



ACADEMIA EUROPAEA

*The Academy
of Europe*



Advancing and promoting
excellence *in research and scholarship*

Origins and Mission



Academia Europaea (AE) was founded in 1988 as an international, non-governmental association of individual scientists and scholars from all disciplines. Its Members are experts and leaders in their respective fields, as recognised by their peers. AE is a not-for-profit legal entity registered in the UK (London) and in Germany (Munich). We are funded through our Members' contributions as well as donations from charitable foundations, public organisations and project sponsorship.

Background

Our Articles of Incorporation describe the AE's objectives as:

The advancement and propagation of excellence in scholarship in the humanities, law, the economic, social, and political sciences, mathematics, medicine, and all branches of natural and technological sciences anywhere in the world, for the public benefit and for the advancement of the education of the public of all ages in the aforesaid subjects in Europe.

Our Mission

As set out in our legal frameworks, our mission encompasses:

- the promotion of excellence in research throughout Europe and elsewhere into the aforesaid subjects, and the dissemination throughout Europe and elsewhere of the useful results of such research,
- the promotion of the development of a European identity in scholarship and research, to conduct analyses of issues relevant to Europe and to act as a European centre for scholars,
- the encouragement of interdisciplinary and international studies and research with particular reference to European issues,
- the provision of independent advice on matters of scholarly interest or concern to legislatures, governments, universities, the communications media, and to professional, industrial and commercial organisations in Europe,
- the encouragement of collaboration between scholars and centres of scholarship in Europe and the promotion of collaboration in education and training,
- the organisation and support for conferences, congresses, exhibitions, meetings, lectures, seminars and training courses as the Academy decides.

Strategic Plan Priorities

These are:

1. to recognise and support the development of individual scholarship and scholars,
2. to deliver collective and independent excellence in expertise and activity,
3. to create beneficial collaborations and partnerships,
4. to improve visibility, impact and trust,
5. to broaden the support base.

At all times the Academia will endeavour to:

- encourage achievement of the highest possible standards in scholarship, research and education,
- promote a better understanding among the public at large of the benefits of knowledge and learning, and of scientific and scholarly issues that affect society, its quality of life and its standards of living.

We will achieve these aims through a programme of activities, which includes the organisation and promotion of meetings, study groups, expert workshops; through engagement with other organisations to deliver independent advice; through the election of eminent scientists and scholars to membership of the Academia; and through scientific and other publications, including the Academia's own peer-reviewed international journal, *European Review*.

Membership

The Academia has three individual membership categories: Ordinary, Foreign and Honorary. There is also a membership category for organisations – 'Associates' and Patrons. The Academia's current membership stands at approximately 5500. Foreign Members are eminent scholars who are not based in Europe but who maintain strong research links with European institutions. Nationality or citizenship is not used to define the membership category. Membership is open to the best scientists and scholars from anywhere in the world. The Academia particularly welcomes nominations of women and candidates under the age of 55, from all disciplines.

Election to membership follows nomination by existing Members. The process includes peer review by an expert Section (disciplinary) committee, a general comparative assessment across Sections within a defined Class, and an election based on recommendations by each of the four Classes.

The four Classes are:

- Class A1 – Humanities
- Class A2 – Social and Related Sciences
- Class B – Physical and Natural Sciences
- Class C – Life Sciences

Newly elected Members are then invited to accept the honour of membership in the Academia. Membership is a lifetime award.

There are no quotas regarding age, gender discipline or geography.

Young Academy of Europe (YAE)

Since 2012, The Young Academy of Europe (YAE) has been affiliated with Academia Europaea. YAE invites nominations and elects emerging talents from across Europe who can demonstrate evidence of exceptional promise in the academic Sections of Academia Europaea.

www.yacadeuro.org



Member profiles

Our website provides information about each Member of Academia Europaea, including their activities, research and other items of interest to the general public.

www.ae-info.org

Activities

Annual Scientific Meetings

Academia Europaea holds an annual general congress meeting of all Members. These are thematic, multidisciplinary meetings held over three days, providing a forum for the induction of new Members, Class sessions on thematic topics and general plenary sessions featuring multidisciplinary lectures by leading international scholars. Many papers presented at these meetings are later published in the *European Review*.

