Developing a Common Research & Innovation Agenda

The ability to share infrastructure is a key component of a common R&I agenda. Aurora has produced an interactive map of sharable resources, such as laboratory equipment, databases, libraries, expertise, and networks. In October 2023, Aurora university presidents signed a Memorandum of Understanding of Sharing Resources and Infrastructures.

“Aurora is steadfastly dedicated to promoting equality, diversity, and inclusiveness, and it is imperative that these values are prominently reflected in our local recruitment and career development systems. As an integral component of AURORA RI, we have crafted comprehensive guidelines for designing and implementing an action plan centred around equality, diversity, and inclusiveness within an institution or division. The guidelines are open source – use the QR code to learn more.”

Globally, the academic landscape is undergoing a shift toward greater transparency in the execution and dissemination of scientific research. Aurora is dedicated to fortifying and harmonizing its Open Science policies in accordance with EU frameworks. In pursuit of this commitment, Aurora has developed an Open Science Monitor in collaboration with OpenAire. This platform catalogues and categorizes publications and research outputs from Aurora partners, providing a comprehensive overview of accessibility levels.

Aurora’s objective is to enhance the meaningful involvement and engagement of various citizen groups, civil society, and public/city authorities in research initiatives. To achieve this goal, Aurora has compiled an inventory of inspiring practices related to citizen and societal engagement, drawing from experiences within the Aurora consortium and extending beyond its partners.

At the heart of all collaboration are interpersonal connections. The greatest achievement of the AURORA RI project has been bringing together dedicated professionals from across the continent, involved in various aspects of research, research support, and innovation. These connections ensure a continued collaboration far beyond the scope of the project itself.