

Responsible Internationalisation Workshop 3 on Responsible Knowledge Transfer

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1. Executive Summary

Following background introduction (section 2), this report briefly summarises invited speaker perspectives (section 3); proposals for action that arose in Q+As and open-forum discussion (sections 4 and 5). The following themes emerged as potential priorities for EUTOPIA:

- ***Need for ongoing fair and equitable partnerships as the basis for Technology and Knowledge Transfer***, including a recognition that Global South and indigenous knowledges both offer mutual benefits to successful TT/KT
- ***Innovation and Technology Transfer Working Group, Responsible International Working Group, and wider EUTOPIA*** (governance and our institutional colleagues) ***have mutual interests in TT and KT, which merit ongoing attention***, potentially including in EUTOPIA Weeks, VP meetings, and via separate action-focused practitioner groups
- ***EUTOPIA should consider a case-study-based approach to sharing good practice***, which is at once flexible (potentially bilateral) according to specialisation, but also monitors Alliance-wide interests
- ***EUTOPIA should review wider models and frameworks, alongside Alliance-specific strategies to effect positive approaches to TT/KT***
- ***Alliances need a glossary to understand cultural nuances of interpretation in TT/KT practice***

2. Background to Workshop 3

Planning for this series of events has been organised through the EUTOPIA Responsible Internationalisation Working Group (RIWG), which now has representation from all sixteen EUTOPIA institutions (including Associated and Global Partners: accurate from January 2025), thereby spanning five continents.

Workshop 3 builds on two previous event, which have explored different aspects within the broad topic of Responsible Internationalisation. Workshop 1 covered a broader range of perspectives on RI, covering Fair Partnerships, Academic Freedom and HEI Collaborations in Regions of Geopolitical Conflict; and RI in Practice. Workshop 2 focused more specifically on the priority area of Responsible Research and Research Security.

Each event has involved internal EUTOPIA stakeholders, alongside external expert contributors. In the first two workshops, these have included EUTOPIA academics, wider EUs, the Guild of European Research-Intensive Universities, U15 [Canada], STINT [Sweden], and the European Commission. Workshop 3 had a similar mix of external perspectives, again involving the European Commission, a European Alliance (Unive! University), global institution (SU), and intergovernmental organisations (UNESCO) and non-profit (SDSN). As with previous Workshops, this mix of participants was intended to support a range of institutional, regional and international angles on a topic in RI. A fundamental objective from each gathering has been to appraise the potential role that European Alliances can play in supporting more responsible internationalization strategisation and practice.

Themes had already begun to emerge from Workshops 1 and 2, including in:

- The grey areas that offer scope for collective intervention, where Alliance staff have freedom to make decisions beyond the red lines of compliance
- The perspectives of Global South and Global North, including scope for joint action that supports an equitable approach to our collaborations
- The balance of risk in managing RI on both sides, between action (overstepping) and inaction (negligence), allowing that both courses can have unintended consequences
- The development of self-guided tools and structured guidelines to support responsible practice, notably including PGR, ECRs at the start of their careers, and professional services colleagues
- An interest that any training or resources take account of different professional disciplines and domains

Two polls were circulated ahead of Workshop 3 to identify a priority topic. The first identified the broad area of Knowledge Transfer as the Responsible Internationalisation Working Group's top choice. A second poll followed, which following proposals on sub-topics from UNIVE that were discussed at RIWG on 15 January 2025, identified two priorities for breakout groups (see also Section 3, below): (1) Technology Transfer; and (2) Climate Change. During the planning of this poll, it emerged that the EUTOPIA Innovation and Knowledge Transfer Working Group (ITTWG) was looking to organize an

in-person meeting. The poll was shared with this group for input (alongside RIWG) to reflect local expertise.

Previous events were preceded by an online discussion into institutional priorities within each area. For Workshop 3, EUTOPIA's perspectives were ably represented by the involvement of the EUTOPIA Innovation and Technology Transfer Working Group (ITTWG). Members from ITTWG held a separate meeting at UNIVE (2 April), with several then able to provide institutional perspectives within our own event.

