

Darmstadt University of Applied Sciences as a member of the European University of Technology hosts with the Hessian Ministry of Higher Education, Research, Science and the Arts and the Representation of the State of Hessen the panel discussion:

"On the path towards the European University of Technology: Potentials and Challenges of the European University Initiative"

The event will take place at 18:00 o'clock in the Representation of the State of Hessen in Berlin.

The European University of Technology (EUt+) is a consortium consisting of Darmstadt University of Applied Sciences (h_da) and eight other partners from all over Europe, which are among the leading technical, research-intensive and locally anchored as well as globally networked universities of applied sciences.

EUt+ is committed to educating a new generation of European citizens and strives to establish one European university with campuses from Western to Eastern Europe. EUt+ thus differs significantly from other European university alliances and plays a pioneering role. This ambitious path of comprehensive transnational cooperation raises considerable questions, including a common European degree, a new (European) legal status and long-term funding.

The panel discussion will address opportunities and challenges of the institutionalization of the European universities and the necessary framework conditions on the various policy levels. **Pia Ahrenkilde Hansen**, Directorate-General for Education, Youth, Sport and Culture at the European Commission will give a welcome note. The following panelists will provide remarks on the topic:

- **Dr. Jens Brandenburg**, Parliamentary State Secretary to the Federal Minister of Education and Research
- Ayse Asar, Secretary of the Hessian Ministry of Higher Education, Research and the Arts
- **Tine Delva**, Deputy Head of Unit Higher Education at the European Commission
- Prof. Dr. Arnd Steinmetz, President Darmstadt University of Applied Sciences
- Dr. Jan-Martin Wiarda, Science Journalist, moderating the event

The panel discussion will be mainly held in German, therefore we provide simultaneous translation. An invitation with further details will be sent out soon.

Kind regards

Lucia Puttrich Minister of State Ayse Asar Secretary of State **Prof. Dr. Arnd Steinmetz** President