the group is too large or if they WP Coordinators decide to work in small groups.</i></p> | <p><b>Cross Session – Group 2 Learning + Societal Engagement</b></p> <p><i>[Ed. Estrella – M0.6]</i></p> <p><i>[including AB, representatives of WP2, WP3, WP6, WP7, BoL, MT, and EG 1, EG2, EG 4 and EG6)</i><br/>Dialogue between the different representatives in relation to the Bridge Call (+2): common points and synergies. Different compositions of joint expert group sessions might be arranged according to the mandate received from the Steering Committee.</p> | <p><b>Governing Board + International Advisory Board</b></p> <p><i>[IQS – Ciments Molins]</i></p> | <p><b>Associated Partners</b></p> <p><i>[Ed. Estrella – M1.2]</i><br/>Impact pathways presentation, with T6.3. See parallel programme.</p> |
| 17.30 | <b>Free time</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                            |
| 20.00 | <b>Dinner</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                            |
| 22.00 | <p><b>Rauxa</b></p> <p>Informal after-dinner gathering inspired by the Catalan expression “<i>seny i rauxa</i>”, which reflects the balance between thoughtful reflection (<i>seny</i>) and spontaneous enjoyment (<i>rauxa</i>)</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                            |

Friday, 23 October 2026

Esade Campus Barcelona – URL (Av. Pedralbes, 60-62. 08034 Barcelona)

[Lounge – whole day – Foyers]

| ENGAGE.EU 2.0: WHAT WE AGREE ON |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                            |                                                                                  |                                                                                                      |
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| 8.30                            | <b>Welcome coffee</b> [Foyer platea]                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                            |                                                                                  |                                                                                                      |
| 9.00                            | <b>Welcome to ESADE – URL by its General Director, Dr. Daniel Traça</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                            |                                                                                  |                                                                                                      |
| 9.05                            | <b>ENGAGE.EU 2.0: Putting the ENGAGE.EU Strategy into Practice: Experiences from the Expert Groups</b> [Platea 1]<br><br><i>Claudius Werry (EG 1)</i><br><i>Anthéa Chai Afanou (EG 2)</i><br><i>Heather Paudler (EG 3 &amp; 5)</i><br><i>Paola Belingheri (EG 4)</i><br><i>Maika Valencia (EG 6)</i><br><br><i>Moderators: Marieke Korst, Rob van Hensberg and Clemens Rogi</i><br>From our daily practice today to societal change by 2035: how is the ENGAGE.EU Strategy guiding us? Let's find out together.                                          | <b>Governing Board + Executive Committee</b><br><i>[Amfiteatre]</i>        | <b>International Advisory Board</b><br><i>[Sala de Junes]</i>                    | <b>Associated Partners</b> [Platea 2]<br>Internship opportunities with T3.4. See parallel programme. |
| 10.00                           | <b>Cross Session – Group 3</b> [Platea 1]<br><b>Research + Societal Engagement</b><br><br><i>[including AB, representatives of WP4, WP5, WP6, WP7, EG3, EG5, EG6 BoL, MT]</i><br>Dialogue between the different representatives in relation to the Bridge Call (+2): common points and synergies. Different compositions of joint Expert Group sessions might be arranged according to the mandate received from the Steering Committee.<br><br><b>Learning Area Members</b><br>They can join Cross Session – Group 3 or they can have time by their own | <b>Executive Committee</b><br><i>[Amfiteatre]</i><br><br><i>Discussion</i> | <b>GB + IAB</b><br><i>[Sala de Junes]</i><br><br>Debrief of previous discussions |                                                                                                      |
| 11.00                           | <b>Coffee break</b> [Foyer platea]                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                            |                                                                                  |                                                                                                      |
| 11.30                           | <b>ENGAGE 3.0: call +2 proposal preparation</b> [Platea 1]<br><br><i>[Sabine Sainte-Rose – ENGAGE.EU Secretary General]</i><br>Next steps for the +2-proposal preparation.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                            |                                                                                  |                                                                                                      |
| 12.00                           | <b>ENGAGE.EU call to action</b> [Platea 1]<br><br><i>Dr. Thomas Fetzer</i><br><i>Dra. Mar Vila</i><br><i>Dra. Marion Fortin</i><br><i>[GB representatives]</i><br>Conclusions / output of the annual conference.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                            |                                                                                  |                                                                                                      |

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| 13.00 | <b>Annual conference closing and hand over</b><br><i>Dr. Carles Pérez-Testor – URL rector,<br/>Ms. Sabine Sainte-Rose – ENGAGE.EU Secretary General</i><br><i>Next annual conference host representative]</i><br>Official closing of the conference and symbolic handover to the next host institution. | [Platea 1]     |
| 13.15 | <b>Lunch to go</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | [Foyer platea] |

Legend:

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| Plenary session | Parallel session | Social programme | Break | CONFERENCE PART |
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