3. Session One: Roundtable on Models of International Cooperation

- Chair: Professor Andreas Pinkwart (Chair of Innovation and Technology Management, TUD), supported by Dr Stephen Soanes (International Partnership Manager: Europe/EUTOPIA, UW)
- **Participants** (see also Annexe 2: Speaker Biographies): (1) **Dr Federica Baldan** (Legal and Policy Officer, DG Research and Innovation, European Commission); (2) **Professor Josep Bordonau** (Unite! University Alliance; Professor of Power Electronics, Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya); (3) **Professor Scarlett Cornelissen** (Professor of International Relations, Stellenbosch University); (4) **Dr Samuel Partey** (Head of Unit and Regional Advisor for Science, Regional Bureau for Science and Culture in Europe)

There were four session objectives for this roundtable:

- (1) To introduce different models and frameworks for Knowledge Transfer that are in operation**, including codes of conduct
- (2) To understand macro-level government, policy, and wider HEI interests in Knowledge Transfer**, so EUTOPIA can connect our approach to wider needs and imperatives in HE
- (3) To prompt thought on the mechanisms that could encourage greater transparency and accountability in partnerships between universities, industry and the public sector**
- (4) To surface the role of European University Alliances in promoting positive change**, framing where their role in Knowledge Transfer (including Technology Transfer) can promote Responsible Internationalisation

Professor Pinkwart (Chair) introduced speakers, provided background on the meeting of the Innovation and Technology Transfer Working Group [met at UNIVE, 1-2 April 2025] and, invited comments on the four points above:

- **Federica Baldan** (European Commission)
 - Frameworks/models are important for channelling action
 - Member states are asking for more focus on valorisation (societal impact) and to associated investment, but we do not often pay sufficient attention to the results
 - The EC Framework for Knowledge Valorisation was adopted in 2022 as a Council Recommendation, with Codes of Practice in 2023 on topics such as Intellectual Asset Management ([link](#))
 - It includes skills, metrics, indicators and stakeholders
 - Fast-paced geopolitical change necessitates ongoing consideration of economic and research security interests
 - Universities have a role to play in the management of intellectual assets, and due consideration to how these are shared
 - Alliances bring critical mass – more weight to a position
 - Alliances have a role in capacity building and training

- Alliances already have a big input, including position papers to the EC on (e.g.s, Research Security, Open Access and Spin-Off Creation)
- We are collecting your input for policy development, helping us understand local practice and needs on issues such as Security, Dual Use and Export Control
- **Josep Bordonau** (Unite! University Alliance)
 - There is a dynamic between market interests (pull) and technical innovation (push)
 - In reference to Federica's recommendation, to focus on frameworks, UPC has links to Open Science Policies and Recommendations, including EC, UNESCO, Unite! University, and Barcelona Declaration ([link](#))
- **Scarlett Cornelissen** (Stellenbosch University)
 - Power is implied by Knowledge Transfer
 - There is a dangerous assumption that knowledge resides in the Global North (one-way traffic)
 - Funding mechanisms are shaped by this assumed dependency of the Global South, which in turn means the latter does not respond to Global South needs
 - Stellenbosch seeks to disrupt to support value add, including African-Asian partnership; challenges to epistemology and terminology; and genuine sharing including on funding
 - African university partnerships have often not been fair, but Africa is now on the rise
 - Alliances bring collective bargaining power
 - The African perspective needs consideration, with scope for an intra-African, discussion on how we strengthen our continental research interests and on how technologies are devised and deployed
- **Samuel Partey** (UNESCO)
 - UNESCO is interested in the creation, transfer and uptake of technologies (each step)
 - Following Josep, the pull is more important than the push – where is the need?
 - To work, KT needs to be credible (methodology, relevance, timeliness, relevance to critical needs, and legitimacy of the knowledge). UNESCO is focused on legitimacy that leads to operational results (e.g., use of human tissue)
 - IPCC Climate Change model provides an example where consensus-building [legitimacy] has worked to tackle disinformation
 - Consensus-building helps support effective KT
 - A second model is the precautionary model, for example where the scale of threat may be unknown (e.g., ethics of AI)
 - It is recommended that member states prioritise certain technologies based on need
 - UNESCO recognized indigenous knowledge, passed down generations, with risks that it can be diluted over time
 - Domains for this knowledge include climate prediction and the management of biodiversity, where local understandings can be vital for success (e.g., reading animal signs of distress)