The Erasmus Lecture and Medal

The Erasmus Lecture and Medal were introduced in 1992. The award is made following an open call for nominations and a peer-reviewed selection by an independent thematic committee, which changes each year. The award recognises lifetime scholarly excellence, achievement and impact. It also provides an opportunity for Members and others to hear from a renowned scholar.

Past Erasmus lecturers include: János Kornai, Ernst Mestmäcker, Lawrence Freedman, Alain Touraine, Hubert Markl, Paul Crutzen, Peter Burke, Raoul van Caenegem, Kristof Glamann, Edoardo Boncinelli, Giorgio Bernardi, Harold Kroto, Carl Djerassi, Stig Strömholm, Pierre Léna, Bert Sakmann, Francisco Márquez Villanueva, Semir Zeki, Jean Fréchet, Carlo Ginzburg, Manuel Castells, Geoffrey Burnstock, Tomas Hökfelt, Norman Davies, Kurt Mehlhorn, Edith Hall, Martin Rees, Andreu Mas-Colell, Hans Clevers, Sonia Livingstone, Aleida Assmann, Roger Penrose, Philippe Aghion, Jean-Pierre Changeux.

Over many years, the lecture and medal have been sponsored by the Heinz-Nixdorf Foundation.

The Gold Award

The Academia's Gold award is presented to institutions or to individuals who, through their inspiration, political effort, managerial skill or financial support, have significantly contributed to European science and scholarship.

Recipients have included:

The Royal Society of London, Heinz Riesenhuber, George Soros, Paul Sacher, Jacques Delors, Klaus Tschira, The Max Planck Society, the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft, the Riksbankens Jubileumsfond, the Wenner Gren Foundations (Sweden), the Compagnia Di San Paolo (Turin, Italy), Helga Nowotny, Robert-Jan Smits, The German National Academy of Sciences (Leopoldina), Ole Holger Petersen, and Sierd Cloetingh.

Symposia and working groups

Academia Europaea also organises ad hoc working groups, workshops and international symposia on specific scientific or academic topics. Ideas may originate from Members and from within the Sections and Classes. Activities are increasingly coordinated through the regional Hubs.

A key thematic area is Higher Education and Culture, addressed through the Higher Education, Research and Culture in European Society group, known as "HERCuLES".

The Board of Trustees also convenes ad hoc expert groups to address European and global Policy initiatives, often working as members of European project consortia and other platforms. The AE also represents the European Commission within the G-20 (science) structure.

Prizes and funding schemes

Academia Europaea supports a number of prizes.

The Adam Kondorosi Prizes

These include:

- The Adam Kondorosi Academia Europaea Award for Early-Career Investigators (since 2016)
- The Adam Kondorosi Academia Europaea Award for Advanced Research (since 2017)

These awards recognise significant research potential or achievement in plant sciences, especially plant microbiology and molecular sciences. The winners are identified by an international jury of experts.

The Sydney Brenner Prize

Established in 2022 to honour the lifetime achievements of Sydney Brenner, this biennial prize includes a medal, certificate, and lecture. It is awarded for outstanding scholarship in the life sciences, particularly in Molecular Biology and related fields.

The Barcelona Hypatia European Science Prize

Established in 2018 by the City Council of Barcelona and co-organised by the AE Barcelona Knowledge Hub, this annual award includes a 30,000 euro cash prize. It recognises eminent scholars across all disciplines on a three-year cycle. The winner delivers a distinguished lecture at the City Council's Main Hall, attended by the Mayor, city officials, and the public.

The Hubert Curien Fund

Since 2015, this fund (named in honour of Academia Europaea's second President) has provided small grants (up to 5,000 euro max.) to Members for international, interdisciplinary and transboundary activities. These may include workshops, publications, or videos, and are always collaborative in nature. The aim is to support up to 10 initiatives per year, resources permitting.

