



EHEA MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE AND THIRD BOLOGNA POLICY FORUM

**Bucharest
26-27 April 2012**

Draft Detailed Programme

25 April 2012, Victoria Palace	
19:30 – 20:15	Transfer to the Welcome Buffet Dinner from the hotels
20:30	Cocktail and Welcome Buffet Dinner (Victoria Palace, Seat of the Romanian Government) Welcome words by Mihai Răzvan Ungureanu, Prime Minister of Romania
26 April 2012, Palace of the Parliament	
08:00 – 11:00	Transfers from the conference hotels to the Palace of the Parliament
09:00 – 12:00	Bilateral meetings (optional) ¹
<i>(Rooms: "Mihai Viteazul" and "President")</i>	
11:00 – 12:00	Arrival and registration
12:00 – 13:40	EHEA Ministerial Conference
Official Opening – Plenary Session	
<i>(Room: "A.I. Cuza")</i>	
Chair: Cătălin Ovidiu Baba – Minister for Education, Research, Youth and Sports in Romania	
Speakers:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Traian Băsescu, Romanian President (10 min) • Cătălin Ovidiu Baba, Romanian Minister for Education, Research, Youth and Sport in Romania (10 min) • Morten Østergaard, Danish Minister for Science, Innovation and Higher Education (5 min) • Gulu Novruzov, Azeri Vice-Minister of Education (5 min) • Androulla Vassiliou, European Union, Commissioner for Education, Culture, Multilingualism and Youth (5 min) 	
Bologna Process implementation and challenges ahead – Interactive panel	
<i>Chair: Germain Dondelinger (Co-Chair of the Working Group on The Bologna Process Implementation)</i>	
David Crosier, Eurydice and Andrejs Rauhvargers, Co-Chair of the Working Group on The Bologna Process Implementation - "The European Higher Education Area in 2012: Bologna Process Implementation Report" – main conclusions and way forward (15 min)	
Reactions and discussion with the heads of delegation of the BFUG Consultative members (roundtable – EHEA consultative members: Council of Europe, UNESCO, EUA, EURASHE, ESU, ENQA, EI and Business Europe) (50 min)	
13:40 – 15:00	Luncheon (" <i>Reception" Hall, "Brancovenesc" Hall</i>)
15:00 – 16:30	EHEA Ministerial Conference - Parallel sessions moderated by the Ministers from:
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Romania - "<i>Drepturilor Omului</i>" Room • Denmark - "<i>Mihai Viteazul</i>" Room • Azerbaijan - "<i>Nicolae Iorga</i>" Room • Armenia - "<i>Nicolae Balcescu</i>" Room
	<i>Aim: Discussing the Bucharest Communiqué</i>
15:00 – 16:30	BPF Information and mutual exchange session 1 – Plenary session
	<i>(Room: "I.I.C. Bratianu")</i>
	<i>Title: The Bologna Process – A Catalyst for Reform in other regions?</i>
	<i>Moderator: Hilligje van't Land, Director Membership and Programme Development, International Association of Universities (IAU) – (10 min introduction)</i>
	<i>Format: Interactive panel– 45 min</i>
	Panelists:
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mongkhonvanit Pornchai, IAU Board Member / President Siam University (Thailand) • Carlos De Feo, Secretary General, Federacion Nacional de Docentes Universitarios, CONADU (Argentina)