- In Sahil, West African we recognize the need to speak with farmers on the applications of technologies, to be tested on the ground before exporting
- **Andreas Pinkwart** (TU-Dresden)
 - To add a local perspective to this question, we have an example of start-ups where an opportunity was lost due to absence of funding
 - HEIs face competition for talent from Silicon Valley and wider industry
 - When we set-up the new Max Planck Institute at Bochum, there was consideration on whether the location was sufficiently attractive to encourage talent to settle. It went ahead because it had a strong research environment that was conducive for spin-offs

4. Group Discussions: Proposals for Action

This table summarises the discussions from: (1) Roundtable Q+A; (2) two Breakouts (TT and KT); and (3) two Realisable Outcome Discussions (TT and KT). It focuses on those parts of these discussions that touched on grey zones that EUTOPIA could consider working within.

Action	Risk / Opportunity	Speaker (Session)	Notes
Institutions to define scope for action EUTOPIA to establish sphere of knowledge transfer to prioritise	Clarity on where EUTOPIA as an Alliance can focus attention	Boštjan Markoli, UL (Roundtable Q+A: Session 3) Roland Hinterhölzl, UNIVE (Roundtable Q+A: Session 3)	Including areas of innovation that are not for sharing (e.g., defence?) – see also below on options for bilateral sharing of good practice
Survey models and frameworks for TT/KT, including indigenous knowledge	Scaffolding for tried-and-tested approaches Quicker (avoid reinventing)? Many models out there, may need assessment Opportunity for co-working with wider EUIs?	Samuel Partey, UNESCO (Roundtable Q+A: Session 3) Federica Baldan, EC (Roundtable Q+A: Session 3) Josep Bordonau, UNITE! University (Roundtable Q+A: Session 3)	Models mentioned included indigenous, consensual (IPCC), precautionary, commercially-led, triple-helix (Samuel) Macro- to micro-level frameworks (George)
Cross-reference all actions to principles of global equity	Mutual benefit from stronger relationships Mutual benefit from multilateral knowledge exchange Easier said than done when money and power dynamics sit behind TT/KT?	Scarlett Cornelissen, SU (Roundtable Q+A: Session 3)	Including in semantics – assumption of unilateral ‘transfer’ (Scarlett)
Bilateral sharing of good practice in priority areas (between EUTOPIA partners)	Flexibility to share case-studies based on specific innovation agendas	Boštjan Markoli, UL (TT: Session 5) Robert Kotze, SU (TT: Session 5)	Suggestion to start with bilateral exchange, then expand after 1-2 years (Bostjan)

