

International Forum on Higher Education Reform: Foresight 2020

an experts' event sustaining „Novi Sad Initiative“

Dubrovnik, 27 – 29 September 2010

Centre for Advanced Academy Studies of the University of Zagreb (CAAS)
Don Frana Bulića 4, Dubrovnik

Programme

Sunday, 26 September

Arrival of Participants

19:00 – 20:30 Informal Welcome Reception - CAAS Inner Courtyard

Monday, 27 September

08:45 Registration - CAAS Lobby

Introductory Session - CAAS Conference Hall

09:15 Welcome Addresses

Aleksa BJELIŠ, Rector of the University of Zagreb
Miroslav VESKOVIĆ, Rector of the University of Novi Sad
Hido BIŠČEVIĆ, Secretary General, Regional Cooperation Council

09:30 Opening Addresses

Stamenka UVALIĆ-TRUMBIĆ, Head, Division of Higher Education, UNESCO
David CROSIER, European Commission, EACEA/Eurydice

09:45 Introduction to the Forum Theme

Ladislav NOVAK, General Chair

10:00 Group photo and Coffee break

Focus on Higher Education in the EU 2010

10:30 Round table 1 - Room No. 4:

Basic ideas and ‘modus operandi’ behind the EU modernisation Agenda and Bologna Process

Chairs:

Stamenka UVALIĆ – TRUMBIĆ, Head, Division of Higher Education, UNESCO
Aleksa BJELIŠ, Rector of the University of Zagreb

Introduction:

Sigurd HÖLLINGER, Austrian Federal Ministry of Science and Research

Inputs:

David CROSIER, European Commission, EACEA/Eurydice
Peter WELLS, Director, UNESCO-CEPES
Ligia DECA, Head of the 2010-2012 Bologna Secretariat
Aleksa BJELIŠ, Vice-President of the Council, Magna Charta Observatory
Dominic ORR, Head, EUROSTUDENT

12:00 Coffee break

12:20 Discussion:

- The way the HE reform has been carried out
- The level of involvement of different players
- Possible missing issues to be added to the EU modernisation agenda
- The complexity of transition and major stakeholders
- Higher education in the context of EU's economic ambitions

13:00 Lunch: Restaurant "Sesame"

14:30 Round table 2 - Room No. 4:

Focus on Higher Education in the EU 2010

Chairs:

Sigurd HÖLLINGER, Austrian Federal Ministry of Science and Research
Muiris O'CONNOR, Head, Policy and Planning, Irish Higher Education Authority

Introduction:

David CROSIER, European Commission, EACEA/Eurydice

Inputs:

Don WESTERHEIJDEN, Centre for Higher Education Policy, Twente
Bert VANDENKENDELAERE, Chairperson, European Students' Union
Pavel ZGAGA, Director, Centre for Education Policy Studies, Ljubljana
Dominique LASSARREE, Vice-chair, Education International
Cornelia RACKÉ, General Coordinator of the 2008-2010 Bologna Secretariat
Voldemar TOMUSK, Director, Higher Education Support Program, OSF, London

16:00 Coffee Break

16:20 Discussion

- The impact of the ten years of reform and validity of indicators
- The extent to which key objectives have been achieved
- The extent to which the genuine voices of HE institutions has been heard
- Quality assurance as a dynamic process - moving average vs. threshold
- Bologna Process - London versus Leuven

17:00 End of Day One

20:00 Official Dinner Restaurant "Orhan"

Tuesday, 28 September

Foresight 2020: Two parallel round tables

10:00 Round table 3 - Room No. 4:

Higher Education in the EU 2020

Chairs:

Peter WELLS, Director, UNESCO-CEPES

Pavel ZGAGA, Director, Centre for Education Policy Studies, Ljubljana

Introduction:

Bert VANDENKENDELAERE, Chairperson, European Students' Union

Inputs:

Stamenka UVALIĆ – TRUMBIC', Head, Division of Higher Education, UNESCO

Muiris O'CONNOR, Head, Policy and Planning, Irish Higher Education Authority

Don WESTERHEIJDEN, Centre for Higher Education Policy, Twente

Anna GLASS, Center for International Higher Education, Boston College

Jochen FRIED, Director of Education, Salzburg Global Seminar

Mike DAWNEY, Director, Middlesex University, London

11:30 Coffee break

12:00 Discussion:

