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10:00–10:10 | Welcome & Introduction

How EDUC is upskilling its community

Moderator: **Britta van Kempen** - University of Potsdam

10:10–10:45 | Session 1

Connecting Education to Research

10:10–10:20

Master-PhD Excellence Pathway

How we help top students move quickly and easily into research

Alessandra Carucci - University of Cagliari

10:20–10:30

Is there a 'best place for postdocs'?

Monica Heintz - University of Paris Nanterre

10:30–10:40

Testimonial - A Postdoc Perspective

Federica Velli - University of Rennes

10:40–10:45 Questions and Answers session

10:45–11:40 | Session 2

How EDUC is creating a talent ecosystem

10:45–10:55

Capacity Building Across EDUC : Designing Accessible Courses for Researchers and Staff

Eva Nagyová - Masaryk University

10:55–11:05

Testimonial - Enhancing skills towards research excellence through intersectional empowerment

Iva Šmídová - Masaryk University

11:05–11:15

Building capacity across borders: Competence development through mentoring and secondments in the EDUC alliance

Rebeca Schumacher - Rob Bongaardt - University of South Eastern Norway

11:15–11:35

Testimonials

Barbara Vidale - Mara Marcelli - University of Cagliari, Jaume I University - *The Language Tandem Experience*

Carlo Contu - University of Cagliari - *Secondment Program*

Jana Nová - Masaryk University - *Mentoring Program*

11:35–11:40 Questions and Answers session

11:40–11:50 | Other Alliance perspective

Empowerment and Professional Staff Development in UNA Europa alliance

Umberto Santagata - University of Bologna

11:50–12:00 | Wrap-up & Closing Remarks

Supporting University Staff development through EU initiatives

Representative from the European Commission