

**2023 SwissCore Annual Event**

# **Knowledge networks for Europe**

**Advancing collaboration across  
borders: COST, European university  
alliances and beyond**

**27 June 2023**

**De Warande – Rue Zinner 1, 1000 Brussels**

# Event Summary



Working together across borders and bringing together all sides of the knowledge triangle is essential for advancing education, research, and innovation in Europe and globally. Nestled in the middle of the continent, Switzerland has a long tradition of nurturing relationships in the field of knowledge with its European neighbours. This includes connecting with and contributing to European initiatives, as was already the case when Switzerland joined the [European Cooperation in Science and Technology](#) (COST) as a founding member in 1971. Building on shared values and principles, higher education institutions in Switzerland and in the European Union, alongside with research and innovation funders, play an important role in building and supporting these networks that are at the heart of developing and unlocking the potential of our continent's education, research, and innovation landscapes.

SwissCore's 2023 Annual Event puts the different dimensions and enabling aspects for thriving networks at the centre of the discussions between decision makers and experts from Switzerland and the European Union – and the exchanges with our audience in Brussels. Representatives from the Swiss federal administration and the European Commission, of higher education institutions, and science funders in the EU and in Switzerland, will discuss how they go about creating the right framework conditions for students, researchers, and innovators to develop our common European future. An important example of these networks are the COST Actions – and the alliances of higher education institutions under the [European Universities Initiative](#) – with one of them, [Una Europa](#), at the centre of the keynote speech and the panel discussion.

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<b>From 17:00</b>	<b>Registration</b>
<b>17:30</b>	<b>Welcome and introduction</b> Simon Marti, Head of Office SwissCore
<b>17:35</b>	<b>Welcome Address</b> <b>Martina Hirayama</b> State Secretary, Swiss State Secretariat for Education, Research and Innovation
<b>17:50</b>	<b>Keynote Address</b> <b>Michael Schaepman</b> Rector of the University of Zurich
<b>18:10</b>	<b>Panel discussion</b> <b>Angelika Kalt (Panel Moderator)</b> Director of the Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF) <b>Ronald de Bruin</b> Director of the COST Association <b>Amanda Crowfoot</b> Secretary General of the European University Association <b>Luc Sels</b> Rector of KU Leuven <b>Anna Fontcuberta i Morral</b> Presiding Board Member of the National Research Council of the Swiss National Science Foundation, Professor at EPFL <b>Michael Schaepman</b> Rector of the University of Zurich
<b>19:15</b>	<b>Networking reception</b>

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