



**Across Annual Meeting**  
**Bialystok University of Technology (BUT)**  
**13-15 October 2026**

**12 October 2026**

All day

Arrival day

Informal Task Team Dinners (optional; organised by each Task Team, with suggestions from BUT team members)

**13 October 2026**

8.00 – 9.00

**Morning coffee & registration**

Venue: Hall of the Faculty of Electrical Engineering, BUT  
Wiejska 45D, 15-351 Białystok, Poland

9:00- 11:00

**Opening session**

Venue: Aula E, the Faculty of Electrical Engineering, BUT

9.00 – 9.20

**Welcoming address by:**

Rector of Białystok University of Technology,  
Mayor of the City of Białystok,  
Marshal of the Podlaskie Voivodeship

9.20 – 9.35

**Opening remarks** by Across Alliance Coordinator

9.35 – 10.00

**Across in numbers – Achievements of the first 20 months**

10:00-10.10

**Across at BUT**

10.10 – 11.00

**European Universities: From vision to everyday practice**  
**Panel Discussion**

Moderator: Dorota Krawczyk, *Vice-Rector for International Cooperation,*  
*Białystok University of Technology*

Panelists:

- + Katarzyna Aleksy  
*Director of the Higher Education Programmes Department, FRSE*
  - + Mariusz Gąbowski  
*EUNICE European University - Perspective of an established alliance*
  - + Marcin Sosnowski  
*COLOURS European University - Perspective of a developing alliance*
  - + Agata Mannino  
*Across European University - Perspective of a newly established alliance*
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11.00 - 11.15

## Practical Arrangements

Rooms, catering, transportation and local information. Group photo.

11.15-12.00

## Networking coffee

12.00-13.30

## Parallel meetings

### Individual task team meetings

*TTCLs should organise and inform the task team members of the agenda for their meeting. EB members, LCs, WPCLs that are NOT a member of any task team are welcome to join a task team meeting of their choice. Please inform the TTCLs. Expected output: Progress review, challenges, priorities until M30*

Venue:

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|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| TT1.1-B-G-34     | TT1.2-E-III-302 | TT1.3-IT-II-216 | TT1.4-M-G-120   |
| TT2.1-A-G-E22/2  | TT2.2-E-G-30    | TT2.3-E-G-29    | TT2.4-IT-I-A134 |
| TT3.1-L-II-P1/22 | TT3.2-M-G-107   | TT3.3-M-G-408   | TT3.4-E-I-144   |
| TT4.1-B-I-104°   | TT4.2-M-G-132   | TT4.3-E-III-306 | TT4.4-E-III-304 |

**A** - Sigma Centre

**B** - Faculty of Civil Eng. and Natural Sciences

**E** - Faculty of Electrical Eng.

**M** - Faculty of Mechanical Eng.

**IT** - Faculty of Computer Science

**L** - Library, Centre of Modern Education

**G** – ground floor, **I** – first floor, **II** – second floor

eg.: E-III-302 Faculty of Electrical Eng., third floor, room no 302

### European Universities Leadership Round Table (by invitation)

Venue: Faculty Council Room (E-G-007), Faculty of Electrical Engineering, BUT  
*A strategic discussion bringing together university leaders involved in European University alliances and representatives of key national agencies. The session will provide a space to exchange experiences on the development and implementation of European Universities, discuss common challenges related to governance, funding, sustainability and institutional transformation, and reflect on the role of national support mechanisms.*

Moderator: Katarzyna Aleksy, Director of the Higher Education Programmes Department, FRSE

Participants:

- + Coordinators of Polish European Universities alliances
- + Representative of NAWA
- + One (Vice-) Rector from each Across partner university
- + Across coordinator

### Across PhD student and student meeting

All PhD students and students from partners are invited

Venue: Faculty of Civil Engineering and Environmental Sciences, room B-II-213

Activity Leader: Bernadetta Lubowicka, BUT

13.30-15.00

## Lunch

15.00-17.00

## Parallel meetings

### Collaborative task team meetings

*Each collaborative task team meeting is expected to designate 1 rapporteur (minutes and reporting back to WPCLs). For each meeting specific indications will be provided as to the overall goal of the meeting and the topics they have in common. The lead facilitator is responsible for agenda preparation in consultation with the TTCLs. Each collaborative meeting is expected to identify at least three concrete joint actions to be implemented before the next Annual Meeting.*

**TT1.1 – TT4.1** Priority-setting of both internal and external communication actions

Venue: Faculty of Civil Engineering and Environmental Sciences, room B-G-34  
F: Maximilian Eibl; R: Daniel Bratanov

**TT1.2 – TT4.2** Across border alliance supporting legal framework: inter-alliance community of practice related to the legal statue of European Universities, considering active projects of alliances in the dedicated Erasmus+ call

Venue: Faculty of Mechanical Engineering, room M-G-132  
F: Viktoriya Ivanova; R: Maria Esther Jordana Santiago