AE Knowledge Hub Schemes

In addition to central prizes and funding schemes, each Hub is free to organise its own events and activities, including initiatives with a specific regional focus. These may include for example, summer schools and training events for regional early-career scholars, or regionally significant programmes such as the annual Disputatio debates in Barcelona (co-funded by Academia Europaea and Catalan Foundations). The Hubs are able to propose and establish named and sponsored prize schemes that align with their regional and thematic missions. Each Hub maintains editorial control over its own website, which allows it to further develop and communicate its regional focus and mission.

Publications

Academia Europaea publishes an international, peer-reviewed, open access journal of a general and interdisciplinary nature: *European Review*. Issued six times per year, the journal has an international scope and holds an impact factor. It is managed by an editorial board composed of AE Members, supported by an international group of consulting and guest editors. The journal is published on behalf of Academia Europaea by Cambridge University Press (CUP). The journal is published on behalf of Academia Europaea by Cambridge University Press (CUP). *European Review* features high-quality, interdisciplinary papers, with many issues including thematic 'Focus' features—collections of related articles addressing topics of European significance. Abstracts are available online at: journals.cambridge.org/journal_europeanreview

The journal also publishes sponsored supplements featuring collections of papers from symposia and other thematic activities.

The Academia's website serves as its primary communication platform. Regular electronic newsletters are produced and distributed to all AE Members, members of the Young Academy of Europe, and invited guests, reporting both corporate and individual Hub activities. An annual Member directory (for internal use), an annual activity report, and audited financial accounts (publicly available) are also published. Policy papers and opinion pieces are published on an ad hoc basis and are always publicly accessible. Sponsorship and advertising opportunities are available across all communication channels.

Where appropriate, outcomes from workshops and study groups are published as Academia Papers, special or supplementary issues of *European Review*, or as standalone volumes. These are accessible via the AE website. Our scientific advice publications that are developed through our collaborations with other European Academies (via the EASAC platform – European Academies Science Advisory Council) and the European Commission funded Horizon Europe project SAPEA (Science Advice for Policy by European Academies) consortium outputs can be accessed from the EASAC and the SAPEA websites respectively. AE Members contribute expert input to these initiatives.

Our Hubs also produce publications - including reports and articles - that arise from their specific programmes and activities.

Independent advice

A founding principle of Academia Europaea is the provision of impartial, expert, and independent advice to public and private bodies. With over 5,500 distinguished scholars from a broad spectrum of disciplines and cultures, AE is uniquely positioned to comment independently of any national or organisational viewpoint, on academic and scientific matters across Europe.

AE participates in several pan-European consortia that conduct expert-led analyses to deliver scientific reviews and advice to European institutions and national administrations. These include:

SAPEA [Science Advice for Policy by European Academies] - a European Commission funded project that is part of the European Scientific Advice Mechanism. The consortium partners are the AE, together with ALLEA (European Federation of Academies of Sciences and Humanities), FEAM (Federation of European Academies of Medical Sciences), Euro-CASE (the European Council of Academies of Applied Sciences, Technologies and Engineering), EASAC (European Academies Science Advisory Council) and YASAS (Young Academies Science Advice Structure). Academia Europaea is involved in the SAPEA project through its headquarters in Munich, and its Knowledge Hub in Cardiff.

EASAC [European Academies Science Advisory Council] - a standing group of national academies that pre-dates the creation of the SAPEA project consortium and carries out commissioned and own initiative expert reviews of scientific issues. Academia Europaea is a founding, subscribing member of EASAC.

EASSH [European Association of Social Sciences and Humanities] - AE is a subscribing member organisation of this group of individuals and organisations.

Scientific Advice Mechanism to the European Commission

Key features of AE's work in the SAPEA project has been project management, public engagement and systematic literature reviews, undertaken by its Cardiff Hub. AE also led the work on strategic development planning for SAPEA, through its Cardiff Hub.

All the AE Hubs have been involved in the work of SAPEA, participating in events and workshops, and nominating experts.

Fundamental to SAPEA's purpose is the production of evidence review reports that underpin policy development at the European Commission.

AE has coordinated many of the Evidence Review Reports produced by SAPEA, through its Cardiff Hub. These include: Food from the Oceans, Making Sense of Science for Policy, Biodegradability of Plastics and Solar Radiation Modification. AE has been involved in most of the other evidence reviews, through the systematic literature reviews conducted by its Cardiff Hub. AE also has a major role in impact analysis of the work of the Scientific Advice Mechanism, through the Cardiff Hub.

