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Programme of events  
of the **French Presidency  
of the Council  
of the European Union**  
in the fields of higher  
education, research  
and innovation

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**CEA**

French Atomic Energy and Alternative  
Energy Commission

**IRD**

French Research Institute for Development

**MAA**

Ministry of Agriculture and Food

**MEFR**

Ministry of Economy, Finance,  
and Economic Recovery

**MESRI**

Ministry of Higher Education, Research,  
and Innovation

**MTE**

Ministry of Environmental Transition

**MSS**

Ministry of Solidarity and Health

**SGMer**

General Secretariat for the Sea

**SGDSN**

General Secretariat for Defence  
and National Security



**Informal meeting of EU ministers  
for higher education, research  
and innovation #ESRI2022  
#Informal #Paris #EU2022FR**

→ **24 et 25 January 2022**

→ **Paris, Cité des sciences et de  
l'industrie (Universcience)**

→ **MESRI**

The French presidency will begin with an exchange of views between the ministers for higher education, research, and innovation on the European strategy for universities and the synergies between the European education and research areas. The future of universities, spearheaded by the European Universities Initiative, will be a major focus of this high-level meeting, which will be held in three places that are highly symbolic for France, Europe and the world: the Musée de l'Homme, the Collège de France, and the Sorbonne.

This informal meeting will take place in three parts. The delegations will be welcomed on 24 January at the prestigious Musée de l'Homme. The morning of 25 January will take the form of workshops with the professors from the Collège de France. It will be a time for exchanging ideas and discussing the major challenges facing European higher education and research. The afternoon will be devoted to a discussion by the Ministers in «council» format on the European strategy for universities and the deployment of European universities. The day will end with a press conference and will be followed by the opening ceremony of the Universities Forum for Europe's Future (#UFF2022), which will continue on 26 January in an online format.

**Universities Forum for Europe's  
Future #UFF2022 #Paris  
#EU2022FR**

→ **25-26 January 2022**

→ **[ONLINE]**

→ **MESRI, France Universités  
and European Commission**

The Universities Forum for Europe's Future (UFF) will be a place for reflecting on the role of universities in tomorrow's Europe and their contribution to tackling the challenges it faces. Through dialogue between the various European higher education stakeholders, this high-level event will be an incubator for new proposals for shaping the future of universities, based on the experience of the 41 European university alliances that was established in 2019.

**Conference «Copernicus,  
horizon 2035» #Copernicus2022  
#Copernicus2035 #Toulouse  
#EUFP**

→ **16-17 February 2022**

→ **Toulouse**

→ **MEFR, MESRI, MTE**

A highly ambitious environmental monitoring programme, Copernicus provides Europe with an autonomous Earth observation capacity and associated operational services. The conference will present the programme's procedures and the diversity of uses made of the data produced, with a particular focus on climate change and the co-design process.

The forum will also include a presentation area for industry on European expertise and know-how.

**Security Research Forum -  
Shaping EU Resilience: research  
and innovation to face future  
security challenges #SRE2022  
#Paris #EU2022FR**

→ **1-2 March 2022**

→ **Paris – Cité des sciences et  
de l'industrie / Universcience**

→ **SGDSN, MESRI and European  
Commission**

The Security Research Event (SRE) is a forum that brings together representatives from industry, government, and EU research organisations to discuss the state of play and current challenges in security research in Europe. SRE 2022 will include sections dedicated to the exhibition and demonstration of the most innovative projects in European research and innovation programmes in the field of security.

European ministers and commissioners will speak at conferences and round tables, focusing on the issue of resilience.

**Marseille conference on  
international cooperation for a  
global Europe of research, higher  
education, and innovation**  
**#INCO2022 #Marseille**  
**#EU2022FR**

→ **8-9 March 2022**

→ **Marseille – Palais du Pharo  
et Mucem**

→ **MESRI, MEAE, IRD and European  
Commission**

The Marseille Conference aims to strengthen the international aspect of European higher education, research, and innovation (ESRI). The aim will be to launch a new multilateral dialogue conducive to advancing science and knowledge, based on shared principles and values and reciprocity. Our research must be an asset in reinforcing our European sovereignty.

