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Transformation through Joint Research &
Innovation Action**

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Crises**

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**FINAL CONFERENCE ON PANDEMICS
& GLOBAL HEALTH CRISES**

As part of the tasks entrusted to LMU Munich in the context of EUGLOHRIA's Work Package 5, the EUGLOHRIA **Final Conference on Pandemics and Global Health Crises** was organised and took place at LMU Munich on 4 -6 December 2023. This three-day event not only marked the end of EUGLOHRIA's funding period as a SwafS-Project but also served as a platform for those involved in the project to showcase their contributions, present the **tangible results of the project**, engage in conversations with peers and the audience about the advancement of the Research and Innovation dimensions of the EUGLOH Alliance.

The significance of this event required extensive and thorough preparation that started many months before the Final Conference. Faithful to the profoundly collaborative character of EUGLOHRIA, WP5 ensured a **participative and democratic process in which every member could actively participate and contribute to the organisation and execution of this event**. Regular preparatory meetings convened by WP5 brought together representatives from all EUGLOHRIA Partner institutions to create a programme, nominate and select speakers, discuss appropriate topics for the different sessions, and exchange information about the respective delegations and guests. The result of this participative approach became evident and was appreciated during the implementation of the conference as the whole of EUGLOHRIA actively participated in the different sessions, either as speakers, presenters, or moderators.

In terms of the logistics, selecting a date and a venue were the first steps undertaken to kickstart the preparatory phase of the conference. This was decided just after the start of the second half of 2022 to ensure sufficient time to accommodate all further steps until the execution of this deliverable. The EUGLOHRIA Alliance opted for the organisation of the Conference in December 2023 to allow several actions (such as the Seeding Grant & Pilot

Projects) to conclude and avoid an overlap with other events scheduled for the end of 2023. Once the dates had been set, an adequate location had to be selected. The magnitude and significance of this event called for spacious and befitting rooms for EUGLOHRIA's Final Conference to take place. LMU Munich took this opportunity to host the conference in the university's most prominent rooms (the Senatssaal and the Große Aula) and engage conference participants with the history of LMU's Main Building in Munich, which required booking these rooms well in advance, step undertaken at the beginning of 2023.

Considering the importance of this event to LMU Munich and the EUGLOHRIA Alliance, it was decided to involve the **LMU Congress Center** in the organisation of the EUGLOHRIA Final Conference. The LMU Congress Center works as the link between academics, the university administration and the local congress industry and supports the organisation of academic events at LMU Munich. The EUGLOHRIA Team collaborated closely with LMU's Congress Center in carrying out a structured organisation and smooth execution of this event.

One of the most essential tasks overseen by WP5 was designing the programme. Following the already established participative and **collaborative process**, WP5 produced a wide-ranging, diverse and engaging programme as a result of several meetings and feedback rounds to reflect as comprehensively as possible EUGLOHRIA's contributions, results and trajectory in a **three-day event**. Considerations included not only opportunities for **WP Leaders** to present the accomplished objectives and **researchers involved in any of the Seeding Grants or Pilot Projects** to discuss their experiences and moments to engage with a broader public but also spaces for exchange and **networking and opportunities to engage in conversations about the future of the transformations started by EUGLOHRIA**. WP5 opted for a three-day programme to reflect on the past, present and future of EUGLOHRIA during a manifold of session formats.

Apart from protocolary and conventional sessions such as welcoming remarks, project overview and WP Leaders presentations, the programme included a comprehensive array of diverse activities aimed at strengthening the Research and innovation areas of the Alliance, **engaging researchers to exchange and network, and reflect about EUGLOHRIA's trajectory and contributions**. The following activities stand out:

- **Collaborative Horizons: Charting New Frontiers in European Research & Innovation**

During this session, the **former President of the European Research Council**, Jean Pierre Bourguignon, joined the EUGLOHRIA Final Conference for an online presentation about the institution he led between 2014 and 2019 and ad interim between 2020 and 2021. Jean Pierre Bourguignon provided a comprehensive overview of the structure, work, funding lines and opportunities the ERC offers for researchers in Europe and engaged with the public present in Munich and online during a Questions and answers Session after his presentation.



- **Townhall Discussion**

The EUGLOHRIA Final Conference was honoured to have Noemi Castelletti (*LMU Munich*) as the **Keynote Speaker for the Townhall Discussion**. Noemi Castelletti is a mathematician at the Institute for Tropical Medicine and Infectious Diseases at the LMU University Hospital. During this session, Noemi provided a very engaging talk about the KOCO-19 Study, a prospective study on the prevalence of COVID-19 in Munich addressing interesting issues such as the **role of international collaboration** and the impact of this kind of study in public opinion and policies.