¹ Rooms for bilateral meetings will be available during the duration of the event, in addition to the explicit bilateral meetings' timeslots already inserted in the agenda. Scheduling in advance is required.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Victor Sanchez, President, United States Students Association (USA) <p><i>Main questions for the panelists:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>How did the BP impact your national/ regional context?</i> • <i>What are the opportunities and obstacles for inter-governmental cooperation, similar to the Bologna Process, in your region?</i> <p>Moderated discussion with questions from the audience – 35 min</p>
<p>16:30 – 17:00 Coffee Break</p> <p>16:45 – 17:00 Family photo EHEA heads of delegation Family photo EHEA and non-EHEA heads of delegation</p>	
<p>17:00 – 18:30 EHEA Ministerial Conference – Plenary Session (Room: "A.I. Cuza")</p> <p><i>Chair:</i> Morten Østergaard, Danish Minister for Science, Innovation and Higher Education</p> <p><i>Aim:</i> Finalising the discussions on the Bucharest Communiqué</p> <p><i>Short overview:</i> <i>Presentation of the conclusions from the EHEA parallel sessions</i></p> <p><i>Sir Peter Scott (IOE) – Main conclusions of the Future of Higher Education – Bologna Process Researchers' Conference (FOHE-BPRC)</i></p> <p><i>Discussions for finalising the Bucharest Ministerial Communiqué</i></p>	<p>17:00 – 18:30 BPF Information and mutual exchange session 2 – Plenary Session (Room: "I.I.C. Bratianu")</p> <p><i>Theme - Qualifications Frameworks and their role in academic and professional recognition</i> <i>Chair: Jean-Philippe Restoueix, Council of Europe</i> <i>Format:</i> interactive panel – 60 min <i>Panelists:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Javier Botero, Vice-Minister, Colombia • Joe Samuels, SAQA, South Africa • Shelagh Whittleston, Australia • Holly McKiernan, Lumina Foundation, USA • Mr. Bryan Maguire, HETAC, Ireland <p><i>Main questions to be addressed by speakers:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Why has a QF been developed for higher education in your country/ region?</i> • <i>What was the process for developing it?</i> • <i>What were the challenges in developing it?</i> • <i>Do you believe it is accomplishing its intended goal? How do you know this is the case?</i> <p>Q & A with the public: 30 min</p>
<p>18:30 – 19:00 Transfer to the hotels from the Palace of Parliament</p> <p>20:00 – 20:30 Transfer to the Festive Evening Event from the hotels</p> <p>20.30 Festive Evening Event / Official dinner, The Romanian Athenaeum</p>	
<p><u>27 April 2012, Palace of the Parliament</u></p>	
<p>08:00 - 09:00 Transfer from the hotels to the Palace of Parliament</p> <p>Bilateral meetings (optional) (Rooms: "Mihai Viteazul", "President")</p>	
<p>09:00 – 10.30 Bologna Policy Forum Official Opening – Plenary session Room: "A.I. Cuza"</p> <p>Chair: Gulu Novruzov, Azeri Vice-Minister of Education</p> <p>Welcome words:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cătălin Ovidiu Baba, Romanian Minister for Education, Youth and Sports (5 min) • Androulla Vassiliou, European Union, Commissioner for Education, Culture, Multilingualism and Youth (5 min) <p>Keynote speech – Eduardo Ochoa, Assistant Secretary of Postsecondary Education, U.S. Department of</p>	

Education (20 min)	
Discussion – 60 min	
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee Break
11.00 – 12.30 BPF Thematic parallel sessions	
Parallel session 1: Global academic mobility: Incentives and barriers, balances and imbalances	
<i>Co-Chairs: Denmark and the United States of America</i>	
<i>Contribution from Xavier Prats Monné, Deputy Director-General for Education and Culture, European Commission</i>	
<i>"Nicolae Balcescu" Room</i>	
Parallel session 2: Global and regional approaches to quality enhancement of HE	
<i>Co-Chairs: Romania and Colombia</i>	
<i>"Drepturilor Omului" Room</i>	
Parallel session 3: Public responsibility for and of HE within national and regional context	
<i>Co-Chairs: Armenia and a non-EHEA country (tbc)</i>	
<i>"I.I.C. Bratianu" Room</i>	
Parallel session 4: The contribution of HE reforms to enhancing graduate employability	
<i>Co-Chairs: Azerbaijan and a non-EHEA country (tbc)</i>	
<i>"Nicolae Iorga" Room</i>	
<i>The main questions for the debates will correspond to the questions at the end of the BPF background paper chapters.</i>	
12:30 – 12:45	Transfer from the parallel sessions rooms to the plenary hall
12:45 – 12:50	Adoption of MC Communiqué by the EHEA members
<i>(Room: "A.I. Cuza")</i>	
<i>Chaired by Cătălin Ovidiu Baba, Romanian Minister for Education, Research, Youth and Sports</i>	
12:50 – 13:00	Presentation of the 2015 EHEA Ministerial Conference, Yerevan, Armenia
<i>(Room: "A.I. Cuza")</i>	
<i>Presentation by Armen Ashotyan, Armenian Minister of Education and Science</i>	
13:00 – 14:00	Discussion and adoption of the BPF Statement
Plenary session	
<i>(Room: "A.I. Cuza")</i>	
<i>Chaired by Cătălin Ovidiu Baba, Romanian Minister for Education, Research, Youth and Sports</i>	
<i>Short overview:</i>	
<i>Presentation of the conclusions from the BPF thematic parallel sessions</i>	
<i>Discussions for finalising the BPF Statement</i>	
<i>Adoption of the BPF Statement</i>	
14:00 – 15:00	Press conference ² ("Spiru Haret" Hall)
14:00 – 15:30	Luncheon ³ ("Reception" Hall, "Brancovenesc" Hall)
15:30	Departure of participants Transfers to hotels or to "Henri Coanda" Airport

² The press conference is an invitation only event.

³ For the participants with early flights, shuttles will be available for transfer to the Bucharest airport.