During the conference, the «Marseille Appeal for a Global Europe of Higher Education, Research, and Innovation» will be launched.

## High Level Conference on Civic Engagement in European Missions #Missions2022 #Engagement #Paris #EUF

→ **21 March 2022**

→ **Paris – Economic, Social and  
Environmental Council**

→ **MESRI, MSS, MTE, MAA, SGMer  
and Universcience**

The European Commission officially launched the European Missions on 29 September 2021. As a major new feature of the Horizon Europe programme, the Missions aim to create solutions and initiatives around key contemporary challenges such as adaptation to climate change, protecting our oceans, fighting cancer, carbon neutral cities, and soil health.

To respond to certain complex societal challenges, the Missions aim to provide a coordinated effort across Europe to develop solutions and initiatives in a cross-cutting (across sectors and disciplines) and co-designed (with citizens, local stakeholders, etc.) way. Structured around measurable objectives with specific deadlines, the Missions will ultimately stimulate innovation, drive cross-industry developments, and attract investment. The aim will be to bring about systemic changes that have a significant impact on society and go beyond existing instruments.

The Missions thus aim to provide research and innovation (R&I) with a new role as part of the Horizon Europe programme, adopting a holistic approach and redefining the relationship with society.

The event organised by the French Presidency will be a time for exchanging views and debating citizens' involvement in the European Missions. In addition to the plenary lectures and workshops, a Civil Society and Research Forum for European Missions will bring together the key stakeholders and showcase practical solutions to the challenges at hand. It will also be an opportunity to inform the public about this promising and original approach.

**Europe Strategy Meeting —  
Forum on Research In-  
frastructures (ESFRI) & ESFRI  
20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conference**  
**#ESFRI20years #Paris**  
**#EU2022FR**

→ **23-25 March 2022**

→ **Paris – Academy of Sciences**

→ **MESRI, European Commission  
and Academy of Sciences**

ESFRI is a strategic forum that develops and implements an ambitious research infrastructure policy for the European Union, coordinated between the Member States and a dozen associated states. ESFRI delegates meet once a quarter.

On 23-24 March, ESFRI will hold its quarterly meeting in line with the new roadmap presented in December 2021. The ESFRI roadmap identifies the most emblematic European scientific facilities and includes a list of some 60 research infrastructures that ESFRI is assisting. This roadmap combines ESFRI projects, which are new research infrastructures being implemented, and ESFRI landmarks, which are infrastructures already successfully implemented and leading the way in excellent science. The topic of digital infrastructure will be specifically addressed in the opening session of this forum.

On 25 March, the Academy of Sciences will host a scientific conference to celebrate ESFRI's 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary, which has become a cornerstone of the European Union's network of research infrastructures and has a global reach. The event will focus on this equipment policy's pioneering and strategic nature, which no Member State would be able to finance on its own. It will be open to researchers and the general public.

**The Bologna Follow-up Group  
Meeting (BFUG) #BFUG2022**  
**#Strasbourg #EUF**

→ **11-12 April 2022**

→ **Strasbourg – Council of Europe**

→ **MESRI**

The Bologna Follow-up Group consists of the 49 member countries of the European Higher Education Area (EHEA), the European Commission, the advisory members and the European Association for Quality Assurance in Higher Education (EQAR). The BFUG meeting will review the ongoing work as part of the 2021-2024 work programme and will prepare the 2024 European Higher Education Area ministerial conference in Albania.

This meeting will also be an opportunity to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Lisbon Convention, which is a major legal instrument for recognising qualifications in Europe.