- **Science with and for Society Hand-on Electives**

WP5 has persistently emphasised the importance of providing researchers with tools for effectively engaging audiences with their research topics. EUGLOHRIA’s Final Conference presented the unique opportunity to offer a last onsite **“Science Communication Workshop” for researchers** interested in acquiring tools and strategies to better communicate their work to audiences mostly outside academia. Committed to the **“Science with and for Society”** character of EUGLOHRIA and in collaboration with the Munich Science Communication Lab and the Deutsches Museum, WP5 arranged and offered this opportunity to early-stage and established researchers to gain insights into the area of science communication.



Showcasing and bridging the excellent research performed within EUGLOHRIA has also been a characteristic task undertaken by WP5. In this spirit, a **tour of LMU's Biomedical Center** was organised for interested participants to get to know this campus and the Excellence Core Facilities it houses. Researchers and students were taken to the outskirts of Munich, where this campus is located and had the opportunity to meet the Laboratory Heads working in the areas of **Protein Analytics and Bioimaging, who showed them around their labs and this high-tech campus.**



- **4th EUGLOH Annual Student Research Conference**

Following the well-established tradition of encouraging and showcasing excellent research outcomes produced by students and creating the conditions for students to exchange approaches and ideas with fellow students and already-established researchers at the participating institutions, the **4th EUGLOH Annual Student Research Conference** was organised in the context of the EUGLOHRIA Final Conference on Pandemics and Global Health Crises. Embedding the 4th EUGLOH Annual Student Research Conference within the programme of EUGLOHRIA’s Final Conference created ideal opportunities for students to join a scientific conference with a strong focus on the research and innovation aspects of the EUGLOH Alliance while at the same time actively contributing to shaping this high-level meeting with high-quality presentations. The 4th EUGLOH Annual Student Research Conference took place on 5 December with participation from students from almost every EUGLOH Alliance member who were joined by peers, researchers, administrative staff, and vice presidents actively engaging with the presenting students and the content of their posters. At the same time, posters and their delivery were evaluated by selected researchers who considered the content (research questions, methodology, results, etc.), visual appeal, presentation, originality, relevance, and engagement to choose the prize for “Best Poster”.



- **Public Roundtable on Interinstitutional, intersectoral and international collaboration and cooperation and its role in the development of research, policies and strategies in Global Health**

Leveraging the attendance of prominent researchers and authorities at the conference, a **roundtable** was organised to facilitate a discussion around **interinstitutional, intersectoral and international collaboration and cooperation** and its role in developing research, policies and strategies in Global Health. Moderated by Eric Cassan (*Université Paris Saclay*), the roundtable was composed of María Teresa Solís Soto (*Universidad Mayor, Real y Pontificia de San Francisco Xavier de Chuquisaca, Bolivia*), Bich-Lien Dean (*Université Paris Saclay*) and Joana Resende (*University of Porto*), who engaged in a lively conversation about their experiences derived from transnational collaboration projects like EUGLOHRIA, as well as challenges and strategies in developing joint research projects. Participants were also asked about the role of **inter-university collaborative projects** in fostering inclusivity and diversity in global health research, engaging non-academic partners, **conveying messages to policymakers, envisioning the future of collaboration**, and reflecting on the impact of joint projects on the next generation of Global Health researchers.



- **EUGLOHRIA and Beyond: Driving Near- and far-future Research & Innovation Collaboration**

During the last day of the conference, this activity was devoted to reflecting on the experiences amassed during the project's duration and identifying the strengths, weaknesses, obstacles and threats encountered along the way. The resulting considerations flowed into an open discussion, providing a comprehensive platform for participants to **collaboratively analyse and strategise for the project's future direction**, drawing insights from the collective experience of the diverse perspectives at the conference.





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A few days before the scheduled events, Munich was surprised by an unprecedented snowfall, which brought the city to a halt and rendered the railway system and airport inoperable for various days. Expecting the worst, the organising team rapidly began preparing for changes in the execution of this event as it became clear that many delegations wouldn't be able to get to Munich on time for the conference. This required making **hybrid participation available** on short notice and providing additional support for stranded delegations. A rapid response concept made the execution of the complete program with minor adjustments possible.

We wish to extend a message of gratitude to all individuals involved in successfully organising the EUGLOHRIA Final Conference on Pandemics and Global Health Crises. We acknowledge the efforts of participants, supporters, and contributors and highlight the importance of their contributions in overcoming challenges, such as adverse weather conditions, to conduct the event.



