

Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya and T.I.M.E. Association
High-Level Webinar

20 January 2021 (10.00 – 12.00)

“Virtual Mobility: A Critical Analysis”

Welcome remarks: 10.00 – 10.15

- Leif Kari, Vice President for Education, KTH Royal Institute of Technology, Sweden and T.I.M.E. Association President
- Juan Jesús Pérez, Vice-Rector for International Policy, Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya, Spain

Session 1: 10.15 – 10.45

The situation in Europe and outside Europe, at least in terms of internationalization for higher education institutions is mainly based on physical mobility. However, in the last few years, increased attention has been given to virtual formats, partly to increase access to international education. However, can we assume that virtual study mobility provide the same competences, the same benefits and learning experience as one would have with physical mobility ? Does it meet international student’s expectations?

Moderator: Juan Jesús Pérez, Vice-Rector for International Policy, Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya, Spain.

Keynote speakers:

- Dorothy Kelly, Vice-Rector for internationalization, University of Granada, Spain and Coordinator of the Arqus European University Alliance
- Sabina Achim, Erasmus Student Network, Belgium

Session 2: 10.45 – 11.30

How European Universities Alliances contribute ? What is their concrete approach towards student mobility? Which innovative practices do they plan to set up? Do they have successful virtual exchange activities? What is the position of the European Commission? Will it impact the future of the Erasmus + Programme?

Moderator: Gwenaëlle Guillerme, Secretary General, T.I.M.E. Association

Keynote speakers:

- Roberto Zanino, Vice-Rector for European Relations Politecnico di Torino, Italy and Key Liaison Officer, UNITE! European Alliance
- Elena Tegovska, Team Leader, Erasmus+ Higher Education, Directorate General for Education, Youth, Sport and Culture, European Commission, Belgium

Q&A Session with the Audience