Further information on all of these activities can be found on www.ae-info.org and the project website at www.scientificadvice.eu

Relationships with other bodies

The Academia Europaea maintains close relationships with other organisations and public bodies concerned with European science and scholarship, including the European Commission and its scientific advisory bodies; with UNESCO (where the AE has formal operational status), the Council of Europe, the network of national European Academies (ALLEA), the International Council for Science (ICSU), EuroScience, the European Research Council and the COST organisation. Our individual Members serve on many international and national committees, boards and panels, such as for example – the Scientific Council of the European Research Council. The European Commission Science Advice Mechanism's Group of Chief Scientific Advisors and on many of the subject panels of the European Research Council. AE Members also serve across many countries in their national systems at a high level, including as rectors of universities and directors of research institutes and international scientific organisations.

Academia Europaea is governed by a single Board of Trustees (statutory directors of both legal entities in London and Munich). The Board is chaired by an elected President and supported by elected Vice-Presidents and an Honorary Treasurer. Class Chairs of the four academic divisions and a small number of co-opted Trustees also serve on the Board.

Each office (London and Munich) has an Executive Secretary who manages local operations and corporate tasks, reporting directly to the Board. They are also the legal representatives for their jurisdictions.

Academic interests are represented on the Board of Management by the Chairs of the four academic Classes. These four Classes together form what is known as the 'Advisory Council'. Each Class includes several academic Sections, and the Chairs of these Sections meet within their respective Class groupings, led by the Class Chair.

Every Member is allocated to one of the academic Sections, which are grouped as follows:

- A1 - Arts and Humanities
- A2 - Social and Related Sciences
- B - Exact and Natural Sciences
- C - Life Sciences

The individual academic Sections are:

Class A1 Arts and Humanities - 7 Sections:

History and Archaeology; Classics and Oriental Studies; Linguistic Studies; Literary and Theatrical Studies; Musicology and Art history; Philosophy, Theology and Religious Studies; Film Media and Visual Studies.

Class A2 Social and Related Sciences - 6 Sections:

Human Mobility, Governance, Environment and Space; Governance, Institutions and Policies; Law; Economics, Business and Management Sciences; The Human Mind and Its Complexity; Social Change and Social Thought.

Class B Exact and Natural Sciences - 5 Sections:

Mathematics; Informatics; Physics and Engineering Sciences; Chemical Sciences; Earth and Cosmic Sciences.

Class C Life Sciences - 5 Sections:

Biochemistry and Molecular Biology; Cell and Developmental Biology; Physiology and Neuroscience; Ecology and Evolution; Basic and Clinical Translational Sciences.

Corporate Information

The Academia Europaea is a not-for-profit organisation operating with two distinct legal entities:

The Academia Europaea (The Academy of Europe) Ltd is a Company Limited By Guarantee in England (Registration number 07028223) and is also registered as a not-for-profit charity, under English Law (Registration number 1133902).

The Academia Europaea (The Academy of Europe) e.V. is registered at Amtsgericht München in Germany as "eingetragener Verein" (registration number VR 210134) and is also registered as a not-for-profit charity. The headquarters of Academia Europaea is in Munich. The London office functions as the general support office. In collaboration with local and regional partners, Academia Europaea has established a number of regional Hubs.



Academia Europaea Barcelona Hub

Overview

The Barcelona Hub includes the Mediterranean and Southern European regions. It began its operations in 2013 at Institut d'Estudis Catalans in Barcelona and from 2023 is hosted by the Catalan Foundation for Research and Innovation (FCRI), a private organization that disseminates research and innovation among society to promote scientific culture, careers in science and technology and public-private relationships and entrepreneurship in these fields.

What we do

At Academia Europaea Barcelona Hub carries out different activities along the following strategic lines: Promotion of interdisciplinary dialogue on scientific and technological advances of social and/or ethical relevance.

Societal engagement and inclusion of citizen participation in scientific discussion, particularly within the Barcelona area.

