

**10th European Convention for
Engineering Deans, Directors and Department Heads
*A University Leadership Dialogue***

ECED-ULD 2018

NTNU Trondheim, 27-29 May 2018

The 2018 Convention will be organized in the following sessions:

Opening Session: “Preparations for Debating the Following Questions”

Session I: Major Theme – Digitalization – General Issues

- Is digitalization a condition of society to cope with - or an option for shaping our future society?
- Are our mindset, our attitude and our disciplinary structures at universities suited to proactively steer the current dynamic technical innovations and related societal changes?
- How to stay innovative in the future digitalized world?

Session II: Major Theme – Digitalization – Models, Concepts, Markets

- How do we stimulate necessary models for the mutation into the digitalized world?
- How do we mutate our educational and research concepts into the digitalized world?
- How to develop future products - how to listen to demands - how to reshape markets?

Session III: Minor Theme – Diversity – Including Gender

- How good are we at diversifying and obtaining new results or finding new ways of doing things in academia – and benefitting from diversity in an intended way?
- How can we achieve our full potential, given the fact that we have too small a representation of the female gender amongst our staff, faculty, and students?
- How can we turn diversity away from being a complication and rather focus on what it can give us in potential outcomes, results or products that we could not have obtained without diversity?

Closing Session: “Towards a Trondheim Trends Declaration”

We intend to support an ongoing leadership dialogue to explore the issues raised since the ECED 2015 at UP Valencia. Together we can find and discuss answers.

We believe that much value is generated in the interaction between deans, directors and department heads, who seek the best answers with respect to the context and situation of their individual institutions.

We will use ECED-ULD 2018 at NTNU Trondheim to continue to advance this dialogue. We welcome your participation and contribution.

The 2018 programme will run from Sunday, 27 May 2018 to Tuesday 29 May 2018 and will include interactive discussions and exchanges with the speakers and among the participants, through plenary discussions, panels, flipped convention activities and break-out sessions.

Registration for the convention will be open mid-February 2018 on the convention website where you will find a preliminary programme as well as practical information.

SAVE THE DATE AND JOIN US IN MAY FOR THIS UNIQUE EVENT!

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Vision, scope & objectives

The European Convention for Engineering Deans, Directors and Department Heads (ECED) – University Leadership Dialogue (ULD) is the annual networking event jointly organised by the Conference of European Schools for Advanced Engineering Education and Research (CESAER) and the European Society for Engineering Education (SEFI), which brings together higher engineering education leaders in order to:

- discuss issues related to higher engineering education, research, innovation and governance;
- network and share experiences with other leaders in a professional peer environment;
- incentivise professionalism in higher engineering education, research, innovation and governance in the light of the changing strategic and operational roles of engineering deans, directors and department heads.

ECED-ULD is composed of several interlinked sessions tied together by a general theme relevant to leaders who are responsible for the strategy and operations of engineering schools, departments and faculties. A trademark of ECED-ULD is to experiment with sessions and meeting formats in order to support intense networking and interactive discussions. The major conclusions and findings are possibly summarised in a `declaration` serving as an agenda for follow-up actions.

Building upon the commitment of both CESAER and SEFI renewed in 2016, ECED-ULD will further evolve towards the European professionalization platform for leaders in higher engineering education institutions. ECED-ULD thus also covers the following leadership aspects:

- providing leadership, conducting and implementing strategic planning;
- reporting to senior management and spreading the institution's strategic vision;
- overseeing the running of departments within their faculty and liaising with heads of department and administration teams to ensure smooth running of the study programmes;
- managing the recruitment and hiring of faculty;
- identifying and qualifying future evolutions and possible disruptive changes in the university system;
- steering the research strategy by overseeing the research within their faculty, identifying points of contacts, supporting cooperation and leveraging synergies;
- managing and monitoring budgets;
- cooperating with business, industry and public services;
- developing and maintaining external relationships (1) enhancing student placement opportunities; (2) providing meaningful community outreach opportunities for students and faculty; (3) cultivating additional fundraising opportunities; (4) extending the faculty's impact nationally and (5) working with alumni.