	Potential for duplication of effort in similar spaces, unless ways can be considered for Alliance-wide exchange (where appropriate)?	Tjaša Griessler Bulc, UL (TT: Session 5)	Consideration might be given to how wider staff can support and advocate as internationalisation practitioners (Robert) Need for goals and indicators to measure success (Tjaša)
Input to European Commission consultation exercises, including position papers	Direct connection between EUTOPIA and EC agendas; opportunity for policy influence Cooption into existing agendas? (Although Summit should support EUTOPIA- and EUI-specific consideration of needs?)	Federica Baldan, EC (TT: Session 5) Roland Hinterhölzl, UNIVE (TT: Session 5)	Proposal to focus EUTOPIA- and Alliance-focused discussions through the RI Summit (autumn 2025), leading to Strategy Paper for Global Institute (see below)
RI Strategy Paper for Global Institute (including KT/KT)	EUTOPIA-specific consideration of Alliance strategy	Roland Hinterhölzl, UNIVE (TT: Session 5) Eric Piaget, VUB (Roundtable Q+A: Session 3)	Proposal to involve Science Diplomacy EUTOPIA VPs to ensure (i) RI is a cornerstone in our strategies; (2) dialogue involves GPs as active stakeholders (proposed: Roland Hinterhölzl, UNIVE)
Include TT/KT on agendas for future EUTOPIA Weeks	EUTOPIA-specific consideration of Alliance strategy	George Christou, UW (TT: Session 5)	See also above – proposals to link TT/KT into core EUTOPIA agendas and strategy. Involve EUTOPIA Central Office.
ITTWG to consider connection to wider EUTOPIA initiatives (e.g., Business Intelligence Unit, EUTOPIA Plan)		Iris Ivanis (TT: Session 5)	

Consider change of name to EUTOPIA Innovation and Knowledge Transfer Working Group		Camilla Pettersson, GU (TT: Session 5)	Following discussion on semantics, with KT perceived as a broader term than TT
Survey national regulations relevant to the performance of TT/KT	Supports understanding of zone for influence (grey area) Regulations change, may need regular monitoring and updating	Roland Hinterhölzl, UNIVE (Socially-Responsible KT: Session 10) Robert Kotzé, SU (Socially-Responsible KT: Session 10)	Consider involvement of EUTOPIA VR-Research and Presidents (proposed: Robert Kotzé) Option to incorporate into EUTOPIA Research Days (proposed: Roland Hinterhölzl, UNIVE)
Use Research Days to consider how TT/KT can be managed in practice. Set-up practice-focused group to support.	Direct support of RI practice within EUTOPIA Supports sharing of good practice within EUTOPIA Relatively straightforward to set up. Consideration needs to be given on who would be involved (ITTWG members? Wider staff?)	Roland Hinterhölzl, UNIVE (Socially-Responsible KT: Session 10) George Christou, UW (TT: Session 5; and Realisable Outcomes: Session 11)	Including through Horizon Europe. Proposal that any group looks at tangible actions to support co-creation at researcher- and innovation-team level (George Christou: TT: Session 5)
Consider thematic approach to EUTOPIA RI Summit	Case studies provide grounding and context for discussion, including to consider operational relevance Needs to be relevant to wider target audience (not too niche)	George Christou, UW (Realisable Outcomes: Session 11)	To focus discussions on tangible consequences and scenarios, to take EUTOPIA beyond theorizing and proclamations to areas where we can implement operational change.
Share case-studies of TT/ KT within EUTOPIA to support good practice	Can avoid repeated mistakes, with scaled-up repository of examples at Alliance-wide scale	Roland Hinterhölzl (Socially-Responsible KT: Session 10) Peter Alešnik (Socially-Responsible KT: Session 10)	See also below, with proposal for mapping on EUTOPIA involvement in wider TT/KT Conferences

	Depends on willingness (/trust) for EUTOPIA partners to share instructive examples of failure		May need to consider institutional red lines (e.g., defence: mentioned by Camilla Pettersson, GU; Andreas Pinkwart, TUD; and Robert Kotzé, SU)
Consult (1) EUTOPIA Connected Communities and (2) WP6 Science Diplomacy on approaches to fostering cultures of responsible TT/KT	Connectivity with experts with an existing interest in EUTOPIA	Tjaša Griessler Bulc, UL (Socially-Responsible KT: Session 10) Robert Kotzé, SU (Socially-Responsible KT: Session 10)	
Agree RI Definitions and Values as baseline for joint working, to include a Glossary	Ensure shared understanding of core principles in RI (including TT/KT) Language may not be precise or directly translatable between different cultural contexts	Robert Kotzé, SU (Realisable Outcomes: Session 11) Isabel Craveiro, NOVA (Realisable Outcomes: Session 11)	Robert to draft a 2-3 page document for internal EUTOPIA discussion
Mapping of EUTOPIA involvement in Conferences on TT/KT ...with opportunities for EUTOPIA to discuss	Connection of EUTOPIA/ EUI/ wider sector agendas on TT/KT (depending on nature of conference) Need to avoid duplication of events (go to source where possible, where people are already meeting/discussing) Events could provide us with wider range of case-studies	George Christou, UW and wider group discussion (Realisable Outcomes: Session 11)	EUTOPIA Research Days proposed as one forum for academic-professional service staff discussion

