



BOLOGNA 2010 Convention of EURASHE Budapest (Hungary) 10 March 2010.

The governments of Hungary and Austria will be hosting a celebratory post-Bologna Ministerial meeting in Budapest and Vienna, **on 11-12 March 2010.**

This Ministerial conference has a double purpose:

On the one hand it will be to an evaluation of the Bologna Process after 10 years of Higher Education reform, as was stated in the London Communiqué already:

'Building on previous stocktaking exercises, Trends and Bologna with Students eyes, we invite BFUG to consider for 2010 the preparation of a report including an independent assessment, in partnership with the consultative members, evaluating the overall progress of the Bologna Process across the EHEA since 1999.' (London Communiqué, 2007).

On the other hand, it is meant to be a celebration of what will have been achieved by 2010.

At the extraordinary BFUG meeting in Slovenia (Brd, 13-14 March 2008), it was confirmed that EURASHE, together with other main stakeholders like EUA, ESU and in cooperation with the governments of Austria and Hungary would co-organize this first official post-Bologna ministerial meeting in Budapest and Vienna in 2010.

The three associations, representing the higher education institutions and the students then took the initiative to evaluate and report on the progress of the Bologna reform in their respective membership. The European Universities Association (EUA) decided to have their Spring conference on 11-13 March, and the European students Union will have their pre-Ministerial Conference on 9-12 March, both events taking place in Vienna. The European Association of Institutions in Higher Education (EURASHE) took the decision to organise a Convention previous to the Ministerial Meeting, in Budapest on **10 March 2010.**

This stocktaking exercise carried out by the three consultative members of Bologna Process (EUA, ESU and EURASHE) is in line with the mandate in the London Communiqué, in that it will present the stakeholders' point of view, as a complement to the independent assessment of the Bologna Process, the results of which will also be presented at the Budapest and Vienna Ministerial meetings.

After consultation with its membership, EURASHE has decided to organise a stock-taking conference with the following focus:

"What has been the impact of the Bologna Process on professional higher education and its institutions ?"

This first Convention to be organized by **EURASHE**, in cooperation with **ACA (European Cooperation Association)** in the framework of the Bologna Process wants to give a state of the art of professional HE after 10 years of Bologna Reform.

Academics & experts in Professional Higher Education look back on the achievements of the Bologna Process in the priority areas defined in the **Leuven Communiqué of Ministers (2009)** and share their expertise and specific outlook with the other stakeholders in the Bologna Process.

The Council of EURASHE is at this moment preparing an input for the '**Bologna 2010 Declaration**' that the Ministers will sign, as this document is also to reflect the standpoints of the stakeholders in the reform process, such as HE institutions, students, employers, etc. via the consultative members of the BFUG.

The results of the Convention proceedings will provide an input for our contribution to the Ministerial conference in Budapest and Vienna the following days, where EURASHE will also present its Bologna 2010 Publication, called "**Ten Commitments from the part of professional higher Education for the next decade**".

This publication will be offered to the Ministerial delegations of the 46 'Bologna countries' together with the publications by **EUA (Trends IV report)**, **ESU (Bologna with Student Eyes)** and **Education International**.

Practicalities

- * The Budapest Business school, as an institutional member of EURASHE graciously accepted to host the conference, with the support of the Hungarian Ministry of Higher Education <http://www.bgf.hu/en/>
- * The Convention will be an important event, for which will be invited a delegation from the National Associations (Rectors' Conferences) and Institutional Members represented in the Council of EURASHE, representatives from other Rectors Conferences for professional education, sectoral associations, associate members and international associations that have a partnership agreement with EURASHE.
- Registration for the Convention and for the Convention hotel is exclusively via the EURASHE website <http://www.eurashe.eu/RunScript.asp?page=132&p=ASP\Pg132.asp>