



## Bologna Seminar

# Bologna 2020 Unlocking Europe's potential - Contributing to a better world

Ghent, 19-20 May 2008

### Pre-conference programme

#### Sunday, 18 May 2008

16.00: boat trip on Ghent canals, meeting point: bridge at Graslei, city centre Ghent

19.30: reception followed by buffet dinner at Novotel, Goudenleeuwplein 5, 9000 Ghent

### Conference programme

#### Monday, 19 May 2008

*Location* Ghent University, Het Pand, Onderbergen 1, 9000 Ghent  
*Room: Rafter (ground floor)*

9.00

#### **Opening**

Short address by Prof. Paul Van Cauwenberge (Rector of Ghent University)

#### **Plenary session**

Chair: Prof. Dirk Van Damme (Director of Cabinet of the Flemish Minister for Work, Education and Training)

9.15

Key note by Ms Odile Quintin, Director General Education and Culture, European Commission

9.30

Presentation of the outcome of the stakeholders' consultation on the Bologna beyond 2010 issue by Minister François Biltgen (Luxembourg)

10.00

Summary of the essays prepared by higher education researchers on the future of the Bologna Process by Prof. Barbara Kehm (University of Kassel)

10.45

Questions from the audience followed by a summary by the Chair

11.00-11.30

*Coffee break*

11.30-12.30

#### **Panel session**

Chair: Prof. Benjamin Van Camp, Rector of Free University of Brussels

Debate on the results presented during the first plenary session

Panel members:

- Ms Lesley Wilson (European University Association)
- Mr Koen Geven (European Students' Union)
- Prof. Gülsün Sağlamer (Technical University of Istanbul)
- Dr. Sijbolt Noorda (Dutch University Rectors' Conference)
- Dr. David Ward (American Council on Education)

12.30-14.00

*Lunch*

14.00-15.30 **Working group sessions**

6 working groups on different topics related to challenges for the next decade

**Working group 1: Impact of globalisation**

*Room: first floor, Priorzaal*

- different aspects of globalisation, public responsibility, international partnership, attractiveness, sustainable development...

Chair: Ms Monique Fouilhoux (Education International)  
Introduction: Prof. Simon Marginson (University of Melbourne) and  
Prof. Martin Valcke (Ghent University)  
Rapporteur: Dr. Jan Sadlak (UNESCO-CEPES)

**Working group 2: Convergence and diversity in European higher education**

*Room: second floor, Zaal Rector Vermeylen*

- knowledge and diversity, typology/classification of higher education institutions...

Chair: Mr Stefan Delplace (EURASHE)  
Introduction: Dr. Bjørn Stensaker (Norwegian Institute for Studies in  
Innovation, Research and Education)  
Rapporteurs: Mr Peter van der Hijden and Mr Christian Tauch  
(European Commission)

**Working group 3: Sustainable funding and governing of higher education**

*Room: second floor, Oude Infirmerie*

- diversification of funding sources, models of governance, changing relation between institutions and nation state

Chair: Prof. Radu Damian (Chair CD-ESR, Council of Europe)  
Introduction: Dr. Pedro Teixeira (University of Porto)  
Rapporteur: Dr. Věra Štátná (Czech Republic – BFUG)

**Working group 4: Relevance of higher education**

*Room: third floor, Zaal Rector Blancquaert*

- employability, economic and social development, research and innovation...

Chair: Mr Torben Kornbech Rasmussen (Ministry of Education, Denmark)  
Introduction: Ms Martina Vukasović (Centre for Education Policy Belgrade)  
and Prof. Jussi Välimaa (University of Jyväskylä)  
Rapporteur: Ms Rachel Green (United Kingdom – BFUG)

**Working group 5: Changing paradigms in higher education**

*Room: second floor, Dormitoriumzaal*

- "from information to conceptual age", inter- and multidisciplinary organisation of curricula, liberal arts issue...

Chair: Mr Stephan Neetens (Member of EQAR Appeals Committee)  
Introduction: Prof. Pavel Zgaga (University of Ljubljana)  
Rapporteur: Ms Hélène Lagier (France - BFUG)

**Working group 6: European dimension/identity**

*Room: second floor, Persconferentiezaal*

- What does "European" Higher Education Area mean; issues of multilingualism, intercultural dialogue, mobility...

Chair: Dr. Guy Haug (Higher Education Europe)  
Introduction: Prof. Ulrich Teichler (University of Kassel) and  
Dr. Manja Klemenčič (Harvard University)  
Rapporteur: Mr Sjur Bergan (Council of Europe)

15.30-16.00 *Coffee break*

- 16.00-17.30 **Plenary session** (*Room: Rafter, ground floor*)  
 Chair: Prof. Marcel Crochet (Université Catholique de Louvain)
- 16.00 A perspective from the United States  
 on the emerging European Higher Education Area by  
 Prof. David Dill (University of North Carolina) and  
 Dr. Robert Zemsky (Learning Alliance)
- 16.40 The dynamics of the European Higher Education Area  
 by Prof. Frans van Vught (University of Twente)
- 17.00 Closing of the conference day
- 18.00 *Departure by bus from Het Pand for visit to the City Museum of Contemporary Art  
 followed by conference dinner at the International Convention Center Ghent,  
 Citadel Park, 9000 Ghent*

## **Tuesday, 20 May 2008**

*Location Ghent University, Het Pand, Onderbergen 1, 9000 Ghent  
 Room: Rafter (ground floor)*

- 09.00-10.30 **Plenary session**  
 Chair: Prof. Marijk van der Wende (Free University of Amsterdam)
- 09.00 Reflections from the perspective of the international academic community  
 by Ms Eva Egron-Polak (Secretary General of the International Association  
 of Universities)
- 09.40 Next steps for the Bologna Follow-up Group:
  - Reflection on the conference discussions by Prof. Petar Maric,  
 BFUG representative of Bosnia and Herzegovina as host country of the  
 extraordinary BFUG meeting on Bologna Beyond 2010
  - Information on the planned BFUG discussions on the Bologna Beyond  
 2010 issue by Darinka Vrečko (Slovenian Chair of the BFUG)
- 10.00 Presentation of the conclusions of the conference by the general rapporteur,  
 Prof. Marek Kwiek (University of Poznan)
- 10.30-11.00 *Coffee break*
- 11.00-12.00 **Plenary session**  
 Chair: Mr Germain Dondelinger (Vice-Chair BFUG - Luxembourg)
- 11.00-11.30 Debate with the audience with a view to adoption of the conclusions
- 11.30 Closing address by the Flemish Minister for Work, Education and Training,  
 Frank Vandenbroucke
- 12.30 *Lunch*
- 13.00 *Bus transport to Brussels National Airport and Brussels South/Midi Railway  
 Station*