Practical Tools and Solutions

There were proposals for both institutionally-led and EUTOPIA-managed approaches:

(1) Case-study-based exchange of good practice via ITTWG

- Flexible bilateral exchange of good practice
- EUTOPIA mapping of priority TT/KT areas to focus on
- Engagement of researchers through native spaces (e.g., conferences where TT/KT are discussed)
- Building evidence base (1-2 years?) for a broader Alliance-wide approach to the coordination of good practice

(2) Create Practice-focused support group for TT/KT, drawing on this exchange of examples

- Question: Who should be involved? ITTWG? Wider colleagues?

(3) A formal place for Technology Transfer and Knowledge Transfer in EUTOPIA governance agendas, including:

- EUTOPIA Weeks
- EUTOPIA Plan
- Global Institute and relevant VP meeting agendas
- Question: What are the routes – including Central Office and ITTWG – to broker these questions?

(4) Develop a glossary and values for reference, to ensure common understanding of terms

- Question: Incorporate national regulations here, or in a separate document?

(5) Connect EUTOPIA's work to wider agendas, including EC Position Papers and EUAs via Summit

1. ANNEXE 1: Outline Programme

Essential Information for Workshop 3

Dates: Thursday 3 April to Friday 4 April 2025

Location: Hybrid, with

- **In-person at Ca' Foscari (Italy) – Sala Marino Berengo, first floor, Calle Foscari, Dorsoduro 3246 – 30123, Venice.** Please note that the welcome coffee will be held in the Spazi Espositivi (ground floor). This can be accessed via the Calle Foscari (on the left if you are crossing the Ponte Foscari). The main workshop venue is then on the first floor.
- **Online** (Google Meets) <https://meet.google.com/yvc-zdrh-idw>. Alternatively, dial (IT) +39 02 3046 1341 PIN: 970 703 802# (or via your own country codes [here](#)).

Audience: EUTOPIA RIWG members; EUTOPIA institutional experts working on knowledge transfer (e.g., Technology Transfer Officers); invited third-party speakers to represent wider policy and academic perspectives.

Session #	Time	Session Title	Format	Participants	Notes on Objectives and Fit within Programme
Thursday 3 April 2025					
1	09:00 – 09:30	Arrivals (in-person delegates), welcome coffee/ tea/ pastries			
2	09:30 – 10:30	Introductions	Ice-breaker and feedback (separately, in-person and online, to jointly feedback at the end) Ice-breaker networking to	EUTOPIA RIWG and/or EUTOPIA experts Innovation and Technology Transfer Working Group representatives	Session objectives: (1) To broker introductions (2) To map expertise in the room , with the Chair noting where additional delegates with further expertise are expected to join later in the programme (3) To identify the range of issues we face in EUTOPIA with responsible international approaches to Knowledge Transfer