Recognition of outstanding scholarship across diverse fields with positive social impact

Exploration and development of synergies between science and art and enhanced visibility of the AE-BKH and of the research ecosystem of Catalonia, and its increased integration in the international academic community

Scientific dialogues: Frontiers and Agora. The first one are high-level scientific discussions in English that explore the limits of knowledge and cross disciplinary boundaries. Each session features two scholars, a scientist or technologist and, providing contrast, an expert from the social sciences or humanities, who are brought together by a convenor or moderator. Sessions are streamed live, engaging the international community, particu-



larly AE Members, while also enhancing the visibility of the excellent local scientific ecosystem of Catalonia. Agora dialogue's main objective is to promote social commitment and the inclusion of citizen participation in scientific discussion, especially within the Barcelona area. These sessions are conducted in Catalan and/or Spanish and deal with scientific topics closer to the interests of citizens.

Disputatio: An annual academic debate held between two renowned experts (disputantes) holding different viewpoints on a common topic of social relevance.

Barcelona Hypatia European Science Prize: Awarded by the Barcelona City Council in collaboration with the Academia Europaea-Barcelona Knowledge Hub, recognizes an outstanding researcher who has conducted her/his career primarily in Europe and at the highest international level, with a strong influence on various fields of knowledge and a positive impact on society.

Art and Science project: Interrelationships between Art and Science, aimed at exploring and developing synergies between these areas as complementary ways of understanding and interpreting the world.

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Academia Europaea Bergen Hub

Overview

The Bergen Hub was established in 2014 and has been hosted and funded by the University of Bergen since 2016.

What we do

The main areas of activity at the Academia Europaea Bergen Hub reflect its position as the northernmost of the Hubs, as well as its role as a Hub for the Nordic and Baltic regions. We work to promote excellent research from and about the Nordic and Baltic region, its surrounding seas, and the Arctic, with a particular emphasis on marine and maritime research, sustainability and science diplomacy.

Arctic Science and Science Diplomacy

We have been engaged in Arctic issues since 2016, addressing topics such as Arctic Shipping and A new Arctic

Energy Mix through panel debate events, using Arctic Frontiers - the largest Norwegian Arctic conference platform - as our main venue. More recently, our Arctic focus has shifted to scientific cooperation and science diplomacy, especially in light of the changing geopolitical landscape following Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine in 2022. In 2023 we published the report *The Future of Science Diplomacy in the Arctic*. This work has continued under the leadership of the Hub through an international project consortium, Rethinking Arctic collaboration, which is financially supported by the University of the Arctic (UArctic) network. The consortium has organised a series of public debate events in the USA, Iceland, Germany and Norway.

As the project Rethinking Arctic Collaboration has shown, Arctic actors are now working to adapt to more turbulent times, following decades of positive developments and trust-building. Recently, tensions have increased around issues such as territorial boundaries, and the access to and exploitation of resources. Nonetheless, Arctic science remains essential for understanding the climate system as well as the environmental and biological changes that underpin evidence-based decision-making knowledge at local, national, and global levels.

Public Outreach

We are continuously involved as co-organisers of a well-established meeting series together with the Bergen offices of the Norwegian Academy of Technological Sciences (NTVA Bergen) and The Norwegian Society of Graduate Technical and Scientific Professionals (Tekna Bergen). We also participate in a variety of events, including One Ocean Week in Bergen and the Second Biennial Conference of the World Philology Union at Uppsala University. Each year, we co-organise the Horizons lectures lecture series, which includes the annual Darwin Day lecture at the University of Bergen. Most of our lectures are recorded and made available on our YouTube channel.

Science for policy

We advocate for the establishment of independent national science advice mechanisms, comparable to the EUs' Science Advice Mechanism (SAM). We also engage with SAPEA (Scientific Advice for Policy by European Academies) and SAM by nominating candidates to SAPEA working groups contributing to the Evidence Review Reports.



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Academia Europaea Budapest Hub

Overview

The Budapest Hub was established in 2020 at the Hungarian Academy of Sciences (MTA). It is hosted by the MTA, with its administration located at the International Relations Department of the MTA Secretariat.