Annex: Programme

Monday, December 4th	Tuesday, December 5th	Wednesday, December 6th
Arrival (by 12:30)	Science with and for Society: Hands-on Electives (09:00 – 13:00)	EUGLOH-RIA and Beyond: Driving Near- and far-future Research & Innovation Collaboration (9:00 – 11:30)
		Roundtable discussion on lessons learned and future steps for Research & Innovation in European University Alliances (11:30- 12:30)
		Closing Remarks (12:30 – 13:00)
Registration (12:30 – 13:30)	Lunch (13:00 – 14:00)	Lunch (13:00)
Opening & Welcoming Remarks (13:30 – 14:30)	4th EUGLOH Annual Student Research Conference – Poster Session (14:00 – 15:30)	Departure
Coffee Break (14:30-15:00)		
Collaborative Horizons: Charting New Frontiers in European Research & Innovation (15:00 – 15:30)		
Collaboration is strengthening Excellence in Research & Innovation (15:30 – 17:30)	Coffee Break (15:30 – 16:00)	
Coffee Break (17:30 – 18:00)	Results of the EUGLOHRIA Seedings Grants & Pilot Projects: Research and Collaboration in Action (16:00 – 18:00)	
Townhall Discussion (18:00 – 19:30)	Public Roundtable (18:00 – 19:30)	
	Conference Dinner (20:30)	



Detailed Programme

Monday, 4 December 2023

Location: **Senatssaal (E110)**
 LMU Main Building
 Geschwister-Scholl-Platz 1
 80539 München

12:30 – 1:30 pm **Registration**

1:30 – 2:30 pm **Opening & Welcome**

Francesca Biagini

Vice President for International Affairs and Diversity
LMU Munich

EUGLOH-RIA – a success story – Project summary

Sandrine Lacombe

Vice President for International and European Affairs
Université Paris-Saclay

Eric Cassan

Deputy Vice President in charge of the European Affairs
Université Paris-Saclay

Moderation: Katja Radon
Chairwoman Center for International Health (CIH^{LMU})
LMU University Hospital

2:30 – 3:00 pm **Coffee Break**

3:00 – 3:30 pm **Collaborative Horizons: Charting New Frontiers in European Research
& Innovation**

Jean-Pierre Bourguignon

Former President of the European Research Council (ERC)

Moderation: Fausto Ignatov Vinueza
EUGLOH Academic Manager
LMU University Hospital

3:30 – 5:30 pm **Collaboration is Strengthening Excellence in Research & Innovation:
Keynotes highlighting the experiences of WP 2 to 4**

WP2 *Fariba Vaziri-Sani*
Associate Professor & European Project Manager
Lund University

- WP3** *Márta Széll*
Vice-Rector for International Affairs
University of Szeged
Anikó Bucsaíné Pados
European project manager and WP3 coordinator
University of Szeged
WP4 *Miguel Sousa*
Assistant Professor at FEP
University of Porto

Moderation: Fausto Ignatov Vinueza
EUGLOH Academic Manager
LMU University Hospital

5:30 – 6:00 pm **Coffee Break**

6:00 – 7:30 pm **Townhall discussion with Noemi Castelletti**

Noemi Castelletti
Department for Infectious Diseases & Tropical Medicine
LMU Klinikum

Moderation: Katja Radon
Chairwoman Center for International Health (CIH^{LMU})
LMU University Hospital

Location: **Große Aula**
 LMU Main Building
 Geschwister-Scholl-Platz 1
 80539 München

Tuesday, 5 December 2023

9:00 am – 1:00 pm **Science with and for Society – Hands-on Electives (Multiple Locations)**

- a. Science Communication Workshop**
Museumsinsel 1, 80538 München
- b. Tour Biomedical Center LMU**
Meeting point: LMU Main Building (Geschwister-Scholl-Platz, 80539 München)
- c. EUGLOH WP7 Workshop (by invitation only)**
Leopoldstr. 30, 80539 München

1:00 – 2:00 pm **Lunch**

Location: Senatssaal (E110)
LMU Main Building
Geschwister-Scholl-Platz 1
80539 München

*Lunch for EUGLOH WP7 Workshop will served in the workshop venue (Leopoldstr. 30)

2:00 – 3:30 pm 4th EUGLOH Annual Student Research Conference - Poster Session

Moderation: Bernarda Espinoza Castro
Center for International Health (CIH^{LMU})
LMU University Hospital