	(09:30 – 09:50)		encourage connections and early learning on who we have in the room. Questions: • Name, institution, role • One issue with Knowledge Transfer they are looking to resolve • Expertise they can contribute		(4) To highlight any common themes in these issues, which may offer prompts for further discussion later in the programme Fit within Programme The ice-breaker is designed to introduce people and surface the scope of expertise in the room. Beyond the social and networking benefits, it offers an early opportunity to identify common issues and priorities on Knowledge Transfer that may be of shared interest.
	(09:50 – 10:20)		Round the room feedback from each person on who they have just met, covering the three points above.		
	(10:20 – 10:30)		Summaries during set up for Roundtable		
3	10:30 – 12:00	Roundtable: Models of International Cooperation	Roundtable (hybrid) • (10mins) Welcome and speaker introductions	<u>Panellists</u> • (European Commission) Dr Federica Baldan,	Session objectives: (5) To introduce different models and frameworks for Knowledge Transfer that are in operation, including codes of conduct

			• (40mins) Facilitated discussion on 3x questions • (40mins) Discussion based on speaker inputs and session objectives	Legal and Policy Officer, DG Research and Innovation • (Unite! University, European University Alliance) Professor Josep Bordonau • (Stellenbosch University) Professor Scarlett Cornelissen • (UNESCO) Dr Samuel Partey, Head of Unit and Regional Advisor for Science, Regional Bureau for Science and Culture in Europe Participants EUTOPIA RIWG members and/or EUTOPIA experts Innovation and Technology Transfer Working Group representatives	(6) To understand macro-level government, policy, and wider HEI interests in Knowledge Transfer, so EUTOPIA can connect our approach to wider needs and imperatives in HE (7) To prompt thought on the mechanisms that could encourage greater transparency and accountability in partnerships between universities, industry and the public sector (8) To surface the role of European University Alliances in promoting positive change, framing where their role in Knowledge Transfer (including Technology Transfer) can promote Responsible Internationalisation Fit within Programme The Roundtable will introduce broader agendas for Knowledge Transfer, including its relevance to Responsible Internationalisation in different contexts. It should surface some of the key problematics that invited organisations are seeking to tackle, as well as to spotlight work that is already taking place. Understanding these priorities and the actions that have followed should help EUTOPIA (and wider EUIs) to think about its scope for influence and impact. The varied responses to core questions allows for moderated expert-led discussion on overarching challenges that are likely to have wider policy relevance, which in the medium-term will help inform our RI Summit.
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4	12:00 – 13:30	Lunch Option for walking discussions (opportunity to connect between delegates and see Venice), 12:45–13:30			
5	13:30 – 15:00	Breakout 1: Technology Transfer	<u>Presentation:</u> Case-study on Technology Transfer in Slovenia, given by Professor Bostjan Markoli , Vice-Rector for Internationalisation and Quality Assurance, University of Ljubljana Breakout groups (online and in-person groups)	Participants EUTOPIA RIWG members and/or EUTOPIA experts Innovation and Technology Transfer Working Group representatives Ca' Foscari PiNK Office (including as links from ITTO WG meeting)	Session objectives: (1) To compare and contrast Technology Transfer approaches by region (European and Global) , allowing for regional context and university approaches/ frameworks (2) To consider where HEIs (including Alliances) have impact through Technology Transfer , including different local, regional and international communities (also factoring in concepts of equity) (3) To establish the main operational, security and ethical challenges that TTOs face in international collaborations, in order to ensure that we do all of these responsibly Fit within Programme The first breakout mixes invited TTOs with wider EUTOPIA delegates. EUTOPIA's Technology Transfer Working Group is recently-formed and will only just have held its first in-person meeting at a separate event held in Venice (1-2 April). Our Workshop offers a forum for TTWG and RIWG to jointly consider what an ethical, equitable and responsible approach to Technology Transfer might look like. It therefore builds on the inputs both of the TTOs own previous meeting, as well as Workshop 3's Roundtable of experts.

