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## UnLiON ANNUAL THEMATIC EVENT PROGRAMME

### “SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (SDGs) AND UNIVERSITIES: QUO VADIS?”

Brussels, 15 October 2019

Representation of the State of North Rhine-Westphalia to the  
European Union  
Rue Montoyer 47

17:00-21:00

17:00 – 17:30 Registration of participants

17:30 – 17:45 Word of welcome and introduction

Massimo BUSUOLI, Director, NTNU Brussels office and Secretary,  
UnLiON

**17:45 – 18:30 *How could and should universities contribute to achieving the SDGs?***

***Open debate:***

Joanne DOBSON, Associate Pro-Vice Chancellor, Coventry University

Jari HÄMÄLÄINEN, Vice-President, LUT University

Barbara SPONHOLZ, Vice-President, University of Würzburg

**18:30 – 19:30 *How should EU policies evolve to integrate universities as an actor for the SDG-related activities?***

***Panel discussion:***

Angelika NIEBLER, Member of the European Parliament, ITRE  
Committee

Veronika HUNT ŠAFRÁNKOVÁ, Head of Brussels Office, UN  
Environment

Patrick CHILD, Deputy Director-General Research and Innovation,  
European Commission

Carlotta BESOZZI, Coordinator, Civil Society Europe

Roberto ZOBOLI, Rector's Delegate for Research, Università Cattolica  
del Sacro Cuore

19:30 – 19:40 Closing remarks

19:40 – 21:00 Reception

Both sessions are moderated by **Simon PICKARD**, Network Director,  
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