

| Wednesday, 20 January 2021 11:00-12:45 | ATHENA - Advanced Technology Higher Education Network Alliance Digital transformation of society PUBLIC OPENING |
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| 11:00-11:10 | João Rocha – President of the Polytechnic Institute of Porto, Portugal |
| 11:10-11:30 | Rectors from partner universities: Nikolaos Katsarakis – Rector of the Hellenic Mediterranean University, Greece Alfonsas Daniūnas – Rector of Vilnius Gediminas Technical University, Lithuania Zdravko Kačič – Rector of the University of Maribor, Slovenia Fabio Fortuna – Rector of the Niccolò Cusano University, Italy Holger Burckhart – Rector of the University of Siegen, Germany Alain Sarfati – Administrator of the University of Orléans, France |
| 11:30-11:40 | Vanessa Debiais-Sainton – Head of the Higher Education Unit at the European Commission’s Directorate-General for Education, Youth, Sport and Culture |
| 11:40-11:50 | Luis Ribeiro – President of the Portuguese Business Association, Chamber of Commerce and Industry |
| 11:50-12:00 | Dominykas Tvaska – Student representative from ATHENA |
| 12:00-12:15 | João Sobrinho – Portuguese Secretary of State of Science, Technology and Higher Education |
| 12:15-12:20 | ATHENA EU Office – José Carlos Quadrado, Vice-President of the Polytechnic Institute of Porto |
| 12:20-12:30 | ATHENA Alliance, the ambition – Nuno Escudeiro, ATHENA Coordinator |
| 12:30-12:35 | Closing remarks – José Carlos Quadrado and Nuno Escudeiro |
| 12:35-12:45 | Cultural farewell |



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