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Conference on Higher Education Cooperation in Central, Eastern & South-Eastern Europe / Higher Education Contact Seminar

Vienna, 3 – 5 July 2013

Venue: **Raiffeisen Bank International**
Am Stadtpark 9
1030 Vienna, Austria

www.oead.at/nhec-conference

This conference will bring together Higher Education Institutions from Central, Southern and South-eastern Europe [Czech Republic, Slovakia, Hungary, Slovenia, Croatia, Serbia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, Kosovo under UNSCR 1244/99, Albania, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Bulgaria, Romania, Moldova, Ukraine and Austria] in order to both share cooperation expertise and to provide a platform for future common initiatives and collaboration, namely:

The event is meant to cover the political dimension of Higher Education cooperation in the region as well as to enhance existing networks for projects and interested scientists willing to cooperate with each other.

The expected participants will consist of representatives from Higher Education Institutions – management level, higher education project promoters, and researchers as well as of political and other stakeholders, Bologna Experts, Higher Education Reform Experts, and regional organisations with an active role in Higher Education.

Programme of Day 1

(Draft: 26.04.2013)

12.00 *Registration with Coffee & Tea*

13.00 **Welcome**

WALTER ROTHENSTEINER, Chairman of the Managing Board of Raiffeisen Zentralbank, Austria

KARLHEINZ TÖCHTERLE, Federal Minister for Science and Research, Austria

JORDI CURELL GOTOR, Director Higher Education, DG Education & Culture, European Commission (to be confirmed)

HUBERT DÜRREIN, CEO, OeAD-GmbH, Austria

13.30 **Keynote**

Development of Higher Education Cooperation with the CEE Region – Why do we need to cooperate?

ERHARD BUSEK, Jean Monnet Chair ad personam, Chairman of the Institute for the Danube Region and Central Europe, (IDM) Austria

N.N., European Expert on Higher Education (to be confirmed)

14.30 *Music & Culture*

14.40 *Coffee & Tea*

15.00 Panel Discussion

Fostering Academic Cooperation in the Region – Potentials and Opportunities

BARBARA WEITGRUBER, Federal Ministry for Science and Research, Austria

ERHARD BUSEK, Jean Monnet Chair ad personam, Chairman of the Institute for the Danube Region and Central Europe (IDM), Austria

HEINZ FASSMANN, Vice-Rector for Human Resources Development and International Relations of the University of Vienna, Austria

MIROSLAV VESKOVIĆ, Rector of the University of Novi Sad, Serbia

LIGIA DECA, Doctoral Student, former Chair of the European Students' Union (ESU), Romania

FLORIAN BIEBER, Centre for Southeast European Studies, University of Graz, Austria

CHAIR: ERNST GELEGS, Head Budapest Office, ORF / Austrian Broadcasting Corporation

16.30 Outlook to the upcoming programme and closing of Day 1

16.40 End of official programme – Day 1

17.00 Optional Cultural Programme (1 hour)

- University presentations
- Various Walking Tours Vienna
- Bus tour Vienna

19.00 Conference Reception & Networking

by invitation only – separate registration required

Programme of Day 2

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The second day intends to present the 2014-2020 programme proposed by the European Commission, a short presentation of our profile in terms of offered programmes, expertise and projects. The thematic workshops will serve as a platform to topics which are related to the Bologna Process and the EHEA, its implications and specific day-to-day realities.

09.00 *Registration with Coffee & Tea*

09.30 Programmes and Supporting Measures Beyond 2014

HE Cooperation within the European Programme 2014 – 2020

- **ERNST GESSLBAUER**, Director, National Agency for Lifelong Learning, OeAD, Austria
- **N. N.**, European Commission

CEEPUS (Central European Exchange Program for University Studies)

- **ELISABETH SORANTIN**, Secretary General, Central CEEPUS Office, Austria

Services & Programmes of the Austrian Exchange Service (OeAD-GmbH)

- **CHRISTINE JUEN**, Head, Centre for International Cooperation & Mobility, OeAD, Austria

Q & A SESSION

10.20 Good Practice in Mobility & Cooperation

PRESENTATION I – *Topic: Cooperation*

PRESENTATION II – *Topic: Mobility*

11.00 *Coffee & Tea*

11.30 Workshops (“Focus Workshops” or “Thematic Workshops”)

Topics

- 1) *Mobility & Flexibility of Curricula*
- 2) *Accreditation & Recognition*
- 3) *Mobility of HE Staff*
- 4) *Brain Circulation*
- 5) *Cooperation between Higher Education and the Labour Market
(Including the Role of Placements / Internships)*
- 6) *The Knowledge Triangle*
- 7) *Quality Assurance in Higher Education Cooperation and Sustainability of Initiatives*

13.00 *Lunch*

14.30 Summing up the Workshop Outcomes

15.00 Thematic Input

N.N. (to be confirmed)

15.45 *Coffee & Tea*

16.15 **Contact Seminar, Part I**

Academic Disciplines

- *Humanities*
- *Education*
- *Languages & Cultural Studies*
- *Music & Arts*
- *Political Sciences & Law*
- *Media & Journalism*
- *Economics & Business Studies*
- *Technical Studies*
- *Natural Sciences / Life Sciences*
- *Tourism*
- *Health Care Professions*

18.00 **End of Programme – Day 2**

19.00 **Networking Dinner at a Vienna *Heuriger***

Weingut Feuerwehr-Wagner

Grinzingerstraße 53

1190 Wien

www.feuerwehrwagner.at

(Traditional Wine Restaurant, founded in 1784)

Programme of Day 3

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The last part of the conference will be organised as a platform / contact seminar for possible start-up ideas for future cooperation within the region and with Austria.

09.30 *Coffee & Tea*

10.00 **Contact Seminar, Part II (followed by a "Market Place")**

Academic Disciplines

- *Humanities*
- *Education*
- *Languages & Cultural Studies*
- *Music & Arts*
- *Political Sciences & Law*
- *Media & Journalism*
- *Economics & Business Studies*
- *Technical Studies*
- *Natural Sciences / Life Sciences*
- *Tourism*
- *Health Care Professions*

11.30 **The Future of Higher Education Cooperation with and within the CEE Region**

- **PAVEL ZGAGA**, Centre for Educational Policy Studies, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia

12.00 **Presentations of the Contact Seminar / Market Place** *with Coffee, Tea & Refreshments*

13.00 **Closing of the Conference**

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