**Meeting of the European Research Area Committee (CEER/ERAC) & informal meeting of the Research Group (GRC/ RWG) #ERAC2022 #RWG2022 #Strasbourg #EU2022FR**

→ **11-13 April 2022**

→ **Strasbourg – Council of Europe**

→ **MESRI**

The CEER (in English ERAC) is the EU's strategic advisory committee on research and innovation issues within the European Research Area and meets twice every six months with the Directors-General responsible for these issues. The Council's Research Working Group (RWG) is made up of the relevant sectoral advisers and attachés from the Member States' Permanent Representations in Brussels.

The simultaneous holding of these two meetings and their proximity to the BFUG meeting will foster synergies and interactions between the delegations on the themes of research and innovation and higher education.

**«Towards a Europe leading in disruptive innovation» conference - Week of Innovative Regions in Europe (WIRE) #InnoR2022 #Paris #WIRE2022 #SPRING #EU2022FR**

→ **11-13 May 2022**

→ **Paris – Université Paris-Saclay**

→ **Université Paris-Saclay, MESRI, MEFR and European Commission**

The Week of Innovative Regions in Europe (WIRE), held annually in one of the countries holding the Presidency with a significant involvement of the regions, is the main European policy forum for innovation and regional development. The conference will bring together policy makers, research organisations, higher education institutions, companies and start-ups and will provide a forum for discussing research and innovation practices, challenges, and opportunities in European regions.

Disruptive innovation is a national and European priority, embodied in the recent creation of the European Innovation Council (EIC). Dedicated to the contribution of disruptive innovation to Europe's economic recovery and technological sovereignty, the conference will focus on how the various European and national instruments are linked to the regional and territorial level.

It will present the key themes and opportunities for the European ecosystem, combining round tables and showcases by leading disruptive innovators.

**Marie Skłodowska-Curie  
Actions Annual Conference**  
**#MSCA25years #Paris**  
**#EU2022FR**

→ **23-24 May 2022**

→ **Paris – Curie Institute**

→ **Université PSL, Curie Institute,  
MESRI and European Commission**

The Marie Skłodowska-Curie Conference is a high-visibility event held annually as part of the MSCA («Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions») programme, a key instrument for international scientific mobility under Horizon Europe.

This conference will highlight the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions and their role in creating a European Research and Innovation Area. PSL University (Paris Sciences & Lettres) will host and co-organise the May 2022 event, which will focus on future generations and the major challenges facing Europe and the world. This high point will also be an opportunity to celebrate the programme's 25th anniversary, with the directors general of higher education from the member countries meeting at the same time in Paris (#DGHE2022).

**Meeting of Directors-General for  
Higher Education #DGES2022**  
**#DGHE2022 #Paris #EU2022FR**

→ **24-25 May 2022**

→ **Paris – Cité internationale  
universitaire de Paris**

→ **MESRI and European Commission**

This bi-annual meeting brings together the Directors-General for Higher Education of the Member States to review ongoing European work in the field of higher education in relation to the Council's policy agenda. It will take place in the unique setting of the Cité internationale universitaire de Paris and will be dedicated to the 25th anniversary of the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions programme (#MSCA25).



## European Industrial Technology Event #INDTECH2022 #Grenoble #EU2022FR

→ **27-29 June 2022**

→ **Grenoble – MINATEC**

→ **CEA, MESRI, MEFR and European  
Commission**

INDTECH is a flagship event traditionally organised by the European Commission in one of the countries holding the EU Council Presidency.

Part of Horizon Europe's Cluster 4 «Digital, Industry and Space» programme, it takes place every two years and mobilises the main European and global stakeholders on the theme of future industrial technologies. INDTECH aims to highlight the importance of this area for European research and competitiveness and to illustrate the synergies between research and innovation initiatives, especially through technology platforms and, starting in 2021, Horizon Europe industrial partnerships.

The dual green and digital transition of industry will be the focal point of the debates between researchers, industrialists, start-ups, funding agencies, representatives of the Commission and of the French and other member countries' administrations. Young people will also be involved in the event and will be invited to fully experience the profound transformations taking place in industrial technologies across Europe.



