

The Global University Network for Innovation (GUNI) invites you to the  
presentation of the world report

***Higher Education in the World 5:  
Knowledge, Engagement and Higher Education:  
Contributing to Social Change***

launched this year in more than 20 countries

**Date:** 14th of October

**Place:** Sant Pau Art Nouveau Site, Sant Antoni Maria Claret, 167, Barcelona ([Link to map](#))

**Time:** 9:00 - 14:00 hours

The 5<sup>th</sup> GUNI Report is a product of three years of research, consultations, academic seminars and an international conference, to which **73 authors from 34 countries** have contributed to. It is the result of a global and regional analysis of current trends, challenges and future visions **on the way that community and university engage**. The GUNI Report will be presented at more than 30 events in over 20 countries this year.

Nowadays the role of knowledge is crucial for society but, how do institutions really engage with deep and emerging societal needs? How do they identify critical issues on this matter? The 5<sup>th</sup> Report looks at the roles of higher education institutions as active players in contributing to solve major global problems and promote social change. **The report critically examines the theory and practice of community-university engagement as a key feature** in the evolution of higher education.

GUNI is an international network created in 1999 by UNESCO and the United Nations University, whose secretariat is hosted by the Catalan Association of Public Universities (ACUP) in Barcelona.

GUNI's mission is to strengthen higher education's role in society, contributing to the renewal of the visions, missions and policies of the main issues of higher education across the world under a vision of public service, relevance and social responsibility.

We invite you to the presentation event in Barcelona in order to discuss the key higher education issues raised in the report with the guest editors, academics and professionals in the field.

Interpretation will be available during the presentation.

**Registration is free of charge but necessary to attend the event.** Learn know [more about the report and register for the event here.](#)

# Programme

## 9:00 - 9:40 h **Opening words**

Chair: **Roberto Fernández, GUNi President and ACUP President**

- Representative of the Government of Catalonia
- Representative of the Barcelona City Hall
- Federico Morán, Secretary General for Universities, Ministry of Education, Culture and Sports
- Jaume Pagès, Universia CEO

## 9:40 - 10:10 h **Highlights of the 5th GUNi Report**

- **Cristina Escrigas, Project Development Advisor, GUNi**

## 10:10 - 10:30 h **Coffee break**

## 10:30 - 12:00 h **Round table: Engagement with society - our commitment**

- **Budd Hall, Director of the Office of Community-Based Research, University of Victoria, Canada** - The University point of view: The experience in Canada.
- **Rajesh Tandon, President of the Society for Participatory Research in Asia (PRIA), India** - The civil society point of view: The experience in Asia and the Pacific.
- **Paul Manners, Director of the National Co-ordinating Centre for Public Engagement-NCCPE, United Kingdom** - The Government point of view. The experience in UK.

## 12:00 - 13:00 h **Sharing experiences of Community University Engagement in education and research**

- **Maria Marquès, Professor, Universitat Rovira i Virgili** - The Spanish experience on Service-Learning
- **Norbert Steinhaus, Coordinator and international contact point of Living Knowledge, Institute for Knowledge Mobilization, Germany** - Science Shops and Responsible Research and Innovation (RRI) in Europe.

## 13:00 - 13:15 h **Closing remarks**

- **Josep M. Vilalta, GUNi Executive Director and ACUP Executive Secretary**

## 13:15 - 14:00 h **Sant Pau Guided Tour and Appetizer**