

EU Symposium Brussels  
23–25 March 2026

# Navigating the European Research Council's Funding Schemes and Understanding the EU-Science-Policy Interface.

Monday, 23 March 2026

- 08:15 Departure Frankfurt Hbf
- 11:35 Arrival Bruxelles-Midi
- 12:00 Check-in MotelOne
- 14:00 Introduction of Research Support, JQ Young Academy at GU, and Mercator Science-Policy Fellowship-Programme. Introduction of participating researchers
- 14:30 Introduction to EU & the Representation of the State of Hessen to the EU  
Johannes Bade (Head of Unit Research Policy and the Arts)
- 15:30 Overview of EU Research Funding Structure, Collaborative Research Funding and Policy Background  
KoWi (European Liaison Office of the German Research Organisations)
- 19:00 Joint dinner

Tuesday, 24 March 2026

- 09:00 Visit to the plenary chamber of the EU Parliament
- 11:15 How EU Institutions use Scientific Expertise  
Joint Research Centre (European Commission's Science and Knowledge Service)
- 14:00 Call and Project Follow-up Coordination  
ERC Executive Agency
- 16:00 EU Science Policy Processes  
Helga Schmidt (WDR)
- 18:00 Joint dinner

Wednesday, 25 March 2026

- 09:00 Overview of Individual Research Funding  
KoWi (European Liaison Office of the German Research Organisations)
- 10:30 ERC funding, use of GU funding opportunities  
Rikki Dean (ERC StG Grantee)
- 11:45 Introduction to Goethe University Funding Support Structures  
Elsa Müller, Emine Şahingöz, Katharina Welling (Goethe University)
- 12:30 Q&A session and lunch
- 14:25 Departure Bruxelles-Midi
- 17:40 Arrival Frankfurt am Main

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JQ Young Academy  
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