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Leuven/Louvain-la-Neuve, 28-29 April 2009

\* \* \* CONFERENCE PROGRAMME \* \* \*

### Tuesday 28 April Conference day 1 – Leuven

- From 08.00      *Registration (for those not registered yet) >> University Hall*
- 09.00-11.00      **Plenary Session I >> University Library (Grote Leeszaal, 1<sup>st</sup> floor)**  
*Chair:*      Minister Frank Vandenbroucke, Belgium/Flemish Community  
*Co-chair:*    Minister Ondřej Liška, Czech Republic
- 09.00-09.15      *Opening addresses*  
    > Marc Vervenne, Rector of the *Katholieke Universiteit Leuven*  
    > Minister Frank Vandenbroucke, Belgium/Flemish Community  
    > Minister Ondřej Liška, Czech Republic
- 09.15-09.25      *Keynote speech*  
    > Ján Figel', European Commission
- 09.25-09.35      *Introductory statement*  
    > Sjur Bergan, Council of Europe
- 09.35-10.10      *Presentations on progress of implementation*  
    > 2009 Bologna Process Stocktaking - Andrejs Rauhvargers, Latvia  
    > "The Bologna Process in Higher Education in Europe: Key indicators on the social dimension and mobility" – Inna Steinbuka, Eurostat  
    > "Higher Education in Europe 2009: Developments in the Bologna Process" – David Crosier, Eurydice
- 10.10-10.40      > "Bologna with Students Eyes" – Ligia Deca, European Students' Union  
    > Preliminary results from the "Trends 2010" survey – Jean-Marc Rapp, European University Association  
    > "Lifelong Learning: Impediments & Examples of good practice" – Lars Lynge Nielsen, EURASHE
- 10.40-11.00      *Reflections by*  
    > Jan Sadlak, UNESCO-CEPES  
    > Bruno Curvale, ENQA  
    > Monique Fouilhoux, Education International  
    > Irene Seling, BUSINESSSEUROPE
- 11.00-11.30      *Coffee break*

## Tuesday 28 April Conference day 1 – Leuven (continued)

- 11.30-13.00 Plenary session II >> University Library (Grote Leeszaal, 1<sup>st</sup> floor)**  
*Chair:* Minister Ronald Plasterk, Netherlands  
*Co-chair:* Minister Marie-Dominique Simonet, Belgium/French Community
- Comments by heads of delegations on the Draft Leuven/Louvain-la-Neuve Communiqué – identifying the issues to be discussed in the parallel sessions
- 13.00-15.00 Lunch and family picture >> University Hall
- 15.00-16.00 Parallel sessions >> University Library**
- Discussions by heads of delegations on remaining issues
- Group 1 >> Grote Leeszaal, 1<sup>st</sup> floor  
*Chair:* Minister Marie-Dominique Simonet, Belgium/French Community
- Group 2 >> Tentoonstellingszaal, ground floor  
*Chair:* Minister Frank Vandenbroucke, Belgium/Flemish Community
- Group 3 >> Oostaziatische Bibliotheek, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor  
*Chair:* Minister Ondřej Liška, Czech Republic
- Group 4 >> Mercierzaal, 1<sup>st</sup> floor  
*Chair:* Minister François Biltgen, Luxembourg
- Group 5 >> Kleine Leeszaal, 1<sup>st</sup> floor  
*Chair:* Minister Ronald Plasterk, Netherlands
- 16.00-16.45 Coffee Break
- 16.45-18.00 Plenary session III >> University Library (Grote Leeszaal, 1<sup>st</sup> floor)**  
*Chair:* Minister François Biltgen, Luxembourg
- Feedback from parallel sessions and discussion towards finalising the Leuven/Louvain-la-Neuve Communiqué
- 18.00 Transportation to the hotels
- 19.00 Transportation from the hotels in Leuven to Abbaye de La Ramée
- 20.00 Reception and official conference dinner hosted by the Benelux Ministers
- From 22.30 Transportation back to the hotels in Leuven

## Wednesday 29 April Conference day 2 – Louvain-la-Neuve

- 07.45 Transportation from the hotels in Leuven to Louvain-la-Neuve
- 09.00-10.00 Plenary session IV >> Aula Magna**
- Chair:* Minister Ondřej Liška, Czech Republic  
*Co-chair:* Minister Frank Vandenbroucke, Belgium/Flemish Community
- Welcome address*
- Bernard Coulie, Rector of the *Université catholique de Louvain*
- Finalisation and adoption of the Leuven/Louvain-la-Neuve Communiqué*
- Information on the next ministerial conferences*
- Minister Johannes Hahn, Austria
  - State Secretary Károly Manherz, Hungary
  - Minister Ecaterina Andronescu, Romania
- Closing statements*
- Ján Figel', European Commission
  - Minister Frank Vandenbroucke, Belgium/Flemish Community
  - Minister Ondřej Liška, Czech Republic
- 10.00-10.30 Coffee break and family picture

## 10.30-13.00 Bologna Policy Forum

- Chair:* Minister Marie-Dominique Simonet, Belgium/French Community  
*Co-chair:* Minister Ondřej Liška, Czech Republic
- Opening addresses*
- Minister Marie-Dominique Simonet, Belgium/French Community
  - Minister Ondřej Liška, Czech Republic
  - Ján Figel', European Commission
  - Georges Haddad, UNESCO
- Introduction to the discussion*
- Minister Marie-Dominique Simonet, Belgium/French Community
- 10.50 Exchange between the Ministers of the 46 Bologna countries and colleagues from different parts of the world**
- 12.50 *Summary of the debate and closing statement*
- Minister François Biltgen, Luxembourg
- 13.00 Press conference**
- Closing lunch hosted by the *Université catholique de Louvain*  
>> Cercle du Lac (Ministers) and Foyer du Lac (delegations)
- 13.00-17.00 Transportation of delegates by bus to the airport, Bruxelles Midi railway station and Leuven