

COUNCIL OF EUROPE HIGHER EDUCATION FORUM

**The Legitimacy of Quality Assurance in
Higher Education:
The Role of Public Authorities and
Institutions**



DRAFT PROGRAMME

**Council of Europe Headquarters, Strasbourg
19 - 20 September 2006**

Room 9

The forum will explore the role of public authorities and institutions in establishing the legitimacy of quality assurance in higher education and to draw upon the Steering Committee for Higher Education and Research (CDESR) as a pan-European forum of policy makers at both higher education institutions and within public authorities to address questions of principle relating to quality assurance.

Tuesday, 19 September 2006

8h00 – 9h00

- Registration – In front of Room 9, Second floor of the Main Building

9h00 – 9h15

- Opening and welcome by
 - the Chair of the CDESR (Luc Weber)
 - the Council of Europe Secretariat

9h15-10h00

- Setting the scene: approaches to and rationales for quality assurance in higher education in Europe. Presentation and discussion (Luc Weber, Chair of the CDESR)
Chair: Virgílio Meira Soares, member of the Bureau of the CDESR

10h00 – 10h30

- Break

10h30 – 12h00

- Role, responsibilities and means of public authorities and institutions. Presentations and discussion. (Speakers: Alberto Amaral and Ossi V. Lindqvist)
Chair: Virgílio Meira Soares, member of the Bureau of the CDESR

12h00 – 14h00

- ***LUNCH***

14h00 – 14h45

- Examples of practice with three case studies
Chair: Andrée Surssock, European University Association (EUA)
 - Bulgaria: Patricia Georgieva
 - Ireland: Fergal Costello
 - Poland: Andrzej Ceynowa

14h45 – 16h45

- Panel discussion: **How to win acceptance for quality assurance.**

Moderator: Germain Dondelinger, member of the Bureau of the CDESR

Participants:

- *Dhurata Bozo (Director of the Accreditation Agency for Higher Education in Albania)*
- *Jean-Marc Rapp (Rector, University of Lausanne)*
- *Peter Williams (President of the European Association for Quality Assurance in Higher Education (ENQA))*
- *Janja Komljenović (Student representative, the National Unions of Students in Europe (ESIB))*
- *Aybar Ertepinar (Deputy Chair of the Higher Education Council of Turkey)*

16h45 – 1700

- Summing up of the first day's discussions by the General Rapporteur (*Lewis Purser*)

Wednesday, 20 September 2006

09h00 – 09h45

- Introduction to Group discussions
Chair: Emmi Helle, Acting Secretary General, ENQA

The topics of all discussion groups will be introduced in a joint plenary session as follows:

- Groups A and B *Jürgen Kohler, member of the CDESR Bureau*
- Group C *Andrejs Rauhvargers, member of the CDESR Bureau*
- Group D *Peter Williams, President of ENQA*

10h00 – 12h00

- **Group Discussions:**

- Group A QA: Role, responsibilities and means of public authorities
Chair: Jürgen Kohler
Rapporteur: to be decided
- Group B QA: Implications for governance of institutions and systems (bilingual session)
Chair: Jean-Marc Rapp
Rapporteur: to be decided
- Group C QA and recognition of qualifications, including trans-national provisions
Chair: Andrejs Rauhvargers
Rapporteur: to be decided
- Group D Implementation of the guidelines adopted by the European Ministers responsible for higher education in Bergen, May 2005
Chair: Peter Williams
Rapporteur: to be decided

12h00 – 13h30

- **LUNCH**

13h30 – 14h30

- The use of outcomes of quality assurance, *Norman Sharp, Head of the Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education (Scottish office)*
Chair: Radu Damian, Vice-Chair of the CDESR

14h30 – 15h30

- General Report and adoption of recommendations
General Rapporteur: Lewis Purser
Chair: Radu Damian, Vice-Chair of the CDESR