What we do

Mission and antecedents

The Academia Europaea Budapest Hub aims to promote interdisciplinary scientific discourse with a regional and European focus by fostering new links and networks of expertise across the wider Danube region. The Budapest Hub draws on both the community of AE Members and the public association of the MTA, including members of the Hungarian Young Academy. It is strongly committed to cooperating with the network of AE Hubs across Europe, and also seeks to establish collaboration with the Young Academy of Europe. A key priority is to encourage the involvement of young scientists and scientists from the Danube region in the design and delivery of its activities.



During its first cycle of operation (2020-2024), the Hub organised events such as workshops, ERC mentoring webinars, lectures and film clubs, structured around four parallel thematic missions:

1. Widening European participation
2. The Danube region
3. Methodology of science education
4. Urban sustainability

Specific goals

In the new agreement between Academia Europaea (AE) and the Hungarian Academy of Sciences (MTA) the Budapest Hub is committed to advancing scientific collaboration and societal impact through three specific goals:

1. From Science to Society:

Our goal is to ensure that scientific discoveries and research results have a tangible impact on society. We will focus on projects that transform cutting-edge scientific knowledge into practical applications, such as healthcare advancements and solutions for environmental challenges. In doing so, we aim to bridge the gap between academia and society, positioning science as a driving force for societal progress.

2. From Curiosity to Career:

We will support the development of models that provide young people in Europe with clear and structured pathways to successful careers in science. Through mentorship programmes, educational frameworks, and research

opportunities, these models will help aspiring scientists pursue fulfilling careers. Our aim is to inspire the next generation of researchers and innovators, ensuring Europe remains competitive on the global scientific stage.

3. From Barriers to Bridges:

This goal focuses primarily on the countries along the Danube River, as well as smaller nations of Eastern and Central Europe, where scientific activity and success in securing EU grants remain comparatively low. Our core objective is to build educational and scientific connections in these regions, thereby enhancing their scientific capacity and fostering cross-border collaboration. By breaking down existing barriers and creating bridges, we aim to help these countries integrate more fully into the European scientific landscape. Raising the scientific potential of these smaller nations is essential for ensuring Europe's competitiveness on a global scale.

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Academia Europaea Cardiff Hub

Overview

The Cardiff Hub was set up in 2016 at Cardiff University, one of the UK's leading research universities. The Hub is based in sbarc|spark, Cardiff University's flagship innovation centre.

What we do

At Academia Europaea Cardiff, we're dedicated to bridging the gap between science and policy. AE Cardiff is active in two areas of work. The first is science for policy – synthesising and interpreting knowledge from across different academic disciplines to inform policy. The other is policy for science – examining how research is done, and how culture, processes and infrastructure can be improved.

Science for policy

We play a vital role in informing European policymaking. We have been active partners in the European Scientific Advice Mechanism (SAM) since 2016, when we joined the SAPEA (Science Advice for Policy by European Academies) consortium.

Our main responsibility is to coordinate evidence reviews that inform the policy recommendations of bodies such as the Group of Chief Scientific Advisors and the European Group on Ethics. We also undertake literature reviews that inform policy, ranging from full systematic reviews to rapid reviews and scoping reviews, as well as mapping the policy landscape. Our work in this area is performed in partnership with Cardiff University Library Services. We play a prominent role in outreach activities, hosting events and supporting media campaigns designed to promote our work in science advice. We also support training and best practice in science for policy, and are active in networks such as UPEN (Universities Policy Engagement Network) and INGSA (International Network for Governmental Science Advice).

Policy for science

The other facet of our work is policy for science. We promote research integrity, ethics, equity, diversity, and inclusion (EDI), publishing policies, and more.

Our regular programme of events examines topical issues related to science policy. Events are co-created and hosted with strategic partners and attract worldwide audiences (each typically from around 30 countries). Examples of topics covered include trust in science, gender equality in STEM, AI in science, open research, academic publishing, interdisciplinarity, international research networks and public engagement. Our team also conducts evidence reviews and literature reviews to support policy development in some of these areas.

We are proud of our work in the area of equity, diversity and inclusion (EDI). As partners in the CALIPER project, a Horizon 2020-funded initiative, we were responsible for stakeholder communication, in a consortium that promotes gender equality in research and innovation.



