Presentation KK Bled October 2019

The presentation was not supported by a powerpoint presentation, but rather illustrated by a number of live websites.

The main structure of the presentation was

a) some sample illustrations of the activities in Aurora
b) a sketch of the essence of the Aurora Universities Network
c) further examples of activities

a) some sample illustrations of the activities in Aurora

- The Aurora Diversity & Equality Award
  2018 booklet
  Diversity & Inclusion is one of the Aurora key priority themes
- The SDG bibliometrics dashboard
  https://aurora-network.global/project/sdg-analysis-bibliometrics-relevance/
  The SDG bibliometrics project fits Societal Relevance & Impact of Research as one of the Aurora key priority themes
- The Aurora student Facebook clip on Students' Mental Health:
  https://www.facebook.com/aurorastudentcouncil/videos/731909227224413/
  Student Engagement is one of the Aurora key priority themes and a key characteristic of the Aurora network

b) a sketch of the essence of the Aurora Universities Network

Three examples of how we try to learn in Aurora from each other, by sharing the things we find difficult. Three examples of how the international network is used to become better universities at home. In Aurora that comes before student internationalisation or research collaboration – which are also very important.

c) further examples of activities

- The essence of Aurora
  o Matching academic excellence with societal relevance
    https://aurora-network.global/
  o Intimate group to share weaknesses and learn from/with each other
  o Four key priority themes
    https://aurora-network.global/what-we-do/

The three examples shown at the start, illustrate this – they are part of a longer list of topics where we can learn from / with each other

  o Inclusive Internationalisation
    https://aurora-network.global/project/inclusive-internationalisation/
  o Preparing PhDs for life outside university
    https://aurora-network.global/project/aurora-future-influencers-mobility-programme/
  o Community service learning – at home and abroad (Malaysia)
    https://w4ra.org/2018/06/28/a-living-lab-in-kampung-pinggan-jaya-sarawak-short-clip/
  o Bringing CSOs and NGOs to Brussels Research lobby
    position paper Climate change

- o Preparing students for meaningful life and work
  Focus on 'soft' skills and values – work in progress

So: Aurora is really about international cooperation to make universities better and more relevant locally.