**TT1.3 – TT2.4** Staff development, correlation with training offer in transversal skillsets and defining HR policies

Venue: Faculty of Computer Sciences, room IT-I-A134  
F: Ljubisa Micic; R: tbc

**TT 1.4 – TT3.2 – TT3.1** Advice on DEI to establish a joint protocol of research ethics and best practices, careers for students and staff with R&I principles, support a supplementary affiliation for researchers among partner universities

Venue: Faculty of Mechanical Engineering, room M-G-107  
F: Caterina Mazzanti; R: tbc

**TT4.3 – TT3.4 – TT4.4** Draw on the Think Tank outputs for development of further projects for sustainability

Venue: Faculty of Electrical Engineering, room E-G-29  
F: Matjaz Valant R: Alicia Betts

**TT3.3 – TT2.2 – TT2.3** 8 flagship double/multiple/joint degrees closely aligned with the focus areas will be developed, creation of a growing catalogue of micro-credentials, Map our existing courses in master's and PhD programmes as well as for early-career researchers and relate them to the 4 Across Focus Areas; Define PhD programmes based on micro-credentials, making use of Atomic Learning Units and considering the existing partner offerings. Mobility indicators.

Venue: Faculty of Electrical Engineering, room E-G-30  
F: Laurent Cavaignac; R: Patricija Muzlovic

**TT2.1 – TT3.1** Prototype integration of the Across Research Information System; Implementation of the Across Open Data Repository

Venue: Sigma Centre, room A-G-E22/2  
F: Teresa Gagliano; R: tbc

### Across Finances

Venue: Faculty of Mechanical Engineering, room M-G-120

All financial reference/contact person per partner and the Across financial officer.



Across students and Student Council meeting

Venue: Faculty of Civil Engineering and Environmental Sciences, room B-G-33

All Across students from partners are invited.

F: tbc; R: Justin Charles

Across PhD students meeting

Venue: Faculty of Civil Engineering and Environmental Sciences, room B-II-213

All PhD students from partners are invited.

F: Robert Martí; R: Bruno Nanino

17.00-20.00

**Additional activities** (upon prior registration)

A) Guided Walking Tour of Bialystok (3 groups, up to 30 participants per group)

Start 17:15 from the campus – meeting point Hall of Electrical Faculty-ending at the place of dinner 19:45

B) Visiting art exhibition on the campus

Venue: Centre for Modern Education on the campus (17:15-18:00)

C) Polish language workshop (up to 50 participants)

Venue: Centre for Modern Education on the campus, room L-II-2/02 (17:15-18:00)

D) Face-to-face with robots at the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering (up to 30 participants)

Venue: Mechanical Faculty (17:15-18:00)

20.00-22.30

Joint Dinner

Podlasie Opera and Philharmonic, 1 Odeska Street, 15-406 Bialystok

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**Additional activities** (upon prior registration)

E) Across run (activity leader Ariane Korn and host Dorota Mozyrska)

Start 7:00 from the city centre– meeting point the fountain by the town hall

7:30-8:30

F) Nordic Walking (activity leader Jolanta Zuzda – up to 20 participants)

Start 7:30 from the campus – meeting point Hall of the Faculty of Electrical Engineering



## Parallel sessions

9.00-11.00

### Transversal Topical Meetings

*Each task team will designate members to participate in each of the different topical meetings, so all tasks are represented. All participants are expected to share the discussions back in their task teams. Each meeting will have 1 designated facilitator and 1 rapporteur. Student representatives are invited to join the topical meetings of their choice. Alternatively, interested PhD students or students may participate in a guided campus tour and a meeting with ESN representatives (upon prior registration). Representatives from Polish universities in alliances will share best practices to open each transversal topical meeting. Each topical meeting is expected to prepare a one-page summary including key recommendations, proposed actions and responsible task teams. The summaries will be presented during the closing plenary and shared with all partners after the meeting.*

### **Topics**

#### 1. Micro-credentials / ALUs

- + Lead task: 2.2
- + F: Monika Sleszynska; R: Giorgio Alberti  
Especially for 1.3, 2.1, 4.4, 4.2, 4.1, 2.3

Expected outcomes:

- + recommendations for implementation across the alliance
- + identification of priority actions for future joint educational offers

*Participation of*

*Dorota Piotrowska - ECIU European University, International Cooperation Centre Director*

Venue: Faculty of Electrical Engineering, E-G-30

#### 2. Mobility

- + Lead Task: 2.3
- + F: Dorota Gawryluk; R: tbc
- + Especially for 2.2, 2.4, 3.2, 3.3, 4.3

Expected outcomes:

- + practical recommendations for increasing mobility
- + identification of barriers and proposals to improve mobility processes across Across

*Participation of*

*Katarzyna Aleksy - Director of the Higher Education Programmes Department, FRSE*

