

Staff week - Local anchoring, European reach: Deans as bridges to the Alliance

General information

Hosting Institution	UBO
Staff Week Title	Local anchoring, European Reach: Deans as Bridges to the Alliance
Abstract	Following the successful first meeting of the SEA-EU Deans in Naples in November 2025, a new meeting is being proposed to encourage collaboration between Deans of different faculties and improve participation in SEA-EU activities.
Application details and deadline	If interested, please contact your local SEA-EU Office. For organisational purposes, SEA-EU offices/International Offices should send the selected participants' names no later than April 6th, 2026 .
Staff week dates	June 9 th and 10 th , 2026
Number of participants	The minimum number of participants is 10 and maximum is 18 Each SEA-EU university can propose up to 2 participants for the main list , and 2 for the reserve list. Online participation is open to all SEA-EU Deans. The link will be communicated to the registered participants.
Mobility costs	Travel expenses and accommodation can be covered through Erasmus+ Staff Mobility Erasmus (KA103)
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Target group / Expected profile of participants	Deans of all SEA-EU Universities (all faculties welcome)
Requirements	English B2
Agenda	Facilitator: Tove Holm, Local Manager for SEA-EU at Nord University, PhD, Nord University

Day 1 - Tuesday, 9 June 2026

08:30 - 08:45: Registration

08:45 - 09:00: Welcome words by the managing team of Brest Faculty of Humanities.

09:00 - 09:15: Recap from Deans meeting in November

09:15 - 10:15: Session 1: local anchoring, European reach

- What does it mean for faculties to be "local anchors" in SEA-EU?
- How can Deans act as bridges between institutional strategy and faculty action?

10:30 - 11:30: Session 2: faculty engagement & thematic groups

- How can we strengthen academic engagement across partner universities?
- Which thematic groups are needed and how should they operate?
- How can communication between Deans and academic teams be improved?

11:30 - 12:30: Session 3: joint research

- How can faculties mobilise around mapped research strengths?
- What are the opportunities for joint research? How to find partners.
- Where can deans best support cross-institutional research collaboration?
- What obstacles limit engagement and how do we remove them?
- Presentation of research connect

12.30 - 13.15 free time (for catching up on work)

13:15 - 14:15: Lunch (shared with all delegates of the governing week)

14:15 - 15:15: Session 4: making existing joint degrees a success

- How can faculties strengthen and support the implementation of our joint degrees?
- What motivates academic staff to take an active role in running and improving them?
- What current obstacles hinder successful delivery, and how can we remove them?

15:30 - 16:30: Session 5: mobility & exchange — strengthening academic circulation

- How can we increase both student and staff mobility across SEA-EU?
- What prevents outgoing mobility, and what can we do about it?
- How do we ensure incoming students experience high academic quality and belonging?
- What role can deans play in reducing administrative barriers?

16:30: Optional walking tour (shared with all delegates of the governing week)

18:00: Welcome drinks and finger food (shared with all delegates of the Governing week)

Day 2 - Wednesday, 10 June 2026

08:30 - 08:45: Registration

09:00 - 10:45: Opening Session (shared with all delegates of the Governing week)

11:00 - 11:15: Recap from Day one

11:15 - 12:00: Session 6: SEA-EU identity (NEXT / 3.0) + European leadership academy

- What should the SEA-EU identity emphasise going forward?
- How do we balance "blue" identity with interdisciplinary breadth?
- How should faculties position themselves within 3.0/NEXT?
- How can the possible emerging European Leadership Academy support academic leadership development?
- Which faculty leaders or rising leaders could benefit from the Academy's training and community of practice?
- How can SEA-EU align its internal leadership pathways with the Academy's European values and leadership modules?

12:00 - 12:45: Session 7: Academic Freedom & Research Integrity in the AI Era

- What developments in Europe are currently challenging academic freedom?
- How can faculties safeguard independence of teaching and research?
- How do we maintain trust, transparency, and scientific rigour during the AI transformation?
- What support do academic staff need to uphold high-quality research in an AI-rich environment?

12:15 - 13:15: Lunch (shared with all delegates of the Governing week)

13:45 - 14:00: Group photo (shared with all delegates of the Governing week)

14:00 - 14:45: Session 8: final recommendations & preparation for governing board on June 11th

- What 3-4 actionable recommendations should we deliver?
- What commitments can Deans realistically make for 2026–2029?
- How to ensure faculty-level implementation?
- Draft summary by the volunteering presenter to the Governing Board.
- How will each university communicate outcomes internally?
- What follow-up actions are needed before the next Governing Week?

Practical information

Accommodation	Please consult the section 'Accommodation' of the dedicated Governing Week page: https://www.univ-brest.fr/sea-eu/fr/page/sea-eu-governing-week-university-brest
Location	Faculté des Lettres et Sciences Humaines - Victor Segalen , 20 rue Duquesne, 29200 Brest - Room B318