

Sarajevo Conference on Higher Education **Building Capacity for Change in the Western Balkans**

Venue: RCC Secretariat- Athens meeting room, Sarajevo
Date: 30 -31 October, 2009

- Draft Agenda -

Thursday, 29 October

Arrival of Participants

21:00 Informal Evening Reception
Hotel GRAND Muhameda Pandze 7, Sarajevo

Friday, 30 October

08:30 Registration

Introductory part

Chairs:

Hido Bišćević, General co-Chair, The RCC Secretary General
Aleksa Bjeliš, Rector of the University of Zagreb
Faruk Čaklovica, Rector, University of Sarajevo
Miroslav Vesković, Rector, University of Novi Sad

09:00 Welcome and Introductory Addresses

Hido Bišćević, General co-Chair, The RCC Secretary General
Aleksa Bjeliš, Rector of the University of Zagreb
Miroslav Vesković, Rector of the University of Novi Sad
Faruk Čaklovica, Rector, University of Sarajevo
Engelbert Ruoss, Director of UNESCO Office in Venice
David Crosier, David Crosier, Eurydice, European Commission
Karen Roberts, Council of Europe
Michael Hörig, European University Association
Lennart Ståhle, Swedish National Agency for Higher Education
Muiris O'Connor, Irish Higher Education Authority (HEA)
Sigurd Höllinger, Austrian Ministry of Science and Research
Christine Hemschemeier, European Training Foundation

10:00 Opening Address

- 'Introduction to the Conference Theme' - Ladislav Novak, General co-Chair,

10:15 Introductory Keynote Speeches

- 'The European Higher Education Area in the next decade' - Michael Hörig, European University Association
- 'Regional cooperation and participation in the EHEA' - Karen Roberts, Council of Europe
- 'Regional Cooperation and Internationalisation of Higher Education with Student Eyes' - Robert Santa, European Students' Union

11:00 Coffee Break**Case Study Presentations****11:30 Presentations of the representatives of Higher Education Authorities****Chairs:**

Karen Roberts, Council of Europe
Mladen Dragašević, Regional Cooperation Council
Robert Santa, European Students' Union

- Republic of Albania
- Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Republic of Croatia
- The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
- Montenegro
- Republic of Serbia
- UNMIK on Behalf of Kosovo under UNSCR 1244

12:30 Sharing Good Practice - The EU Case Studies**Chairs:**

Lennart Ståhle, Swedish National Agency for Higher Education,
Muiris O'Connor, Irish Higher Education Authority (HEA)
Sigurd Höllinger, Austrian Ministry of Science and Research

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Q&A session

13:30 Lunch

Round Tables: Building Capacity for Change

15:00 Round table 1

Discussion on the modalities and prerequisites for acceleration of institutional reform in the Western Balkans region and its collective convergence with EU higher education policy

Chairs:

Aleksa Bjeliš, University of Zagreb

Lucas Zinner, University of Vienna, Austria

Michael Hörig, European University Association

16:00 Round table 2

Discussion on the possibilities for institutionalised cooperation in higher education within Western Balkans region through EU platforms and establishment of a steering/monitoring group

Chairs:

Christine Hemschemeier, European Training Foundation

David Crosier, General Rapporteur, EACEA/Eurydice, European Commission

Mike Dawney, Middlesex University, London

17:00 Coffee Break

17:30 Round table 3

Presentations of the regional and international organisations/NGO's having operations in the Western Balkans Region

Chairs:

Aspasija Hadzisce, Agency for Education Reform Initiatives of SEE

Mimika Loshi, Regional Cooperation Council

Elizabeth Heath, SPARK

Vanja Ivosevic, Centre for Education Policy, Belgrade, Serbia

Ruth Graph, European Association for International Education

- Regional Cooperation Council - RCC
- Educational Reform Initiative for South East Europe - ERI SEE
- SPARK
- The European Association for International Education - EAIE
- Centre for Educational Policies, Belgrade - CEP

18:30 Close Day One

20:00 Official Dinner
Hotel GRAND Muhameda Pandze 7, Sarajevo

Saturday, 31 October

Drafting of the Final Document and Closing Session

10:00 Feedback from Round Tables and Agreement of the Communiqué:

Chairs:

David Crosier, General Rapporteur, EACEA/Eurydice, European Commission

Mike Dawney, Middlesex University, London

10:30 Closing Session, Heads of Delegations Comments/Addresses

Chairs:

Mladen Dragašević, Regional Cooperation Council

Karen Roberts, Council of Europe

David Crosier, General Rapporteur, EACEA/Eurydice, European Commission

Ladislav Novak, General co-Chair

11:00 Closing session and conclusions

12:00 Lunch

Departure of Participants