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BeyondScale is seeking to create a pan-European community of practice that will share and document emerging good practices, based on the outcomes of the individual and collaborative activities of the participants.

BeyondScale utilises the **HEInnovate** self-assessment platform to drive entrepreneurial and innovative change.

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The power of peer-learning & change management during a pandemic

Host: University of Ruse "Angel Kanchev"

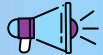
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Within the BeyondScale project, the midterm conference had twofold objectives, first to focus on the current challenges faced by the higher education institutions in the wake of Covid-19 and to share the relevant experience. For this purpose, we chose following themes: the role of **peer-learning** and **change management**.

The second objective was to invite our partners and update the audience regarding the working packages. Thus, we aimed to create a common space for various higher education stakeholders to engage in fruitful discussions.

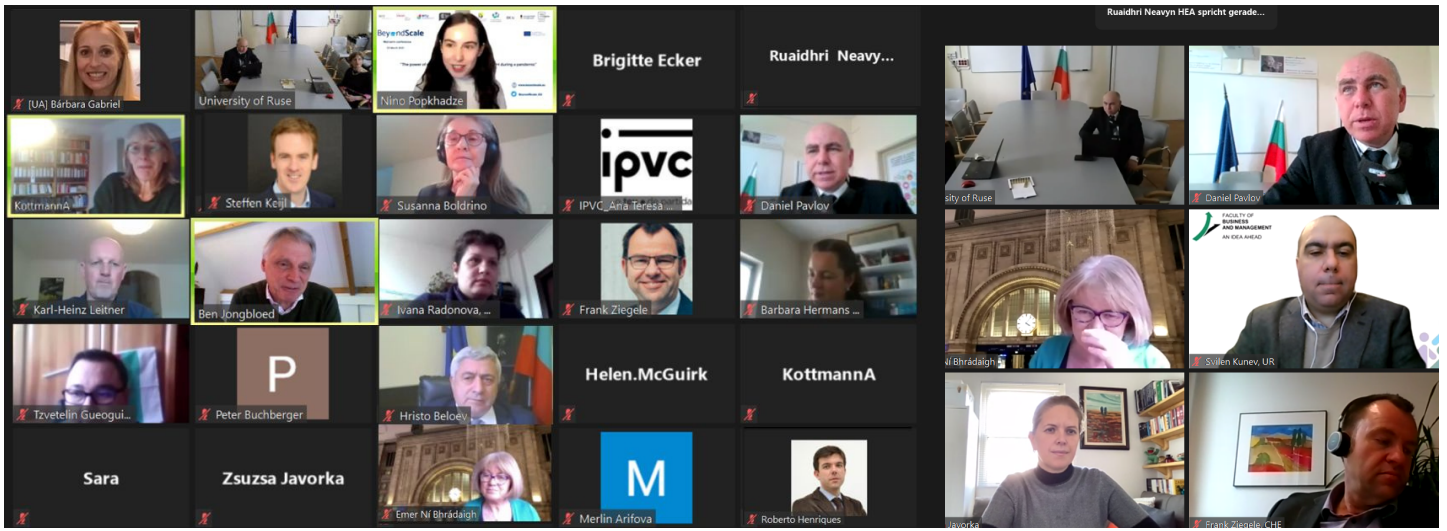
Therefore, the conference comprised 2 main sessions, the first session was led by the external keynote speakers to bring **external perspective**. And the second session was led by our project partners, to enhance the **internal perspective**.

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A tribute to participants



Our conference hosted up to **60 participants** from our partner institutions and beyond, from associated partners like Higher Education Authority Ireland & Ministry of Education, Bulgaria. We had special guest from the Educational, Audiovisual and Cultural Exchange Agency (EACEA) as well.



Conference Program

I session

- **Hristo Beloev**, University of Ruse "Angel Kanchev" - "Ruse Universities activities in Covid-19 environment"
- **Frank Ziegele**, CHE Center for Higher Education - "Digital transformation and peer learning"
- **Karl-Heinz Leitner**, Austrian Institute of Technology & University of Graz - "Transformation through strategic foresight"
- **Zsuzsa Javorka**, Technopolis Group - "HEInnovate future outlook"

II Session

- **Barbara Coelho Gabriel**, University of Aveiro - "THEI 2.0"
- **Susanna Boldrino**, FH Campus Wien - "BeyondScale inbound perspective"
- **Helen McGuirk**, MTU - "BeyondScale outbound perspective"
- **Ben Jongbloed, Andrea Kottmann**, CHEPS - "The accompanying research of BeyondScale"

On behalf of the **BeyondScale** team, we would like to say big

THANK YOU

to all the speakers, participants, and attendees for their valuable contribution and presence!

For those, who could not join, don't worry ! We will issue the conference proceedings soon and distribute through our website & twitter

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What is your main takeaway from the first session?

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Some key takeaways from the participants via menti.com



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