Working with the New European University Alliances

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Why Aurora wanted to participate in AIEA

- AIEA fits AURORA’s vision and mission
- AIEA is too important an initiative to pass by
AIEA and AURORA

- Matching academic excellence with societal relevance
- High-trust platform
- Sharing best practices and communicating trouble shooting
A Highly Valued and Important Initiative

- Springboard for further initiatives
- Horizon Europe: joint research support structures
- Digital Europe
- Other …?
Barbara Buchenau
AURORA ALLIANCE – Learning for Societal Impact

△ AURORA Borderless Learning
Create an Aurora Education Area with mobility for all

△ AURORA Teaching For Societal Impact
Equip and support educators re transformative literacy, international experience & sustainable development

△ AURORA Learning Analytics
Strengthen evidence-based education with big data analysis
AURORA Universities: University of Duisburg-Essen
North Rhine-Westphalia, Germany

△ Possibilities rather than Limitations
pluralistic societies in post-industrial spaces

△ Collective Action for Sustainable Innovation
research, education & outreach partnerships

△ Digital and Diversity Literacy and Mobility
opening minds, broadening perspectives
How is AURORA relevant for the University of Minnesota?
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- Renewed focus on knowledge + skills = social transformation
- Inspire faculty engagement with new attitudes, ideas, approaches
- Expand international partnerships at a time when it seems almost impossible to expand anything.
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- Social justice, Equity and Access, George Floyd, Black Lives Matter
- Using the SDGs to connect the local to the global
- Aurora Alliance allows new insight and perspective and connections
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