Venue: Faculty of Electrical Engineering, E-G-29



### 3. Think Tank + Knowledge Creation Teams

- + Lead Task: 4.3, 3.2
- + (F: Piotr Banaszuk; R: Alina Vladut)
- + All tasks

#### Expected outcomes:

- + proposals for new Knowledge Creation Teams and Think Tank activities.
- + identification of priority interdisciplinary research topics for future collaboration

Venue: Faculty of Electrical Engineering, E-G-007

### 4. Projects and sustainability of the alliance

- + Lead task: 4.4
- + (F: Alicia Betts, Nataliya Venelinova; R: Claudine Justafre)
- + All tasks

#### Expected outcomes:

- + identification of future collaborative projects and funding opportunities
- + recommendations for strengthening the long-term sustainability of Across

#### *Participation of*

*Marcin Sosnowski - COLOURS European University, Vice-Rector*

*Agata Głowacka-Gil- ChallengeEU European University, Project Office Coordinator*

Venue: Faculty of Mechanical Engineering, room M-G-107

### 5. eCampus

- + Lead task: 2.1
- + (F: Sandra Schaftner; R: Stefano Bonomi)
- + All tasks

#### Expected outcomes:

- + Recommendations for further development of the Across eCampus.
- + Identification of priority digital services supporting education, mobility and collaboration

Venue: Faculty of Mechanical Engineering, room M-G-410



## 6. Communication and dissemination

- + F: Marina Nerin; R: Laila Edwards
- + All tasks

Expected outcomes:

- + Recommendations for improving the visibility and impact of Across activities.
- + Identification of possible improvements in internal communication between partner universities.

*Participation of*

*Paweł Wielgosz - ChallengeEU European University, Coordinator*

*Magdalena Sikorska - Secretary General at EUNICE AISBL*

Venue: Faculty of Mechanical Engineering, room M-G-132

## 7. Across engagement (engaging staff and students in the alliance)

- + F: Agata Mannino, R: Irene Compte
- + All task teams, Local Coordinators

Expected outcomes:

- + Recommendations for increasing staff and student engagement in Across activities.
- + Identification of new initiatives strengthening the Across community and sense of belonging

*Participation of*

*Michał Wieczorek - Director of the Management Board Office, FRSE*

Venue: Faculty of Mechanical Engineering, room M-G-120

11.00-11.45 **Networking coffee**

11.45-13.00 **Parallel meetings**

### Workshop "Co-designing relational skills for governance"

WPCLs and TTCLs are invited to participate in this workshop. Upon prior registration

Venue: Faculty of Electrical Engineering, E-G-30

### Collaborative Task team meetings

Each task team to decide and approach the task teams they would like to meet. Each collaborative task team meeting is expected to designate 1 rapporteur (minutes and reporting back to WPCLs). Task Team (co)leaders are expected to prepare the agenda and facilitate the session.

Venue: Faculty of Electrical Engineering, E-G-29

Venue: Faculty of Mechanical Engineering, room M-G-107



Venue: Faculty of Mechanical Engineering, room M-G-132  
Venue: Sigma Centre, room A-G-E22/2

### Best Practice Forum (by invitation)

A practice-oriented peer-learning session focused on concrete solutions developed within European University alliances. Participants will share selected examples of effective approaches, tools and organisational models in areas such as mobility, joint educational activities, governance, student engagement, communication and cooperation with national agencies. The discussion will focus on what has worked in practice, what challenges were encountered, and which solutions could be adapted or transferred to other alliances.

Moderator: Magdalena Sikorska - Secretary General at EUNICE AISBL

Venue: Faculty of Electrical Engineering, E-G-007

### Across PhD students and Student Council Meeting (together)

Preparation for reporting back to the plenary session (What did you learn? Ideas for student engagement for Across alliance? Etc.)

Moderator: tbc

Venue: Faculty of Civil Engineering and Environmental Sciences, room B-II-213

13.00-14.15 **Networking lunch**

14.15.-15.00 **Official closing of the Annual Meeting**

Student representatives' report, Summary of the Annual Meeting and key outcomes, Announcement of the host institution and dates for the 2027 Across Annual Meeting

Venue: Aula E, the Faculty of Electrical Engineering, BUT

Official closing remarks by the Rector of BUT

15.00-15.30 **AI multimedia performance**

Venue: Aula E, the Faculty of Electrical Engineering, BUT

16.00-18.00 **Additional activities** (Upon prior registration)

H) Guided Visit to the Podlaskie Museum of Folk Culture (up to 50 people)

I) Guided walking tour "Green Białystok" (up to 30 people)

J) Visit to the University History Centre and Library (2 groups up to 20 participants)

19.00 **Networking Dinner for EB Members, Rectors and Representatives of Polish European University Alliances**

Venue: Restaurant Oranżeria, Hotel Branicki, 25 Zamienhofa Street, 15-435 Białystok





**15 October 2026**

8:30-11:00      **Strategic EB meeting** (members of Across EB)

All day          Departure Day for all Task Team members

