

AURORA ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2026

Monday 18 May

Location: UDE Duisburg Campus

09:00 – 12:00	Students Council <i>SG135 (1st floor), Geibelstraße 41</i>
12:00 – 13:00	Lunch Break <i>UDE Canteen, Lotharstraße 23 – 25</i>
12:50 - 13:00	Group Photo Students Council <i>SG135 (1st floor), Geibelstraße 41</i>
13:00 – 14:00	Students Council <i>SG135 (1st floor), Geibelstraße 41</i>
12:00 – 13:30	Presidents' Lunch
13:30 – 16:45	Presidents' Tour
16:00 – 17:00	Welcome and Registration <i>LA Building, Lotharstraße 65</i>
17:00 – 19:00	Opening Ceremony – Handover of Presidency Dr. Mai Thi Nguyen-Kim, Chemist and Science Journalist <i>Audimax, LX Building, Lotharstraße 63a</i>
19:00 – 20:00	Reception with Light Bites and Drinks <i>LA Building, Lotharstraße 65</i>
20:00 – 23:00	Presidents' Dinner
20:00 – 23:00	ICs Dinner

Tuesday 19 May

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08:15 – 09:00	Accreditation <i>Foyer, LA Building, Lotharstraße 65</i>
08:20 – 9:00	Delegation Group Photos: SWUN, TETOVA, UPJS, CBS, UIBK, VU, UPEC, UDE, SFU <i>Location at UDE Campus Duisburg tbc</i>
09:00 – 10:30	Plenary Session 1: The Erosion of Trust in Academia? Responses from Universities and Research Organizations in Europe <i>LA034 (Audimax, ground floor), LA Building, Lotharstraße 65</i>
10:30 – 10:50	Coffee Break <i>Foyer, LA Building, Lotharstraße 65</i>
10:40 – 10:50	Delegation Group Photos: KARAZIN, SUSSEX <i>Location at UDE Campus Duisburg tbc</i>
10:50 – 11:00	Group Photo all participants
11:00 – 12:00	Plenary Session 2: Aurora 2030 midway: Achievements, Challenges, and the Road Ahead <i>LA034 (Audimax, ground floor), LA Building, Lotharstraße 65</i>
12:05 – 12:25	Delegation Group Photos: Aurora Central Office, UI, UPOL, UNINA, URV <i>Location at UDE Campus Duisburg tbc</i>
12:00 – 14:00	Lunch Break <i>UDE Canteen, Lotharstraße 23 – 25 or U-Café, Lotharstraße 65</i>
13:00 – 14:00	Introduction Session of University of Sussex <i>Location tbc</i>
	Workshop Parallel Sessions: WS 1: Transdisciplinary European Research Driven Educational Hub <i>LA 011b (ground floor), LA Building, Lotharstraße 65</i>
14:00 – 16:00	WS 2: Enhancing Quality of Research through an AURORA Research and Innovation Community <i>LR building/Gerhard-Mercator-Haus (2nd floor), Lotharstraße 57</i>
	WS 3: Aurora Blended Intensive Programmes – From Concept to Implementation <i>LK 051 (ground floor), Lotharstraße 65</i>
14:00 – 16:00	President's Strategy Meeting <i>LR building/Gerhard-Mercator-Haus (ground floor), Lotharstraße 57</i>
16:00 – 17:00	Coffee Break <i>Foyer, LA Building, Lotharstraße 65</i>
16:00 – 17:00	Poster Session <i>Foyer, LA Building, Lotharstraße 65</i>
16:30 – 17:30	General Council Meeting <i>LR building/Gerhard-Mercator-Haus (ground floor), Lotharstraße 57</i>
18:00- 19:00	Social Activity
18:45- 19:45	Social Activity VRs
20:00 - 23:00	VRs Dinner

Wednesday 20 May

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08:30 – 09:00	Coffee Break <i>Foyer, LA Building, Lotharstraße 65</i>
09:00 – 10:30	Plenary Session 3: Innopreneurship: From Peer Review to Revenue <i>LA034 (Audimax, ground floor), LA Building, Lotharstraße 65</i>
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee Break <i>Foyer, LA Building, Lotharstraße 65</i>
11:00 – 12:30	Plenary Session 4: Window into Student Representation <i>LA034 (Audimax, ground floor), LA Building, Lotharstraße 65</i>
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch Break <i>UDE Canteen, Lotharstraße 23 – 25 or U-Café, Lotharstraße 65</i>
	Workshop Parallel Sessions: WS 4: Seismic: Social Entrepreneurship opportunities in Aurora <i>LA 011b (ground floor), LA Building, Lotharstraße 65</i>
14:00 – 15:30	WS 5: Strategy for University Regional Stakeholders Engagement as a part of Aurora's strategic Management <i>LK 061 (ground floor), Lotharstraße 65</i>
	WS 6: Aurorisation: teaching formats, evaluation tools, accreditation and recognition <i>LK 052 – tba (ground floor), Lotharstraße 65</i>
14:00 – 14:45	VRE meeting <i>LA 013 (ground floor), LA Building, Lotharstraße 65</i>
15:00 – 15:45	VRR meeting <i>LA 013 (ground floor), LA Building, Lotharstraße 65</i>
16:00 – 16:45	Joint VRE-VRR <i>LA 013 (ground floor), LA Building, Lotharstraße 65</i>
15:30 – 16:00	Coffee Break <i>Foyer, LA Building, Lotharstraße 65</i>
	Workshop Parallel Sessions: WS 7: The LOUIS Methodology: Redesigning Teaching <i>LK 061 tba (ground floor), Lotharstraße 65</i>
16:00 – 17:00	WS 8: Aurora Impact Study – Next Steps: Workshop on the Development of a Common Impact Assessment Methodology and Monitoring <i>LA 011b (ground floor), LA Building, Lotharstraße 65</i>
17:00 – 18:00	ICs and WP Leads Meeting <i>LA 013 (ground floor), LA Building, Lotharstraße 65</i>
19:00 – 23:00	10 th Year Anniversary party and Handover Flag 19:00 Arrival and Welcome 19:30 Handover of the Flag, Start of the Reception <i>Restaurant HOME, Calaisplatz 5</i>

Thursday 21 May

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	Workshop Parallel Sessions: WS 9: Open Science <i>LK 052 (ground floor), Lotharstraße 65</i>
	WS 10: Aurora Community of Practice: Bibliometrics & Open Research Information <i>LK132 (1st floor), Lotharstraße 65</i>
9:00 – 12:00	WS 11 (hybrid): Digital Credentials: From Strategy to Implementation using EDCI <i>LA011b, (ground floor), Lotharstraße 65</i>
	WS 12: From Idea to Implementation: Building (cross-hub joint) Aurora micro-credentials <i>LK061 (ground floor), Lotharstraße 65</i>
09:00 – 11:30	Two Year Extention Meeting
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch (self-organized)
	Workshops Parallel Sessions: WS 11 (hybrid): Digital Credentials: From Strategy to Implementation using EDCI <i>LA011b, (ground floor), Lotharstraße 65</i>
14:00 – 16:00	WS 13: Aurora Student Ambassador Peer-to-peer Learning Workshop (TT 7.2 Aurora Student Community) <i>LK 051 (ground floor), Lotharstraße 65</i>

- Closed session
- Plenary Session
- Group session
- Workshop