					The focus for this session is on discussing priority issues in Technology Transfer, so we can understand how far there is a shared agenda. Members would be welcome to bring case-studies and examples to help others better envisage the challenges to Responsible approaches to Technology Transfer. Note that a final session follows (16:00-17:00) that provides further time to consider desired outputs that could address these challenges.
6	15:00 – 15:15	Coffee break			
7	15:15 – 16:15	Realisable Outcomes for EUTOPIA and EUIs – Technology Transfer	Full group discussion	<u>Participants</u> EUTOPIA RIWG and/or EUTOPIA experts Technology Transfer Working Group representatives Ca' Foscari PiNK Office	Session objectives: (1) To discuss and record priority outcomes on Technology Transfer that EUTOPIA (and potentially wider EUIs) might want to take forward , based on Breakout 1 and Roundtable (as well as reflecting back to the Ice-Breaker) (2) To signpost possible relevance of any recommendations to the future EUTOPIA RI Summit (autumn 2025), including any policy relevance (3) To start to consider stakeholders, resource and timelines , allowing that these are likely to require further consideration (potentially as part of future project bidding) Fit within Programme This session offers time to consider the possible outputs that EUIs can legitimately and productively pursue to ensure Responsible

					Internationalisation as a dimension of Technology Transfer. It offers an opportunity to share priorities arising from the first Breakout (13:30-15:45), including common themes. Ultimately, this session should lead to a short list of recommendations on next steps for EUTOPIA. The group should note where goals extend beyond our Alliance, especially where there may be policy relevance for our future RI Summit on RI (autumn 2025).
8	16:15/ 16:30	Close			Time for in-person delegates to return to hotels ahead of dinner. Optional aperitivo (pre-registered, see below)
9	17:00/ 18:00 >	Aperitivo (optional for those that register)			Session objectives , outside core programme but an opportunity for in-person delegates: (1) To continue to discuss ideas on TT and KT from Day 1 (2) To share ideas on emerging themes of interest, which may be revisited on Day 2
10	18:00>	Dinner (self-booked)			Flexible dinner for delegates to arrange themselves.
Friday 4 April 2025					
9	09:30 – 10:00	Arrivals (in-person delegates), coffee			
10	10:00 – 11:30	Breakout 2: Socially Responsible Knowledge Transfer (e.g., for Climate Change, Health)	Breakout group (online and in-person groups) Presentation: Knowledge Transfer for Climate Change,	Participants EUTOPIA RIWG and/or EUTOPIA experts SDSN Northern Europe	Session objectives: (1) To compare and contrast Socially Responsible Knowledge Transfer approaches by region (European and Global) , allowing for regional context and university approaches/ frameworks

			given by Peter Alešnik Head of OU for Strengthening Innovation and Entrepreneurial Culture		(2) To consider where HEIs (including Alliances) have social impacts through Knowledge Transfer (valorisation), including different local, regional and international communities (also factoring in concepts of equity) (3) To establish the main operational, security and ethical challenges that HEIs face when undertaking Knowledge Transfer (e.g.s, for Climate Change and/or Health), to ensure we do all of these responsibly Fit within Programme As with the first Breakout (TTO, Day 1), this session seeks to surface a multiplicity of perspectives on Socially Responsible Knowledge Transfer. It focuses on the ethical, operational and security challenges HEIs have faced in local context when using Knowledge Transfer to tackle Climate Change. Discussion should surface similarities and differences of response to Climate Change, including the consequences (intended and unintended) from processes of Knowledge Transfer and Valorisation. Acknowledgement should be made of the different communities and stakeholders that can be impacted by our efforts. The session is focused on unpacking and comparing points of similarity and difference, noting that there is time in the following session to deliberate scope for shared action (EUTOPIA and/or wider EUI).
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11	11:30 – 12:45	Realisable Outcomes for EUTOPIA and EUIs – Socially-Responsible Knowledge Transfer	Actions and Implications for EUTOPIA, with buffet lunch	<u>Participants</u> EUTOPIA RIWG and/or EUTOPIA experts SDSN Gothenburg	Fit within Programme A summative session that captures the essence of discussions, with a focus on agreements linked to actions. As with Workshops 1 and 2, it is proposed that this leads to a written report that will support future initiatives, including the RI Summit (autumn 2025) and recommendations for practical implementation (EUTOPIA/ EUIs). Proposals will then be taken to future EUTOPIA RI Working Group meetings, including on how ideas may be developed through the Summit and potentially future EUTOPIA bids.
12	12:45/ 13:00	Departures <i>(Buffet lunch available)</i>			