3:30 – 4:00 pm Coffee Break

**4:00 – 5:30 pm Results of the EUGLOHRIA Seeding Grants and Pilot Projects –
Research and Collaboration in Action**

Session A

Moderation: Laura Wengenroth
Postdoctoral Researcher
Institute and Clinic for Occupational, Social
and Environmental Medicine, University
Hospital, LMU Munich

Axel Imhof
LMU Munich
Investigating pathogen derived proteins in
Human Plasma and Saliva using advanced
deep shotgun mass spectrometry (PIPAS)

Jean Cristoph Cintrat
University of Szeged
Identification of ligands of PRINS long non-
coding RNA involved in regulation of
inflammatory processes to improve host
response to microbial attack (PRINS)

Alessia Zamborlini
Université Paris-Saclay
Combine CRISPR/Cas9 technology and 3D
cell culture models to investigate the
interactions established between HIV and
the host cells, and the early immune
response towards infection (CREX4HIV)

Session B

Moderation: Dennis Nowak
Director
Institute and Clinic for Occupational, Social
and Environmental Medicine, University
Hospital, LMU Munich

Nabila Seddiki
Université Paris-Saclay
Understanding mechanisms underlying lung
infections in early life- preparedness for
respiratory infections in newborns
(NEONATE)

Milena Samojlovic
Lund University
One health approach on SARS-COV-2
research-Using sheep as sentinel animals to
increase future pandemic preparedness.

Anna Olsson
University of Porto
A prison-based dog training program to
promote successful adoption of shelter dogs
in Portugal: focus on dog behavior and
welfare

Joana Tavares
University of Porto
Immunological Mechanisms of a Malaria candidate vaccine: transcriptomic profiling (IMMINENT)

Krisztina Buzás
University of Szeged
Extracellular vesicle based comparative analysis of highly and low invasive diffuse midline glioma H3K27M-mutant (EVIND)

Dušan Palić
LMU Munich
Rapid microbiome surveys in aquaculture as early detection tool to help mitigate next global health crisis: emergence of antimicrobial resistance (AQUAMRBIOM)

Maria José Oliveira
University of Porto
Dissect the tumor microenvironment to battle cancer radioresistance and immune escape (SENSITISE)

Ana Nordberg
Lund University
Establishing cooperation considering the challenges of using medical devices, and mobile health apps during the pandemic and the need for legal regulation for future use in every day health care

Zeliha Öcek
LMU Munich
Strengthening risk communication and health education for migrants during global health crisis: A collaboration between EUGLOHRIA partners

Viktoria Blanka-Végi
University of Szeged
Application of spatial and environmental sciences in pandemic research to reduce the impact of climate change on public health in Central Europe (SPACEPAN)

5:30 – 6:00 pm

Coffee Break

6:00 – 7:30 pm

Public Roundtable on Interinstitutional, intersectoral and international collaboration and cooperation and its role in the development of research, policies and strategies in Global Health

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Joana Resende
Vice-Rector of Entrepreneurship, Knowledge Valuation and Strategic Planning
University of Porto

Márta Széll
Vice Rector for International Affairs
University of Szeged

María Teresa Solís Soto
Professor and CIH-LMU Local Coordinator
Universidad Mayor, Real y Pontificia de San Francisco Xavier de
Chuquisaca (Bolivia)

Bich-Liên Doan
Deputy Dean of Research
CentraleSupélec / Université Paris-Saclay

Moderation: *Eric Cassan*
Deputy Vice President in charge of the European Affairs
Université Paris-Saclay

8:30 pm **Conference Dinner**
Löwenbräukeller (Nymphenburger Str. 2 (Stiglmaierplatz), 80335 Munich)

Wednesday, 6 December 2023

Location: **Senatssaal (E110)**
 LMU Main Building
 Geschwister-Scholl-Platz 1
 80539 München

9:00 – 11:30 am **EUGLOH-RIA and beyond: Driving near- and far-future Research & Innovation Collaboration (Parallel Sessions)**

- **Session A: Towards EUGLOHRIA's 2nd Policy Brief**

Moderation: Fausto Ignatov Vinueza
EUGLOH Academic Manager
LMU University Hospital

- **Session B: The EUGLOHRIA Journey: Lessons learned and future steps**

Moderation: Isabella Bertmann-Merz
Research & Technology Transfer Unit
LMU Munich

11:30 am – 12:30 pm **Lessons Learned and Future Steps for Research & Innovation in European University Alliances**

12:30 – 1:00 pm **Closing Remarks**



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1:00 pm

Lunch and Departure

