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a New Era: Collaborating for  
Global Solutions*

AURORA

# Working with the New European University Alliances

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- **Kees Kouwenaar**, AURORA Secretary General

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- **Jón Atli Benediktsson**, University of Iceland
- **Barbara Buchenau**, University of Duisburg-Essen
- **Meredith McQuaid**, University of Minnesota

# AURORA

EUROPEAN UNIVERSITIES  
ALLIANCE

- △ Jón Atli Benediktsson: Introducing AURORA
- △ Barbara Buchenau: The AURORA Alliance
- △ Meredith McQuaid: Transatlantic AURORA

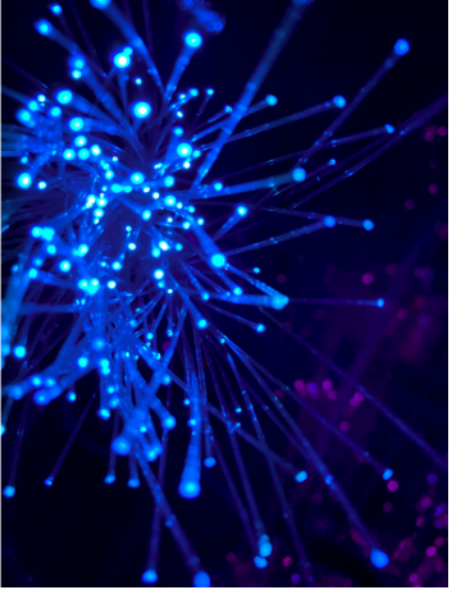
## Jón Atli Benediktsson Why Aurora wanted to participate in AIEA

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



Jón Atli Benediktsson, President of the AURORA European Universities Network





## 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



## Meredith McQuaid

# How is AURORA relevant for the University of Minnesota?

Working with the New European University Alliances



- 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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