2. ANNEXE 2: Speaker Biographies (Roundtable)

EUTOPIA Responsible Internationalisation Working Group nominated and voted on priority third participation in the Roundtable. As noted in the Background to Workshop 3 (section 1), members sought to ensure diversity of perspectives, as well as continuity of engagement from key stakeholders. Thus, we secured further involvement from the European Commission, a further European University Alliance (Unite! University), global partner perspectives (Stellenbosch), and third-party stakeholder organisations (UNESCO, SDSN) with models of international cooperation to share.

Beyond these speakers, we further involved members from the EUTOPIA Innovation and Technology Transfer Working Group, who shared case-studies and wider reflections. These are included at the end of this list:

Dr Federica Baldan, Legal and Policy Officer, DG Research and Innovation, European Commission

Before joining the European Commission in 2021, Federica worked as a researcher at the Faculty of Law of the University of Antwerp and as an IP lawyer in a law firm based in Bologna. Federica holds a PhD in Law from the University of Antwerp, an LL.M. in International and European Law from the VUB and a bachelor's and master's degree in law from the University of Bologna.

Professor Josep Bordonau, Coordinator of the UNITE! University Expert Community; and Associate Professor in Power Electronics, UPC Barcelona.

Professor Josep Bordonau has a long track-record working on Technology and Knowledge Transfer, covering different stages from fundamental research to innovation development and entrepreneurship. Professor Bordonau is active in 30+ research projects with international companies and institutions. The Unite! University Alliance brings together technological universities focused on innovation towards a green, digital Europe. Since the Alliance was established in 2019, Professor Bordonau has presented in several Unite! University conferences alongside wider university networks with interests in Knowledge and Technology Transfer.

Professor Scarlett Cornelissen, Director of SU-Japan Centre; Professor of African Studies, Political Sciences

Professor Scarlett Cornelissen is professor in the Department of Political Science at Stellenbosch University and director of the Stellenbosch University Japan Centre. Professor Cornelissen's research centres on Africa's international political economy and

the region's relations with Asia. Formerly Katherine Hampson Bessell Fellow at the Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study, Harvard University and Leibniz Professor, Leipzig University, she is a current co-editor of *Geopolitics* and a former co-editor of *Review of International Studies*. Scarlett is recipient of the International Studies Association Global South Caucus's 2025 Distinguished Scholar Award.

Martin Eriksson, Network Manager, United Nations Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN) Northern Europe

Martin Eriksson has overseen the Nordic chapter of the SDSN since May 2018, alongside roles as Researcher at Chalmers University of Technology and Gothenburg's Centre for Sustainable Development. Since December 2023, Martin has been full-time Wexus Network Manager for the Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN) Northern Europe that connects Gothenburg, Chalmers and University West, which facilitate collaborations and partnerships between universities and societal actors in support of transition to socially-embedded sustainability.

Dr Samuel Partey, Head of Unit and Regional Advisor for Science, UNESCO Regional Bureau for Science and Culture in Europe

Dr. Samuel Partey is currently the Head of Unit and Regional Advisor for Science at the UNESCO Regional Bureau for Science and Culture in Europe, based in Venice. He possesses strong academic knowledge and rich experiential insight in science policy, climate finance, agriculture, biodiversity, and environmental governance, acquired through 15 years of international experience across Africa, Europe, and North America. A prolific author with over 70 publications, Dr. Partey has held key positions across the United Nations system, CGIAR institutions, and academia, contributing significantly to both global research and policy processes.

Dr Peter Alešnik Head of OU for Strengthening Innovation and Entrepreneurial Culture, University of Ljubljana

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