- Public governance: international vs. national, professional vs. bureaucratic
- Future role of European funding and legislation in higher education
- Predicting reform of institutions governing higher education in Europe
- Looking forward for the genuine voice from universities/academia
- Role of bottom-up initiatives in higher education reform

13:00 Lunch: Restaurant 'Sesame'

End of Day Two

Free Afternoon and Evening

10:00 Round table 4 - Room No. 5:

Higher Education in Western Balkans 2020

Chairs:

Philippe RUFFIO, European Commission, EACEA/Tempus Unit

Miroslav VESKOVIĆ, Rector of the University of Novi Sad

Introduction:

Srbijanka TURAJLIĆ, UNESCO chair in HE Development, Belgrade

Inputs:

Sigurd HÖLLINGER, Austrian Ministry of Science and Research

Philippe RUFFIO, European Commission, EACEA/Tempus Unit

Melita KOVAČEVIĆ, Vice-Rector, University of Zagreb

Fuada STANKOVIĆ, UNESCO Chair in Entrepreneurship, Novi Sad

Blaz GOLOB, Director, Centre for eGov. Dev. – CEGD, Ljubljana

11:30 Coffee break

12:00 Discussion:

- Advances in effective higher education structural reform in the WB Region as a prerequisite for genuine implementation of Bologna agenda.
- Rather shallow structural reform – lack of political will or/and lack of enthusiasm in the academic community?
- Higher Education as the best investment for the future of the WB region
- Non-state universities for excellence, not for profit
- Regional roadmap in higher education reform, a feasible journey towards the EHEA

13:00 Lunch: Restaurant ‘Sesame’

End of Day Two

Free Afternoon and Evening

Wednesday, 29 September

Closing Session- CAAS Conference Hall

09:00 Feedback from Round Tables and Agreement of the Communiqué

Chairs and Rapporteurs:

- David CROSIER, General Rapporteur, European Commission, EACEA/Eurydice
- Mike DAWNEY, Rapporteur RT3, Middlesex University, London

09:45 Coffee break

10:00 Heads of Delegations Comments

Speakers:

- Stamenka UVALIĆ – TRUMBIĆ, Head, Division of Higher Education, UNESCO
- Ligia DECA, Head of the 2010-2012 Bologna Secretariat
- Jelica MINIĆ, Deputy Secretary General, Regional Cooperation Council
- Bert VANDENKENDELAERE, Chairperson, European Students’ Union
- Sigurd HÖLLINGER, Austrian Federal Ministry of Science and Research
- Muiris O’CONNOR, Head, Policy and Planning, Irish Higher Education Authority
- Aleksa BJELIŠ, Rector of the University of Zagreb
- Miroslav VESKOVIĆ, Rector of the University of Novi Sad

11:00 Refreshment

End of Dubrovnik Forum

Special Panel collocated with the Forum

Wednesday, 29 September

CAAS Room No.4

11:30 Panel Theme:

Mobility of PhD students within WB region: the role of RCC, EC and non-governmental organisations and foundations

Chairs:

Mladen DRAGAŠEVIĆ, Regional Cooperation Council

Melita KOVAČEVIĆ, University of Zagreb

Veljko MALBAŠA, University of Novi Sad

Inputs:

Philippe RUFFIO, European Commission, EACEA/Tempus Unit

Tania Pibernik, Executive Officer, CEI University Network

Stefan SCHÄFERS, The King Baudouin Foundation

Elizabeth HEAT, Project Manager, SPARK

Voldemar TOMUSK, Director, HE Support Program, OSF, London

Panellist:

Aleksa BJELIŠ, Rector of the University of Zagreb

Miroslav VESKOVIĆ, Rector of the University of Novi Sad

Agim KUKELI, Rector, Aleksandër Moisiu University, Durres

Bardhyl Ceku, Vice-Rector, Aleksandër Moisiu University, Durres

Mit'hat Mema, Vice-Rector, Aleksandër Moisiu University, Durres

Hazim BAŠIĆ, Vice-Rector, University of Sarajevo

Srećko JELUŠIĆ, Vice-Rector University of Zadar

David CROSIER, European Commission, EACEA/Eurydice

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Marija OŽEGOVIĆ, Tempus Office Serbia

Vanja IVOŠEVIĆ, Deputy Director, Centre for Education Policy, Belgrade

Jana BACEVIC, Individual expert, Belgrade

Klemen MIKLAVIČ, Researcher, CEPS, University of Ljubljana

End of Special Panel and End of Dubrovnik Events

13:00 Lunch: Restaurant 'Sesame'

Departure of participants