

Wednesday morning keynotes: Trust in Science, Wednesday, Sep 24 2025, 9:30-11:00

Location: Main Hall

Session: **Keynote Lectures**

Chair: Krista Varantola

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The Role of Institutions in Cultivating Trust in Science: A Qualitative Inquiry across Europe

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While much attention has been paid to how the general public expresses varying levels of trust in science, less is known about how European institutional stakeholders—within research-performing or research-funding organizations—perceive the public, and how they believe they can help foster public trust in science. In what ways do they understand research integrity and social inclusion as interconnected factors that shape trust? In this talk, Michel Dubois will present key findings from a qualitative sociological study carried out in seven European countries between 2022 and 2025.