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Academia Europaea Tbilisi Hub

Overview

The Academia Europaea Tbilisi Hub was established in 2019 to serve as the organisation's regional branch in the Caucasus. Hosted by the Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University, the Hub aims to promote European standards in scholarship, scientific management, and interdisciplinary collaboration across the region.

What we do

At Academia Europaea Tbilisi Hub, we promote European standards of scholarship and foster academic collaboration across the region. Our work is centred on advancing interdisciplinary research that highlights the unique biocultural, linguistic, and ecological diversity of the South Caucasus.

The Hub supports excellence across all branches of science, with a special emphasis on exploring the links between culture and nature. We aim to position the region's deep expertise in both the natural and human sciences within international research networks.

Through strategic partnerships, scientific events, and the development of Clusters of Excellence, we connect researchers and institutions, encourage knowledge exchange, and support projects that address regional challenges with global significance.

Biocultural Diversity and Regional Research Leadership

The Tbilisi Hub champions research that explores the complex interconnections between natural and cultural heritage in the South Caucasus. Recognising the region's exceptional linguistic variety, ecological richness, and deep historical layers, we support academic initiatives that position the Caucasus as a living laboratory for studying biocultural diversity.

Our activities focus on integrating regional knowledge into broader scientific discourse through interdisciplinary approaches. Themes such as human-environment interaction, cultural resilience, and biodiversity conservation are explored through joint research projects, capacity-building activities, publications, and international partnerships. The Hub serves as a platform for showcasing the region's academic strengths and expanding its visibility on the European research map.

Collaboration, Dialogue and Scientific Exchange

The Hub plays an active role in building scientific bridges between Georgia, the wider Eastern Partnership region, and European academic institutions. Through conferences, workshops, and public events, we foster dialogue on key regional issues while strengthening connections within the Academia Europaea network. We are committed to promoting excellence in research culture by encouraging academic in-



tegrity, ethical standards, and inclusivity. We support knowledge exchange and mentorship across generations of scholars, and promote underrepresented disciplines and voices.

The Tbilisi Hub also seeks to enhance the visibility of regional scholarship, encouraging international partnerships that contribute to long-term capacity building and cultural diplomacy through science.

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Academia Europaea Wrocław Hub

Overview

The Academia Europaea Wrocław Hub was established in December 2011 and is based at the Wrocław University of Science and Technology, one of Poland's leading institutions in engineering and technology.

What we do

The Academia Europaea Wrocław Hub supports academic collaboration through international and interdisciplinary engagement. It focuses on organising conferences, workshops, and seminars that contribute to ongoing scientific dialogue and promote best practices in research and innovation. The Hub places particular emphasis on supporting the role of women in



science and encouraging inclusive academic exchange.

One of its key initiatives is the co-organisation of the Interdisciplinary Scientific Seminars (ISN), a monthly lecture series hosted by Wrocław University of Science and Technology. These events feature international researchers presenting recent developments across a wide range of scientific disciplines. Since 2024, this partnership has enhanced ISN's academic impact and has broadened its reach across disciplines.

In addition to its events activities, the Wrocław Hub manages branding and communication work for Academia Europaea. This includes the development of official materials and ensuring consistency in visual identity.

The Hub also provides administrative support to the Graz and London offices, contributing to the coordination of the Member election process and the preparation and distribution of membership materials.. Through these activities, the Wrocław Hub plays an important role in supporting the operations and visibility of Academia Europaea across Europe.

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Academia Europaea Graz Information Centre

Overview

The Graz Information Centre was established in 2010 with the purpose of increasing the visibility of Academia Europaea and its Members. The Centre was founded through a joint agreement between Academia Europaea and Graz University of Technology.

What we do

The Graz Information Centre manages the official corporate website of Academia Europaea. This site serves as the main source of information about AE's official policies, statements, news, activities, events and programmes - whether issued, (co-)organised, sponsored or promoted by Academia Europaea. It also features individual Members of the Academy and highlights their achievements.

The Centre is responsible for the administration of membership, including the development and maintenance of systems that support the nomination and election processes.

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