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## Symposium “EuroTech Universities: An Alliance working for global sustainability”

**On March 28, 2023, École Polytechnique is organising a symposium to which researchers, students and leaders of the EuroTech universities are invited to discuss their institutions’ initiatives and a common action plan to accelerate the shift towards sustainability, for a strong, sustainable, sovereign and resilient Europe.**

Climate change requires rapid and effective action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, phase out fossil fuels, switch to renewable energy and move towards sustainable consumption.

Organized under the presidency of Éric Labaye, President of École Polytechnique and President of the EuroTech Universities Alliance for the period 2022-2023, the symposium “*EuroTech Universities: An Alliance working for global sustainability*” will consist of several round tables dedicated to sustainability. Speakers from the six universities will present the research projects carried out within the EuroTech institutions, as well as the initiatives and work of students, PhD candidates and their associations, which play a decisive role in driving the transition towards sustainability.

Placing collaboration at the centre of the exchange, the symposium will be an opportunity to define future joint research projects and a joint action plan towards sustainable development. Among other things, it will allow to propose goals and ambitions for the Alliance, to share the most promising actions to get a green campus, to engage the community to strive for sustainability and to continue to train current and future engineers in these issues.

*“With this symposium, we reaffirm once again our commitment to address environmental issues and to establish collaborative partnerships to facilitate interdisciplinary research, to share knowledge, to foster innovation and to bring new solutions. As European higher education institutions, we are also committed to educate all our students to understand and measure the complex climatic, economic and social issues at stake.”* says Éric Labaye, President of École Polytechnique and President of the EuroTech Universities Alliance for the period 2022-2023.

*“Teams from several laboratories, interdisciplinary research centers and chairs within the EuroTech Universities Alliance are directly involved in sustainable development issues. We are therefore ideally placed to drive innovation, to support the emergence of breakthrough solutions and to harness new findings and discoveries for the green transition.”* adds Kees van der Beek, Vice-Provost for Research at École Polytechnique.

Read the programme [here](#).



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