

Review Week 2026: EURECA-PRO Reinforces Commitment to a Connected and Student-Centred European University

The EURECA-PRO Alliance gathered at the Universidad de León from 18–22 May 2026 for its annual Review Week, achieving significant progress in strengthening the future of European higher education through enhanced student mobility, educational cooperation, and institutional sustainability.

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The meeting brought together all nine partner universities from across Europe to accelerate key initiatives supporting EURECA-PRO's vision as the European University for Responsible Consumption and Production. Discussions and working sessions focused on improving international learning opportunities, advancing collaborative research, and creating more connected and student-centred educational pathways across the alliance. Hosted by Universidad de León, the event provided an important platform for strategic dialogue, knowledge exchange, and the continued development of a more integrated European academic community. For Nuria González Álvarez, Rector of Universidad de León, hosting Review Week 2026 was a valuable opportunity to strengthen the connection between the alliance, the university community, and the wider region:

“EURECA-PRO has created a strong local impact by fostering close cooperation with our regional community. Representatives from local and regional authorities have been actively involved in the alliance's activities, and together we are working to make both the city and the region more sustainable. This collaboration strengthens the connection between the university, public institutions, and society, while helping to translate European cooperation into tangible local benefits.”

One of the major outcomes of the week was the signing of the automatic module recognition agreement, marking a significant step toward reducing administrative barriers for students participating in international and online learning within EURECA-PRO. By facilitating smoother mobility and stronger academic integration, the agreement reinforced the alliance's commitment to delivering a more accessible and internationally connected higher education experience. In addition, the rectors of all nine partner institutions reaffirmed their commitment to significantly increasing student mobility by the end of 2026, underlining mobility as a key priority for the alliance.

The Review Week programme also addressed the long-term development and resilience of European university alliances. Through expert-led discussions on virtual exchange, blended mobility, and financial sustainability, participants explored strategies to strengthen international cooperation and ensure sustainable institutional growth.

Robert O'Dowd, Professor of English Studies and Applied Linguistics at Universidad de León, highlighted the role of digital collaborative learning in expanding internationalisation and fostering global citizenship, while Gregory Möller, Professor of Environmental Chemistry and Toxicology at the University of Idaho, and Enora Bennetot Pruvot, Deputy Director for Governance, Funding and Public Policy Development at the European University Association, contributed perspectives on sustainable funding models and the future of European university cooperation.

The week further strengthened collaboration between partner institutions and reinforced EURECA-PRO's shared commitment to innovation, academic excellence, and long-term societal impact aligned with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 12 on Responsible Consumption and Production, while helping to steer EURECA-PRO in a positive direction in the months ahead. Asked about her hopes for the future of the alliance, Jutta Emes, Rector of TU Bergakademie Freiberg, reflected:

“Bringing together more than 130 participants from across Europe here in León demonstrates the true strength of EURECA-PRO. By working across borders and disciplines, we are addressing shared challenges such as sustainability and climate change, while advancing our common mission of Responsible Consumption and Production. Our ambition is to continue growing together through stronger mobility, expanded joint study programmes, and deeper research cooperation, while fostering a truly integrated European academic community in which every student experiences European values as an integral part of their education.”

About EURECA-PRO

EURECA-PRO was founded in 2020 as part of the European Universities Initiative launched by French President Emmanuel Macron in 2017. Centred around the theme of “Responsible Consumption and Production,” the alliance is dedicated to advancing the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 12 while fostering deeper cooperation and connection across Europe. Since its creation, EURECA-PRO has developed joint study programmes and innovative educational pathways that enable students to move seamlessly between partner universities through integrated international learning experiences.